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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 16, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEB*

SUBJECT:

Congressional Mail

The President reviewed your memorandum of March 16 and placed the following notation (?) next to item 1S.

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

~~THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN~~

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WASHINGTON

March 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

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For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on March 15.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.

cc: Richard B. Cheney

House

1. Jack Kemp, John Conlan, Robert Daniel, John LaFalce, Henry Nowak, David Treen, Charles Wilson, Robert Bauman, Philip Crane, Edward Derwinski, Robert Leggett, Kenneth Robinson, William Whitehurst, Bill Chappell, Dan Daniel, Thomas Kindness, Trent Lott, Steven Symms, Bob Wilson

"In the absence of a Salt II accord, and in the absence of a viable replacement for the Minuteman III at this time, and in realistic recognition of Soviet advances in the field of ICBM deployment, we request that you reverse the decision on the Minuteman III and provide for production of this system to continue."

2. Charles Rangel

Details the effects which will result from the FY 77 20% cut in funds for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program in the Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture. Says the cuts do not reflect "fiscal responsibility, but social irresponsibility." Requests that the program be at least maintained at its present level.

3. Henry Hyde

Expresses relief that the President was not injured in the tornadoes in the Chicago area Friday. Says he has requested the Governor to initiate proceedings to have the affected portions of Cook County declared a disaster area.

4. James Broyhill

Expresses his concern over continuing reports that the U.S. "still proposes plans to turn over the jurisdiction of the Panama Canal to the Country of Panama," and believes it should be made clearer that this is not our intention.

5. Elford Cederberg

Restates his continued support for the use of quotas with regard to asparagus imports.

6. John Anderson

Encloses correspondence from six of his constituents supporting the ITC's recommendations on specialty steel import quotas.

7. Marjorie Holt

Urges acceptance of the ITC's recommendations on specialty steel import quotas.

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8. Ralph Regula

Appreciates being included in the meeting on specialty steel. "Knowing that they have a President who is willing to listen to their Representative in Congress helps to rebuild and maintain the faith of people in the 16th District of Ohio that government leaders are responsive and do care."

9. Robin Beard

Sends detailed letter pointing out that the press report on Senator Abourezk's son receiving food stamps draws attention to the variety of problems surrounding the basic eligibility criteria under the present national food stamp program. Analyzes each of the "loopholes" which permitted this college student to obtain food stamps.

10. Mario Biaggi

"It was my pleasure to hear your address Tuesday evening at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Dinner, and I could not agree with you more on national defense. I particularly admired your gracious treatment, in your very able way, of our mutual friend, a great American, Edward Hebert."

11. Bob Eckhardt

Sends detailed letter strongly endorsing John Tower's recommendation that Fred Fox be appointed as the Representative of the U.S. in the negotiations with the uncommitted Trust Territories of Micronesia.

12. David Bowen

Very strongly recommends Gary Curran for Alternate Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

13. Elford Cederberg

Recommends A. Grey Staples, Jr., for the Directorship of the Office of Rail Public Counsel.

14. William Lehman

Endorses invitation to participate in the "Turning on of the Lights" ceremony, symbolizing the Community Schools' concept of education, being sponsored by the Bicentennial organization and the school system in Dade County April 19-29.

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15. Marvin Esch

Sends copy of his letter to the Secretary of Defense urging reconsideration of the plan to close Kincheloe Air Force Base in Michigan. Notes, "As President Ford was departing from Kincheloe Air Force Base on July 13, 1975, according to a radio tape made at the time, the President stated that Kincheloe Air Force Base was a 'very important and vital installation in our overall national security set-up.' "

16. Carl Albert, John Jarman, Ted Risenhoover, Tom Steed, James Jones, Glenn English

Send detailed letter urging acceptance of the ITC's recommendations on specialty steel import quotas.

Senate

- 1S Hubert Humphrey, Stuart Symington, Jim Abourezk, Philip Hart, Birch Bayh, Walter Mondale, Quentin Burdick, George McGovern, Gary Hart, Dick Clark, Thomas Eagleton, Adlai Stevenson, Gaylord Nelson, William Proxmire, John Culver, Gale McGee, Floyd Haskell, Vance Hartke, John Glenn

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As members of the Midwest Conference of Democratic Senators, they are concerned about the delay in the issuance of the annual report to Congress on the availability of government services to rural areas, as required under the Agricultural Act of 1970. Understand that this year's draft report was sent to the White House from the Department of Agriculture by September 1, 1975. Urge that the report be issued.

- 2S Carl Curtis, Robert Dole, Russell Long, Daniel Inouye

Understand that the Administration has formed an inter-agency study group to examine options for future U.S. sugar policy. Feel that "a direct line of communication between the administration participants and us at this time would be most conducive to our mutual interests no matter what course we may ultimately pursue by way of sugar policy. . . . We respectfully request that the conclusions and recommendations of the study group be discussed with us well in advance of final determination"

- 3S James Buckley

Hopes the President will be able to present the Hague Post Trophy to Rear Admiral Sheldon H. Kinney, USN (Ret.). Notes that in past years Presidents have participated in the presentation of this Merchant Marine Achievement Award Trophy at the White House.

- 4S Bill Brock

Writes on behalf of the senior class of Tennessee Temple High School of Chattanooga to see if the President could meet briefly with the students on their trip to Washington April 1-2.

- 5S Bill Brock

Writes on behalf of the Memphis City Council to request that the President issue a proclamation declaring the weekend of May 28-29, 1976, as Memorial Day Safety Weekend. Memphis will host the first Driver Education National Convention during that time and would also like the President to recognize the first prize winner.

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Senate

6S Robert Taft

Recommends Gary L. Curran as Alternate Federal Cochairman for the Appalachian Regional Commission.

7S Wendell Ford

Recommends Gary L. Curran as Alternate Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

8S Gaylord Nelson

Requests note and pen for Tommy Sell, a 10-year-old who is in the hospital for many months because of serious burns.

9S Pete Domenici

Requests greetings for Ms. Maggie Franks on her 100th birthday April 30.

10S Jesse Helms

Recommends Mr. Jimmie G. Proctor for appointment as U.S. Attorney for the District of Guam.

11S J. Bennett Johnston, Russell Long

"Some time ago we wrote to indicate that it would be highly appropriate if a qualified black were named to the Federal Judiciary from the Eastern District of Louisiana. While we do not presume to trespass upon your discretion, we thought you would want to know that there is a great deal of support among highly respected blacks as well as citizens in all walks of life for Mr. Revis O. Ortique. . . "