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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JIM CONNOR JEC

SUBJECT:

Governor Milliken

The President reviewed your memorandum of September 30 on suggestions made by Governor Milliken and made the following notation:

"I think, if possible, we should visit an Inner City neighborhood in Detroit or Chicago."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.


cc: Dick Cheney
Jerry Jones

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INFORMATION

September 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON 
SUBJECT: Governor Milliken

Governor Milliken feels strongly that you should, on an appropriate occasion, make a strong public statement indicating your understanding of the problems of the cities.

Attached is Steve McConahey's memorandum of a visit with Governor Milliken, during which Milliken brought up this subject.

attachment

cc: Dick Cheney
Robert T. Hartmann

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we should visit an inner city
neighborhood in Detroit or Chicago.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

STEVE McCONAHEY *SM*

SUBJECT:

Visit with Governor Milliken

I had the opportunity to meet with Governor Milliken during my recent visit to Lansing, Michigan. We talked about a variety of topics; however, the Governor made a special effort to emphasize the need for the President to respond more effectively to the real problems of the major urban areas of this country. He indicates that the City of Detroit is the single, most important and time-consuming problem that he and his staff face. Detroit's problems are enormous, and the Governor is in constant communication and negotiation with the Mayor to reach solutions. While many of these problems must be resolved at the state and local level, it is Governor Milliken's feeling that the President must give a more visible sign of his understanding of the conditions facing our urban areas. He feels this is particularly important because the President must do well in Michigan and other midwestern and northeastern industrialized/urbanized states.

The Governor does not feel the President needs to come out with a whole new series of programs because at this time this could be viewed as a short term response for political purposes. However, he does feel that the President should at some appropriate speech express his understanding of the urban problems, outline what his assessment is on the importance of it and the future that they face, and state his commitment to working with the state, county and local officials of this country to come up with a positive federal strategy in partnership with local government.

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