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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Chester Mize

The President reviewed your memorandum of March 8 concerning the editorial by Chester Mize and made the following notation:

"Excellent. Write him nice thank you."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

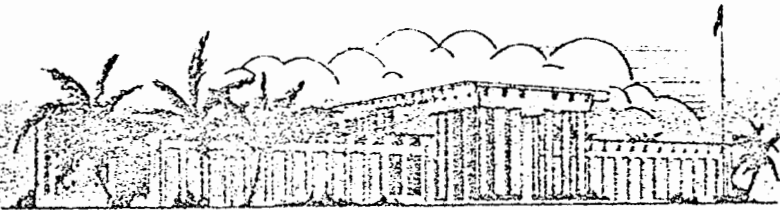
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SUBJECT: Chester Mize

Bob Buehler, of Goodrich, has sent along a clipping of letter to the editor in Naples, Florida, by former Congressman Chester Mize concerning the President and Reagan.

The clipping is attached.

*Excellent
Write him and thank you.*



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Editor, Naples Daily News:

As a former member of the United States Congress serving in the House of Representatives for three terms from the State of Kansas -- now happily living in Naples -- I feel inclined to express my unreserved support for Gerald Ford. As a republican member of the House -- I got to know Jerry extremely well as he was the minority leader during my terms in office. In addition to that association -- I got to know him socially and personally -- as well as his wife -- Betty.

Jerry Ford is a highly capable -- decent -- experienced gentleman. Experienced in how our federal system works -- through his many many years as a national legislator and party leader. I know he is highly regarded by his colleagues in the congress -- both on the Republican and Democrat side of the aisle. He was always regarded by us all -- as honest and reasonable. He knows the responsibilities and limitations of all branches of our national government. He knows what compromises must be made -- when necessary -- and how to guide those situations -- where possible -- and for the best interests of the country as a whole.

I have met and followed the activities of Ronald Reagan. He is a fine man -- says and does things I like. However -- having come to the Congress -- after the Goldwater debacle -- (and I campaigned with and for Barry -- and he is a personal friend) -- I do not wish to see that situation again. I consider myself a progressive conservative -- but I try to be practical -- and in my modest opinion -- Jerry Ford is electable and Mr. Reagan is not.

Chester Mize
Naples