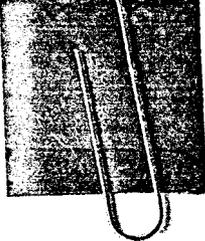


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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 31, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *mb*

SUBJECT: Arab Boycott

Congressman Barber Conable reports that Senator Ribicoff is making a strong attempt to force resolution of the Arab Boycott issue on the Tax Bill Conference.

Conable does not think it will be possible, but very concerned about the President being put unnecessarily in a strong anti-Jewish position on this issue.

Conable says the campaign mood in the House and Senate makes it appear very unlikely that the Administration's position can prevail on this issue.

Conable says the House International Relations Committee toughened the Stevenson amendment on the Export Administration Act extension by a vote of 27 - 1.

Conable says the issue has become more Jewish in nature than the Jackson/Vanik amendment and he is fearful that the President will be badly hurt by looking anti-Jewish on the issue.

Conable reports that Treasury, State and NSC are all negotiating in the President's name on this issue, thus giving the President high visibility on a bill that is being strongly lobbied by the Jewish lobby.

Conable recommends the President be insulated on this issue to the degree possible, that the departments/agencies not negotiate the issue with the President's veto.

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