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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES T. LYNN

FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT: Authorization of Bed Levels for the
Richmond, Virginia, and Bay Pines,
Florida, Veterans Administration
Replacement Hospitals

The President reviewed your memorandum of May 20 on the above subject and has approved the level of beds requested by the Veterans Administration for the Richmond and Bay Pines replacement facilities and approved the recommendation that VA be directed to make every effort to keep the cost of these projects within the current estimates.

Also, the proposed budget amendment was signed and forwarded.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1976

MR PRESIDENT:

Authorization of Bed Levels for
the Richmond, Virginia and Bay Pines,
Florida, Veterans Administration
Replacement Hospitals

Sign
5/21/76
RR
In addition to signing the letter to the President of the Senate, your authorization is required by law on the bed levels of the above facilities.

This matter was staffed to Messrs. Baroody, Cannon, Friedersdorf, Marsh and Austin and they all concur in the OMB recommendation.

If you concur, please initial memorandum at TAB C.

Jim Connor

3-29-42

Sara -

Please could you write memo.

Trudy

T. W. Bok



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MAY 20 1976

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: James R. Lynn

SUBJECT: Authorization of Bed Levels for the Richmond, Virginia, and Bay Pines, Florida, Veterans Administration Replacement Hospitals

This memorandum requests your authorization of bed levels for the Veterans Administration hospital projects in Richmond, Virginia, and Bay Pines, Florida, which you approved for 1977 funding on May 11, 1976. Your authorization, required by law, will enable the Veterans Administration to proceed on the two projects as soon as action on the necessary budget amendment now being processed is completed.

The Veterans Administration has requested authorization of 820 beds for Richmond and 1,150 for Bay Pines. The authorization for the Richmond complex would provide for a new 700 bed hospital and a 120 bed nursing home. The hospital would contain 340 medical, 160 surgical, 80 psychiatric and 120 spinal cord injury beds. In total, the new Richmond complex would have 45 fewer beds than the present facility.

The Bay Pines authorization would provide for construction of a 520 bed hospital, a 120 bed nursing home, and a 200 bed domiciliary and for renovation of existing buildings to provide 190 psychiatric beds. The new hospital would contain 370 medical and 150 surgical beds. The new domiciliary would replace an existing 322 bed facility, and the new nursing home would supplement a 120 bed facility which the VA would continue to operate. In total, the new Bay Pines complex would have 35 more beds than the current complex, with a bed mix designed to meet the needs of the rapidly expanding population of aging veterans in the Bay Pines area.

We recommend that you authorize the level of beds requested by the Veterans Administration for the Richmond and Bay Pines replacement facilities. We also recommend that VA be directed to make every effort to keep the cost of these projects within the current estimates.

 ME7 Approve

 Disapprove

