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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

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

The President reviewed your memorandum of September 28, 1976 concerning Congressional Mail received on September 27 and made the following notation:

House #10 - from Dante Fascell "Why? "

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *mf*

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail *RF*

For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on September 27, 1976.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.

cc: Richard B. Cheney

House

1. Silvio Conte Expresses appreciation for the President's September 9 letter "concerning my contribution to your victory. In the weeks ahead I will be showing the letter to all of those who joined me in helping to secure your nomination."
2. Alvin Baldus Sends detailed letter urging, (1) the immediate issuance of an Executive Order halting the import of quota-exempt processed meat through Foreign Trade Zones and (2) the reversal of a 1970 Executive Order which transferred the authority to negotiate meat import levels under the quota system of the State Department from the Agriculture Department. Details the economic hardship in his District, saying that "last week alone, some 830,000 head of cattle were slaughtered. I am advised that this is the second largest number on record. . . A farmer can't afford to feed and he can't afford to sell." Also talks about the effect of the drought situation on feed grain production.
3. Carroll Hubbard Supports increased funding in the FY 78 budget for the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.
4. Guy Vander Jagt Urges approval of that portion of the CAB recommendations which substitutes Northwest Airlines for Pan American on the U.S. to Scandinavia routes.
5. Peggy Heckler Notes the FEA is considering the removal of the \$.63/bbl license fee currently imposed on imports of residual fuel oil. Strongly endorses this move and hopes it will be done as soon as possible.
6. John Rhodes Strongly recommends signing of S. 522, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Says he originally introduced this measure on the House side.
7. Bill Cohen Sends four-page letter to urge "that you order the immediate suspension of any plans to reduce Loring AFB pending a thorough and careful re-examination and reassessment of the proposed action by you and the Department of Defense." Talks about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement released by the Air Force as well as public statements by defense officials on the strategic value of the base and the effect its realignment will have on strategic capability as well as the economy.
8. Ken Holland Writes on behalf of J. B. Vanderford concerning the law that any active service man or regular guard reservist must have a high school diploma or the equivalent to qualify for the rank of E-6 or above.
9. Kenneth Robinson Recommends Robert J. Corber for reappointment to the ICC.

House

10. Albert Quie Recommends Eugene Trumble as Vice Chairman of the National SBA Advisory Council.
11. Dante Fascell Says that after the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe was created by P.L. 94-304 on June 3, he was appointed by the Speaker as Chairman of the Commission. Says he is distressed by the delay in the appointment of representatives of the Executive Branch. Notes he was assured on August 24 that the appointments would be forthcoming. Also says the Secretary of State promised to meet with the Commission at an early date to report on the implementation of the Helsinki Final Act and he has not.
- why?*
12. Jack Kemp Sends three-page letter concerning the need to restore the economy of the Northeast States. Says he is outlining a three-step State-level effort. Also calls upon the President to appoint a blue-ribbon Presidential Commission "to ascertain the biases in all Federal grant-in-aid, revenue sharing, and other formulae, whether those biases benefit the Sunbelt or the Snowbelt, and to tell us how the various types of Federal programs. . . create advantages for different regions. I believe the Commission should be appointed at the earliest date. Now would not be too soon."
13. Paul Rogers Writes on behalf of Lloyd Haig concerning the relocation of the St. Louis, Missouri, airport to Illinois.
14. Floyd Fithian Sends detailed letter concerning what he says a congressional subcommittee has referred to as a "mini-Watergate" within the FEA. "I therefore urge you to seek the immediate resignations of FEA Administrator Frank Zarb and Deputy Administrator John Hill. I have reached this inescapable conclusion: in the administration of their bureaucracy, Mr. Zarb and Mr. Hill have circumvented the will of Congress and lied to the public; in the policy course they have set at the FEA, they are nothing more than puppets of Big Oil."
15. John Murphy Sends four-page letter and related material about S. 521, to reform the procedures for the leasing, management, and exploitation of our offshore resources on the Outer Continental Shelf. Urges that it be signed.

House

16. Keith Sebelius      Sends his congratulations on the President's performance in the first debate. Says he is proud to be on the Ford-Dole ticket. Also writes in detail about the political situation in the Wheat belt, describing it as grim. "The Ford-Dole ticket may carry Kansas. But, today unusually reliable polls put you and Bob eight points down, 50-42-8. The Ford-Dole ticket is trailing in Bob's old home district." Further comments: "In all of my 57 counties, I will be asked to explain why Bob Dole and Keith Sebelius cannot get fair treatment for agriculture. The short term price crisis combined with the false but believed embargo issue will dominate my entire campaign. I will try my best to listen and suggest the real issue is what kind of agriculture policy the farmer wants down the road. They do not want a return to a subsidized agriculture nor do they trust Jimmy Carter. But the short term price problem totally obscures that fact. In the past we have lost Republicans like Catherine May, Tom Kleppe, Wiley Mayne, Bob Price, and John Kyl, all good wheat, feed grain and cattle representatives, in part due to a lack of understanding and sympathy to grass root farm politics. I am now an endangered species. . . I realize that Secretary Butz and those who are advising you within the White House feel a loan increase would appear to be election year politics and a \$2.25 level would be contrary to the Secretary's free trade philosophy. I have been told raising the loan to \$2.25 would make it impossible to write a new farm bill. My point is, without some action soon to reverse the current market and political trend, we will not be writing the new farm bill. Bob and I will be about the only Republicans left in the Senate and House that will know the difference between wheat and peanuts."

Senate

- 1S Edward Brooke Expresses appreciation for the President's September 14 note regarding the foreign assistance appropriations bill. Hopes the legislation will be signed. Also writes about the southern Africa situation and Secretary Kissinger's efforts. "Anticipating that some form of success will occur, I believe it is crucial that we begin now to formulate policy guidelines that will bring some long-term coherency into our relations with the various states in the area. Our present ad hoc approach, while perhaps necessary in light of past errors, if efficacious at all, will only be so for a short time. What is desperately needed is a U.S. policy that clearly indicates what the countries in southern Africa can expect of us and what we, in turn, expect of them."
- 2S James Abourezk Urges signing of H.R. 15194, the Public Works Employment Appropriations bill. Says it would provide a much needed economic stimulus to South Dakota, which is suffering from a drought.
- 3S Dewey Bartlett Urges signing of H.R. 14232, the Labor-HEW Appropriations bill. Says the inclusion of the Hyde Amendment will prevent many members of both Houses from supporting a veto even though they would have otherwise done so.
- 4S Harry Byrd Says he has reviewed the Revised Single Negotiating Text issued by the Third UN Law of the Sea Conference on May 7. "I am fearful that if a final treaty is prepared along the lines of this draft, it may raise serious opposition in the Senate. I am particularly concerned about the lack of free access to the deep seabed for all nations, and the proposed production and price controls."
- 5S Robert Taft Writes on behalf of Margaret E. Douglass to present the CAB recommendations in the Transatlantic Route Proceeding.
- 6S Thomas Eagleton Urge approval of the CAB's recommendation to grant Trans World Airlines' certificate for Route 147 providing direct transatlantic service to St. Louis, Kansas City and four other cities. Urge such approval even if this recommendation has to be separated from the more controversial recommendations.  
Stuart Symington
- 7S John Sparkman Urges increased funding for the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway during FY 78.
- 8S Jacob Javits Sends copy of a recent letter he sent to the Secretary of State regarding the terrorist attack at the airport in Istanbul.
- 9S William Scott Writes on behalf of the Reverend C. N. Dombalis, who is interested in serving as a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations.

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Senate

- 10S Richard Stone Recommends Dr. Charles A. Dunn for the Amtrak Board.
- 11S Bob Dole Writes on behalf of several individuals who are interested in being appointed to the Postal Study Commission.
- 12S William Scott Endorses Robert J. Corber for reappointment to the ICC.
- 13S Pete Domenici Requests greetings for Avelino Quintana on his 100th birthday.
- 14S Clifford Hansen Sends photographs to be autographed for Mrs. Joyce Stultz, Vice Chairman of the GOP Party in Wyoming.