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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 4, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Status of Food Stamp
Administrative Reform

The President reviewed your memorandum of April 30 , 1976
on the above subject and made the following notation:

"I agree"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

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INFORMATION

WASHINGTON

April 30, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON *Jim*

SUBJECT:

Status of Food Stamp Administrative Reform

The final Food Stamp Program reform regulations are being cleared, and the target date for publication in the Federal Register is Tuesday, May 4, 1976.

The Agriculture Department expects to begin making the new regulations effective, in phases, beginning June 1, 1976.

We expect to be sued. Several states and individuals, and the American Public Welfare Association, and the Food Research and Action Committee (which is funded in part by the Community Services Administration), will probably try to get an injunction or restraining order.

Under Secretary Jack Knebel tells me that Deputy Attorney General Harold Tyler is ready to go all out in defense of your reforms.

In the meantime, Congress is moving on food stamps.

The Senate passed, by 52 to 22, a food stamp bill that includes some principles of reform but would save little or no money.

Hyde Murray advises that the House Agriculture Committee, which is scheduled to begin markup of its bill on May 11, 1976, is likely to broaden the food stamp program and increase its cost.

The outlook is that Congress will not send you any food stamp legislation until after the Independence Day Recess (June 26 to July 8).

At this point, we strongly feel that the best course is to carry out your administrative reforms and make them stick.

cc: James Lynn

I agree.