

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: JIM CONNOR *JEC*
SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

The President reviewed your memorandum of September 21 concerning the Congressional Mail for September 20 and made the following notations:

House Item #2 - Letter from Robin Beard	"? "
Senate Item 5S - Letter from Robert Taft	"Check"

cc: Dick Cheney

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

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September 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *mb*

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on September 20, 1976.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.

cc: Richard B. Cheney

House

1. Bill Young Hopes the Secretary of Commerce will reconsider his tentative endorsement of renewed construction on the Cross-Florida Barge Canal. Says the vast majority of Floridians are opposed to any further attempts to revitalize the canal.
2. Robin Beard ?
Writes on behalf of Freed-Hardeman College officials in Henderson, Tennessee, who are very concerned about proposed regulations made by HEW regarding discrimination against the handicapped. "It is my understanding that these proposed regulations will require a school to admit students who are handicapped as a result of self-imposed decisions such as excessive drinking or drugs. . . These proposed regulations remind me of the ones which would have eliminated the father-son or mother-daughter events. . ."
3. Robert McClory Sends detailed letter analyzing the Antitrust Improvements Act, H.R. 8532. Recommends that it be signed, and offers to confer further if desired.
4. John Buchanan Expresses support for increased funding for the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway construction.
5. Robin Beard Recommends optimum funding for the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.
6. Tom Hagedorn Endorses CAB recommendations regarding new transatlantic routes.
7. Mark Hannaford Requests that the OMB-CSC General Schedule pay raise recommendation not be accepted. Says the figure should be raised to one "more in keeping with the increased cost of living and the concept of comparability."
8. James Abdnor Sends letter and newspaper editorial in further regard to his recommendations for meeting the water needs in South Dakota.
9. Bill Wampler Writes about the financial situation faced by cattlemen. Suggests increased purchasing by USDA for the school lunch program and by DOD for the military procurement program to help reduce the beef inventory.
10. Pierre du Pont Extends invitation to the "Returns Day" in Georgetown, Delaware, on November 4, when the final election returns for the State are read in the public square.
11. Paul Rogers Writes on behalf of Mrs. Virginia Lee Boyce regarding her relative, Victor Quinto, a political detainee in the Philippines.

House

12. Bill Goodling Offers congratulations on the speech in Michigan. Suggests that in discussing proposals, like those on housing, "you emphasize that these are refinements on current legislation. The reason for this suggestion is my strong belief that the public is thoroughly disillusioned with 'big, new government programs', so many of which emanating from the 'Great Society' seemed to promise everything from eradicating poverty to solving unemployment." Says the Democrats are aware of this disillusion. "In fact, a group of freshman Democrats voted 65 to 10 to ask the Speaker to drop Humphrey-Hawkins so as not to give Republicans a campaign issue. . . I thought you might be able to exploit this turn-around and past failures by emphasizing that your proposals are improvements on tried and proven legislation."
13. Benjamin Gilman Expresses thanks for having the opportunity to represent the President at the funeral of Major Arthur G. Bonifas at West Point. Says the family appreciated the President's kind message.
14. Frank Annunzio Expresses appreciation for the President's participation in the Italian American Bicentennial dinner. "As you know over 2,000 Italian Americans from 25 states were in attendance and your remarks were succinct and appreciated by this high audience."
15. Millicent Fenwick Recommends John J. Senesy for the National Transportation Policy Study Commission.
16. William Hughes Recommends Roy Braunstein for the Commission on Postal Service.
17. Richard Ottinger Sends very detailed letter about the likelihood that the Synthetic Fuels Loan Guarantee and Price Support program may result in increasing the national debt. Says that "through a fluke in the law" it will be possible for a company obtaining a loan guarantee from ERDA to turn to the Federal Financing Bank for a direct loan. Says the FFB could grant a loan for 100% of a synthetic fuels project, "even while ERDA would only be guaranteeing the loan up to 75% under the proposed legislation."
18. Shirley Pettis Urges Federal disaster assistance for Riverside County, California.

Senate

- 1S Jennings Randolph Writes as Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Handicapped to urge that technical arrangements be made to provide instantaneous interpretation of the debates for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.
- 2S Senators Thurmond, Hurska, Bellmon, Allen, McClure, Laxalt, Bartlett, Fannin William Scott, Tower
- Urge a veto of H.R. 8532, (the Hart, Scott, Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976) because of the inclusion in the bill of parens patriae, Title III. Recommend that, instead, the President offer to sign the Civil Investigative Demand Bill and the Premerger Notification Bill, which have passed the House.
- 3S Robert Taft Writes on behalf of a group of students in Salem, Ohio, who would like to present to the President the official Bicentennial Pledge for the State.
- 4S Robert Taft Recommends Donald J. Campbell as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, Office of SAFMRR.
- 5S Robert Taft *check* Endorses invitation to appear at an October 6-8 convention in Youngstown of Catholic and Protestant Editors from across the country.
- 6S Howard Baker Endorses invitation to speak at the Southern Area conference of the American Women in Radio and Television on October 9.
- 7S Clifford Hansen Joins with the National Council of State Committees for Children and Youth in extending an invitation to the Council's workshop in Washington, D.C., November 18-20.
- 8S Clifford Hansen Expresses appreciation for autographing the photograph taken at the convention.

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September 28, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.F.*

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

In the Congressional Mail Log of September 20 you made notations opposite House Item #2 (letter from Robin Beard) and Senate Item #5 (letter from Senator Taft).

The Beard letter concerning HEW regulations dealing with handicapped students and challenged by the Freed-Hardeman College has been sent to the Domestic Council for staffing and should be ready for final reply in the next day or two. We do not yet have any indication of what the reply will entail.

On the Senator Taft letter the scheduling office is holding it until such time as an Ohio trip is scheduled. It will then be forwarded to Red Cavaney for consideration and possible involvement of the Salem, Ohio students. The interim reply to Senator Taft indicated it would be reviewed in the White House but no commitment was made to do the requested event.