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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 31, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *JEB*

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

The President reviewed your memorandum of July 29 covering the Congressional mail received on July 28 and made the following notation in connection with letter from Congressman Robin Beard.

"Action"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. ....

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July 29, 1976



MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF



SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on July 28.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.

cc: Richard B. Cheney

President's Mail - July 28, 1976

Senate

- 1S Lloyd Bentsen Writes "concerning a situation where imported meat is being brought into this country from Puerto Rico in a method which circumvents the meat import laws. The Secretary (of Agriculture) has indicated his agreement that the meat is circumventing the law, however, it is my understanding that the State Department is preventing termination of the process. . . . Because two conflicting departments are involved in this situation, I respectfully request your intervention on behalf of upholding the integrity of the meat import law."
- 2S Edmund Muskie Forwards photograph album from Walter Frank, Jr. and the Head Start children in Lewiston, Maine. The album is a pictorial account of their activities in the last few months. "They have asked me to present it to you to show their appreciation for the value and importance of the Head Start program."
- 3S Barry Goldwater Urges that John Connally be chosen as the Vice Presidential candidate. Also says that Bill White, "our old friend and columnist," wants very much to help the President in any way "you want him to." Hopes the President will contact White.

House

- Actions*
1. Robin Beard Sends four-page letter: "Having successfully intimidated the small business community of this country, the events of the last few months indicate that the OSHA administration intends to embark on a new frontier--the American farm. The OSHA administration has issued regulations requiring the almost immediate installation of costly guarding and shielding devices on ALL farm heavy equipment. They have taken the initial steps to promulgate a regulation requiring portable toilet and hand-washing facilities. . . ." Gives examples of comments by farmers at a hearing he and the Tennessee Farm Bureau held recently. Says he hopes these comments "demonstrate the ground swell of opposition that has developed in this country to unreasonable regulations promulgated by uninformed and insensitive bureaucrats. The poor performance of these agencies, headed by your appointees, reflects adversely on you. The attitudes expressed here are festering, and strong action is required to reverse the feeling among farmers that this Administration is unable to effectively oversee and control the activities of the executive agencies. It is my hope that you will assign someone close to you, and not associated with the agency, to keep a close watch on its activities in the future."
  2. Kenneth Robinson Writes on behalf of Professor Woodford McClellan of the University of Virginia, whose wife has again been denied an exit visa by the Soviet Union. Says the latest denial "established a new post-Stalin record in that--since 1973--all Soviet national spouses of citizens of the United States have been permitted to leave the Soviet Union within two years."
  3. Delbert Latta Endorses recommendation of Bill Steiger that "The Stars and Stripes Forever" be designated the national march of the U.S. by executive order. Says resolutions have been introduced in the House and Senate to so designate the song, but the resolutions have not been taken up.
  4. Ken Hechler Writes in regard to P.L. 94-179, providing for the President to present to AF Gen. Charles Yeager a silver medal authorized by the Congress for being the first man to fly faster than sound. Endorses the request of General Yeager that this presentation be on October 14, the 29th anniversary of the flight. Suggests it take place at the Air and Space Museum.
  5. Charles Wilson Recommends an increase in the tariff on honey.
  6. Barber Conable Writes on behalf of a constituent who recommends an increase in the tariff on honey.

House

7. Charles Bennett      Recommends that consideration be given to establishing a Miami to Europe air route, even though this was not included in the recent CAB proposals.
8. William Lehman      Urges that the CAB proposals in the Transatlantic Route Case be amended to include a Miami-London route.
9. G. V. Montgomery      Urges approval of the CAB recommendation to designate Delta Air Lines to provide non-stop service between Atlanta and London and "simple plane service" between Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston and London.
10. Gene Snyder      Writes on behalf of a constituent to request a message for Bert Croghan's 25th anniversary as a golf professional with a country club in Louisville.
11. Thad Cochran      Encloses copy of a letter to the President from his constituent, John F. Anderson, urging that the Federal government underwrite the insurance protection so that the manufacture of the swine flu vaccine can go forward.
12. John Rhodes      Recommends J. Robert Cromack as Deputy Administration of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
13. Edwin Eshleman      Recommends Robert E. Horst for the Postal Service Board of Governors.
14. Kenneth Robinson      Endorses invitation to address the Virginia Dental Association on September 17.
15. Gladys Spellman      Says that the George Washington House restoration project in Bladensburg has been selected from among 8,000 Jaycee Bicentennial projects as the number one project in the Nation. Invites the President to be present when this award presentation is made, in early September or at a time convenient to the President.
16. John Rhodes      Endorses request of Samuel H. Young for the President and/or Mrs. Ford to make an appearance in the 10th District. Says it is a critical District, and "we have a real possibility for victory there, but it will take a concerted effort."
17. Jack Brooks      Writes concerning the legislation he has introduced to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to increase the authorized funding level from \$900,000 to \$3,000,000. "This increase should provide adequate funds for an orderly and efficient transition should the election cause a change of administration." Stresses that "there may be no change in administration next year."
18. Albert Quie      Recommends that Connally not be selected as V-P, and that if he is, it not be announced "before your nomination."