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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON
FROM: JIM CONNOR *JEC*
SUBJECT: INTERPOL

The President reviewed the attached memorandum from Secretary Simon and decided not to make a decision at this time.

However the President asked that you try to work with Secretary Simon and the Attorney General to resolve the problem.

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

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**MEMORANDUM FOR
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM E. SIMON
Secretary of the Treasury**

Re: INTERPOL

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**James E. Connor
Secretary to the Cabinet**

**bcc: Dick Cheney
Jim Cannon**

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July 15, 1976

MR PRESIDENT:

INTERPOL

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Approve MRG

Disapprove _____

*Keep things
under control*

Jim Connor



THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON 20220

JUL 8 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: INTERPOL

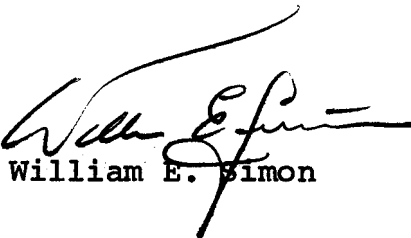
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I, therefore, recommend that you direct the Attorney General to defer any termination of the Treasury Department as the lead agency in operating INTERPOL until the matter has been thoroughly reviewed by the Domestic Council.


William E. Simon

Approve: _____

Disapprove: _____

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Bob Linder -

We received this letter this
morning - even though the
address was far from correct.

I am staffing since it is a decision
memo but thought you should know
about it.

Trudy Fry
7/9/76

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Trudy Fry', written in a cursive style.

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Disapprove _____

Jim Connor

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Jim -

Staffing has been completed on Secretary Simon's memo on INTERPOL -

The comments received are as follows:

Jack Marsh Marsh,

Bill Seidman and Brent Scowcroft - approves Secretary Simon's recommendation

defer any termination of the Treasury Dept. as lead agency in operating INTERPOL until the matter has been thoroughly reviewed by the Domestic Council.

OMB recommends the President take no action to direct the A.G. to change his decision (details at TAB A).

Phil Buchen comments: This controversy involves a total of three employees and thus would appear to be a question not appear to be a question of Presidential dimension. The Domestic Council should arrange a meeting between Justice and Treasury in order to resolve the matter in an amicable fashion.

Jim Cannon comments - "Can this INTERPOL issue be held until we try to get Tyler and Dixon to resolve it? (details TAB B)

Seidman (Porter) has now asked that we hold sending this memo forward - some later developments? What do you want to do? Looks like it is not a thing to go to the President???

Trudy



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

JUL 12 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: DANIEL KEARNEY *DK*

SUBJECT: William E. Simon Memo July 8, 1976
Re: INTERPOL

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The actions of the Attorney General in notifying the Secretary of Treasury that this delegation is being withdrawn are consistent with existing law. We see no reason why the President should order the Attorney General to reverse his decision. Treasury agencies can continue their liaison with INTERPOL regardless of the location of the office.

It should be noted that the Justice Department has indicated to the Congress that this delegation has been withdrawn so the Attorney General would probably strongly resist any effort to change his decision.

We recommend that the President take no action to direct the Attorney General to change his decision.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

JIM CANNON

SUBJECT:

Secretary William E. Simon's
Memorandum of 7/8/76 RE: Interpol

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Attachment

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jim Cannon
FROM: Dick Parsons
SUBJECT: Secretary William E. Simon's Memorandum
of 7-8-76 re: INTERPOL

I do not believe the subject memorandum should go forward to the President at this time.

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Recommendation

1. That you recommend that Jim Connor not send Secretary Simon's memorandum to the President at this time.
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Roger Partee
put hold on
this memo going
in — check
with him before
it goes in.

GB J
7/14

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO: T

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY—

☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

OF (Organization)

☐ PLEASE CALL —→

PHONE NO.
CODE/EXT. _____

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN

☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL

☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

re: Interpol --
they are waiting word
from Justice & will
call when get info.

RECEIVED BY S

DATE 7/13

TIME 12:10

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REVISED AUGUST 1967
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

GPO : 1960-0-42-10-50341-1 322-280

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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: July 9, 1976

Time:

FOR ACTION:

cc (for information):

✓ Phil Buchen
✓ Jim Cannon
✓ Max Friedersdorf

✓ Bill Seidman
✓ Jack Marsh
✓ Brent Scowcroft

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY, *Jim Lynn*

DUE: Date:

Monday, July 12

Time:

2 P.M.

SUBJECT:

William E. Simon memo 7/8/76
re: INTERPOL

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☒ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☒ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

*Seidman - approve
Scowcroft - approves
Marsh - "defer at this time"
Lynn - see comments
Friedersdorf - no comment
Buchen - see comments
Cannon - see comments*

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Disapprove: _____

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2nd Floor, West Wing
The White House

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REMARKS:

Agree - approval
JWS

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For the President

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES M. ^{Connor}CANNON

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis ^{JWD}

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The NSC Staff has no objection on national security grounds to Secretary Simon's memorandum to the President on INTERPOL.

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