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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JET*

SUBJECT:

Congressional Mail  
March 24, 1976

The President reviewed your memorandum of March 25 regarding the Congressional Mail received March 24 and made the following notation in connection with Item #1 - letter from George O'Brien, requesting a letter for James Alvord.

"OK"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *m.b.*

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on March 24.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.

cc: Richard B. Cheney

President's Mail - March 24, 1976

House

1. George O'Brien      Sends column in praise of the President and his recent press conference in Illinois from the Lansing Sun in Lansing, Illinois. The column was written by James Alvord, executive editor of the Sun and "one of the brightest newspapermen in the business," the Congressman says. Hopes the President will send Alvord a note.  
OK →
2. Edward Koch      Wants to know what plans there are for the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals.
3. Alan Steelman      Forwards, on behalf of the Bicentennial Committee of the City of Garland, Texas, the Committee's official Bicentennial Medal as a gift to the President.
4. J. Hammerschmidt      Reiterates his recommendation that Jack Thiele be reappointed to the chairmanship of the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education.
5. Trent Lott      Recommends Jack Ravan for the Board of Directors of the TVA.
6. Floyd Spence      Endorses invitation to address the Annual Southern Commodity Producers Conference in Birmingham on July 29.
7. Paul Simon      Endorses invitation to speak at the Illinois Press Association's Annual Fall Convention on September 24.
8. John Murtha      Requests greetings for Andrew Rigo on his 80th birthday March 17.
9. Herbert Harris      Endorses invitation to attend the Stafford, Virginia, Kiwanis Club Fathers Day Awards Banquet on June 19.
10. Paul Findley      Endorses invitation to speak at the Illinois Press Association Convention on September 24.

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House

11. Paul Findley Expresses his increasing concern "at the systematic erosion of important civil liberties in South Korea." Cites "the recent arrests of Kim Dae Jung and others for a comparatively mild gesture of protest." Says "President Park's recent measures have placed his government's defenders in the U.S. Congress in a most difficult position. For those of us who continue to believe in the value and importance of U.S. guarantees, the times ahead will not be easy. . . . I would urge that the United States make crystal clear its aversion to the flamboyant application of repressive measures by the administration of President Park."
12. Bob Michel Sends detailed letter recommending that the Mills Brothers, who have just completed their 50th year in entertainment, be invited to entertain at a State dinner during the Bicentennial year.
13. John Rhodes Reiterates his endorsement of the invitation to address the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Convention in Dallas on May 10.
14. Bill Ketchum Sends note of appreciation for signing the Northern Marianas Compact and expresses regret that he could not attend the signing ceremony.

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Senate

- 1S James Buckley Encloses copy of his letter to Secretary Kissinger, and the Evans-Novak column which prompted it, about Mr. Sonnenfeldt's mid-December statement that the U.S. must strive for an evolution that makes the relationship between the Eastern Europeans and the Soviet Union an organic one. The Senator says if the Secretary is unable to deny the accuracy of the statement or to repudiate the policy recommendation attributed to Mr. Sonnenfeldt, he will go public on the issue as forcefully as he knows how.
- 2S Dick Stone Suggests that the President convene his own personal review of DOD's announcement of the closure of the Key West Naval facilities, in light of Secretary Kissinger's renewed warning to Cuba against overseas aggression. The Senator says, "American credibility, and not merely the Administration's, is at risk in conducting our actions consistent with our warnings."
- 3S Charles Mathias Writes about S. Res. 5, which he introduced on January 15, 1975, and the Senate passed on September 29, 1975. It expresses the sense of the Senate that by executive appointment Commander Edward White Rawlins (U.S. Navy Ret.) should be deemed to have been advanced to the grade of Captain on the active list of the Regular Navy for all purposes from July 1, 1947. The Senator urges the President to take the action necessary to promote Rawlins to Captain and thus entitle him to the undisputed portion of his claim. Says Rawlins is 72 years old and his only child is a mentally retarded daughter age 21.
- 4S Barry Goldwater Urges that a Presidential appointment to the Air Force Academy in 1978 be considered for Robert Francis Gabreski, the son of Francis Gabreski, America's second leading ace in the European Theatre. "Colonel Gabreski works for the Grumman Corporation but that's just his own life."
- 5S James Eastland Recommends Herschel G. Jumper for appointment to the Board of Directors of the TVA.

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Senate

- 6S Frank Moss Encloses copy of his letter to Secretary Mathews concerning the proposed transfer of the responsibilities and staff of the Western Area Laboratory for Occupational Safety and Health to other locations. In his letter to the President the Senator says, "Normally, I would rely on responsible officials in the Department to resolve this matter, but the decision is so precipitous and apparently unjustified that I believe it merits your attention. As a simple matter of courtesy, I would have expected the appropriate Members of Congress to be informed and consulted."
- 7S John Tower Endorses, on behalf of the Texas Farm Bureau, the invitation to address the Southern Commodity Producers Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, July 29. Says Secretary Kissinger addressed the Conference last year.
- 8S John Stennis Recommends Herschel G. Jumper for appointment to the Board of Directors of the TVA.