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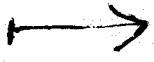
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1976

FOR: Mr. Philip Buchen  
Mrs. Gwen Anderson  
Barry Roth  
Anne Kamstra



For James E. Connor  
September 7, 1976

FROM: Mildred Leonard

SUBJECT: Autographing of Currency

Please see below copy of my note to the President and his reply to me.

Mr. President:

May I have a ruling from you regarding whether or not we should autopen U. S. currency.

In July of 1975 I asked Mr. Buchen if it was against the law and received a memo from him saying it was not and therefore we might do it. However, the individual who has charge of the autopen has never been convinced and she has finally persuaded Mr. Buchen to change his mind.

So now, after sending out countless dollar and two-dollar bills autopenned, we are told to discontinue doing so. We have fifty dollars which has been sent in and we have been holding them because of this latest ruling by Mr. Buchen. He now says "it isn't a question of law but a question of policy."

To me, it will be embarrassing to return two-dollar bills to individuals whose neighbors have had theirs signed and tell them now that "it is not White House policy."

*M/ since no law is violated  
I want bills to be signed. I do  
it personally when asked as the policy  
is to sign.*

