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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
JIM CANNON

FROM: JIM CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT: Results of Telephone Call
to Congressman Melvin Price

Confirming phone call to Max Friedersdorf's office earlier today the President made the following notation on your Recommended Telephone Call to Congressman Melvin Price.

"6/24/76 - 10:45 P. M.

Will urge Tip O'Neill to schedule a definite day this week.

Get John Rhodes to pressure Speaker and Tip to do same.

Mel is all with us."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

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WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Congressman Melvin Price, in his role as senior Majority House Member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and Floor Manager for the Nuclear Fuel Assurance Act (uranium enrichment).

DATE: June 23, 1976

RECOMMENDED BY: Max Friedersdorf, Jim Cannon, Jim Connor

M.B. [Signature] JFC

PURPOSE: To encourage him to press hard with the Speaker for prompt floor action on the Nuclear Fuel Assurance Act (NFAA).

BACKGROUND: After revising your proposal, the JCAE reported the NFAA on May 14 by a vote of 15-0. It has not been scheduled for floor action in either house because, according to the leadership, the schedules are jammed with other bills. It is included on whip notices in both houses--to be taken up whenever there is an opening. Our best information is that a strong push by Cong. Price with the Speaker might get the bill to the floor. We need the bill as soon as possible in order to (a) get the follow-up appropriations language and (b) have time for approval of individual contracts -- all before the end of this session. Meanwhile, the authorization for the add-on plant and the \$178.8 million in appropriations is going ahead because that is authorized in the ERDA authorization bill as well as the NFAA.

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TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. We need to move ahead quickly with actions to expand uranium enrichment capacity in this country.
2. As I have indicated, I will accept the NFAA as reported by the JCAE on May 14.
3. Since the JCAE is solidly behind the bill and a rule has been granted, I understand that all that is needed is a strong push from you to get the bill on the floor and passed.

Called Nancy Kennisley 6/23/76 2:00 PM

4. We need this authorizing legislation in order to get the appropriations language needed to cover the contingent liability for private ventures, and so that contracts can be submitted for Congressional review.
5. Uranium enrichment is too important to risk delays that might take us beyond the end of this session before firm commitments are made.

June 23, 1976

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