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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 4, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR

SUBJECT:

Congressional Mail

The President reviewed your memorandum of September 3, 1976 and made the following notations:

Item 2S Russell Long - ?

Item 3S Bob Dole - →

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

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For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on September 2, 1976.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.

cc: Richard B. Cheney

House

1. Edward Derwinski "This is to advise you that the President Ford Committee campaign for the ethnic vote is really non-existent. It is my judgment that your campaign officials are ignorant of and insensitive to the entire ethnic vote area. In good conscience, I want to tell you this now, rather than to cry on November 3rd." (Entire text of letter.)
2. William Ketchum "First, allow me to congratulate you once again on your nomination and to pledge my support for your re-election in November. I am confident that you and Bob will enjoy the support of the majority of Americans and I will do everything that I am able to insure your success in my home state of California. As you conclude your campaign strategy sessions, I believe there is one issue of vital importance in California of which you might be unaware. I refer to the worsening plight of small independent oil producers who are feeling the economic consequences of an over supply of crude oil in the California marketplace." Says the situation is due to several factors, e.g., "With the complicated FEA entitlements and adjustments problems, refiners are importing foreign crude at a more favorable price." Says the situation is further aggravated by the increased production of oil at Elk Hills. Recommends a moratorium on production at Elk Hills.
3. Richard Ottinger Encloses a copy of an August 12 letter from the Comptroller General regarding proposed rescissions, noting that the failure to report the rescissions until July 28, although they began on July 1, "is inconsistent with the spirit of the Budget and Impoundment Control Act." Says OMB has indicated that the delay in reporting was an unintended oversight. "Assuming that was the case, and knowing that you do not wish to violate the spirit of the Budget Act, I request that you make clear to the Congress your intention of obligating the funds upon the expiration of the 45th day after July 1, the date on which the impoundments actually began. That date, calculated according to the system prescribed in the Budget Act, would be September 17."
4. Mendel Davis Expresses support for the CAB's recommendation for nonstop Delta Air Service between Atlanta and London.
5. Margaret Heckler Writes on behalf of the Massachusetts Port Authority to urge that the CAB recommendations in the Transatlantic Route Proceeding be amended to include Boston as a terminal on the Scandinavian routes recommended for Northwest Airlines.
6. Jim Wright Writes on behalf of Nicholus L. Kouretas, who has made application for a Presidential Pardon after having completed a sentence for a Federal narcotics offense.

House

7. Mendel Davis Opposes a proposed action by OMB to rescind nearly \$9 million in forest fire protection funds for FY 77.
8. Richard Nolan "On Monday, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation announced that it would no longer accept new applications for insurance on next year's crop in 23 Minnesota counties. The effect of this decision is to bar three-quarters of Minnesota's farmers from taking reasonable, businesslike steps to protect themselves from future losses." Says this will place a heavier burden on the Federal disaster aid program. Also notes that if the farmers believe the crop insurance program is inadequate, they will never support the Administration's legislation to eliminate the ASCS disaster payment program and replace it with crop insurance."
9. Floyd Spence Says it was an honor to represent the President at the funeral of Lieutenant Barrett in Columbia. Also takes this opportunity to offer his congratulations on the nomination and to say he has been and will continue to be 100% behind the President. Offers his help in the campaign.
10. James Jeffords Sends letter from a constituent to the President concerning problems she says many people have had with the Small Business Administration following a 1973 flood in the State.
11. James Broyhill Writes about the status of the Hickory-Longview, North Carolina, 201 Facility Plan. Says that on August 23 facility implementation plans were presented to EPA and he hopes they will be approved by September 20 so that the project will still be eligible for State funding.
12. Charles Grassley Hopes the President will sign the legislation to provide protection to livestock producers, legislation initiated after a large meat packing firm went under in early 1975 and caused massive losses for midwestern livestock producers. Also hopes there will be a signing ceremony.
13. Harold Johnson Expresses regret that he could not accept the invitation to join the President at Yellowstone on Sunday.
14. Bud Shuster Recommends James C. McConnon, Chairman of the Board of Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, for the National Transportation Policy Study Commission.
15. John Rousselot Recommends Daniel D. Mikesell for the National Transportation Policy Study Commission.
16. Margaret Heckler Recommends Dr. Victoria Schuck for membership on the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Senate

1S James Buckley

Sends detailed letter: "Mr. President, I believe it is high time the Federal Government laid down a clear and effective strategy for reducing aviation noise. . . I am an old warrior in the battle to achieve meaningful aviation noise abatement. . . . I hope you will look favorably upon the issuance of a noise policy statement."

2S Russell Long

Writes on behalf of William W. Watson, President of the Bank of St. Joseph and Trust Company, who wrote to the President in reference to bank loans for college students, saying that the Office of Education "has finally made it so complicated for banks to make a simple loan to assist students attending college that the end result has finally arrived. A student will no longer be able to get a loan at this bank to go to college. . . We have never discriminated against a credit applicant on the basis of sex or race or marital status, but we are not willing to spend four hours on each loan convincing Washington that we have not."

3S Bob Dole

Writes on behalf of Richard G. Meyers, Executive Vice President of Seaboard Allied Milling Company of Kansas City, who would like to attend the State Dinner at the White House on September 22 for President Tolbert of Sierra Leone.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR  
FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.F.*  
SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

The subject of Senator Dole's letter to the President under date of September 2 was to request that Mr. Richard G. Myers of Kansas City be invited to the State Dinner for President Tolbert.

Maria Downs is going to run this by the President and Mrs. Ford today.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR  
FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.F.*  
SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

With reference to the President notation of "?" next to Senator Long on the September 2 log, enclosed please find our response.

September 8, 1976

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your August 31 letter to the President, I am enclosing a copy of the reply sent to Mr. William W. Watson, President of the Bank of St. Joseph & Trust Company.

I trust this will be of assistance to you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

William T. Kendall  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Russell B. Long  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Enclosure

Release o.k.'d by Barry Roth

WTK:JEB:VO:vo

~~cc:~~ <sup>copy of</sup> w/incoming to Nancy Kennedy (include <sup>✓</sup> enclosure copy) fyi  
As requested

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20202  
AUG 20 1976

Mr. William W. Watson  
President  
Bank of St. Joseph & Trust Company  
St. Joseph and Waterproof, Louisiana 71366

Dear Mr. Watson:

President Ford has asked that I reply to your letter of July 27 concerning the administrative burden of Guaranteed Student Loan regulations and reports.

The Privacy Act and Equal Credit Opportunity Act placed a number of burdens on all Federal programs which deal with personal records or credit transactions. Whether we agree with all their provisions or not, these laws must be obeyed and Federal officials who fail to do so may be subject to personal liability. I hope Congress will adopt appropriate amendments to eliminate some of the unintended burdens of the act if they result in student loans becoming unavailable to those who need them.

The reporting requirements involved in the "call report" have been complied with in every State except Louisiana. Regulations were adopted to bring serious default and delinquency problems under control. Without data on default and delinquency rates it would be impossible to determine which lenders and schools must be limited or suspended from the program under the regulations. The Office of Education has been severely criticized by Congressional committees for failing to have adequate delinquency and default data.

If there are simpler and more effective ways of solving these problems, Kenneth Kohl, Associate Commissioner for Guaranteed Student Loans, Office of Education, would appreciate your suggestions.

Sincerely,

/s/ WILLIAM F. PIERCE

Acting U.S. Commissioner  
of Education

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MIKE LICATTA

FROM:

BILL DIEFENDERFER *WWD*

Please reply directly to the attached correspondence. The  
reply should be over the Secretary or Undersecretary's  
signature.

I would appreciate a copy of the response.

Attachment

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

9/7/76

~~September 3, 1976~~

*From* Barry Roth:

Will you take a look at the  
attached to determine if we can  
send Chairman Long the copy of  
Acting Commissioner Pierce's reply  
to Mr. Watson.

Please return ASAP

*OK to  
send*

Thanks

*To →*

Virginia Olson *JD*  
113 East Wing

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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

*RF [unclear]*

August 31, 1976

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter written to you from William W. Watson, President of the Bank of St. Joseph & Trust Co., of St. Joseph and Waterproof, Louisiana. The letter is in reference to bank loans for college students.

I would appreciate your sending me a copy of your response to this letter.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Russell Long*

VILLIAM W. WATSON  
PRESIDENT



## *Bank of St. Joseph & Trust Company*

ST. JOSEPH AND WATERPROOF, LOUISIANA

July 27, 1976

President Gerald Ford  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford:

They have finally done it. The O. E., which is the Office of Education, which is under the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, has finally made it so complicated for banks to make a simple loan to assist students attending college that the end result has finally arrived. A student will no longer be able to get a loan at this bank to go to college. While our institution was willing to make these loans for public relations, charity and civic mindedness, we simply can not afford to devote the time that is now required under the last four or five directives we have received from our state agency, each additional regulation apparently originating from some idiot bureaucrat's typewriter in Washington.

Enclosed find a small sample of what we are talking about.

We have never discriminated against a credit applicant on the basis of sex or race or marital status, but we are not willing to spend four hours on each loan convincing Washington that we have not. There is truly nothing substantive in these regulations anyway, as no credit applicant is going to read all this jazz or understand it when sometimes I'm not sure the banker even can.

Any credit man will tell you that any credit applicant will sign any federal form pushed in front of him in his anxiety to complete the transaction. Therefore, all of these forms are meaningless and procedural only, resulting in no benefit to anyone except the bureaucrats employed to perpetuate this absurd and meaningless harassment of citizens who are simply trying to get on with their business.

I admire your public pronouncements in regard to your disapproval of this type regulation, but I am wondering if you really have any idea how much of it is going on through agencies directly under your control. A few executive orders suspending some of these regulations would be in order.

Respectfully,

William W. Watson  
President

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Enclosures