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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 12, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DOUGLAS P. BENNETT

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEB*

The attached material was returned in the President's out-box with the following notation:

"Info given to me in Oklahoma"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

Attachment:

Material from Mr. John Dunn

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Doug Bennett*

*info.*

*given to me in Okla.*

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

JOHN W. DUNN

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WOODWARD, OKLA. 73801

PHONE 405-256-2457

John Dunn is a native of northwest Oklahoma. He lives in Woodward, but ranches south of Arnett. The ranch which he operates has grown from the ranch put together by his father just after the turn of the century.

On this ranch he normally runs 450 cows and raises 400 acres of wheat. In addition he has a 1,000 steer operation in South Dakota and feeds some cattle in commercial feed lots. Dunn was born and grew up on the ranch that spans both sides of the South Canadian River in Ellis and Roger Mills counties. A graduate of Oklahoma State University, he earned his degree in Agronomy in 1941 before entering the Army Air Force. As a pilot, Dunn flew 73 combat missions in the South Pacific during World War II.

He is married and he and his wife, Marcia, have two children: Cindy, 16, and Johnny, 13. He also has a daughter by a previous marriage, Mrs. Peter Bowes of Amarillo, Texas, a granddaughter, Ashley Elizabeth Bowes, and grandson, Peter Bowes II.

Dunn is the immediate past president of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA), an organization which represents the states largest industry.

In addition to his many years of service in the OCA, Dunn is a director of the American National Cattlemen's Association, and a member of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, Masons, American Legion, Elks, VFW, and the Methodist Church. He is chairman of the board of the Woodward Production Credit Association and a board member for 28 years. He is a 1976 appointee to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma State University and the A. & M. Colleges.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, agriculture is the number one industry of Oklahoma, and  
WHEREAS, agriculture is the most basic and important industry of  
the nation, and

WHEREAS, agricultural products of the United States provide more  
food than provided by any other nation to feed the world, and

WHEREAS, the economy of Oklahoma and the nation is dependant on  
our ability to continue adequate and abundant production of food and  
fiber, and

WHEREAS, the position of the Secretary of Agriculture is the most  
vital and important national position directly affecting farmers and  
ranchers in achieving food and fiber production goals and in the market-  
ing of agricultural products, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture in the discharge of his official  
duties needs to be an individual well grounded in basic agricultural pro-  
duction and marketing which comes only through experience as a grass roots,  
successful farmer or rancher, and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has in its midst farmers and ranchers who meet these  
qualifications to serve the nation,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Interim Agricultural committee  
of the Oklahoma Legislature, duly assembled this 16th day of September 1976  
in Guymon, Oklahoma, THAT the President of the United States taking office  
in January 1977 is hereby requested to appoint one of the following men as  
Secretary of Agriculture:

Billy Ray Gowdy - Boise City, Oklahoma

Clem McSpadden - Claremore, Oklahoma

John Dunn - Woodward, Oklahoma

*Demo before Resignation  
of Secty Buttz*

Signed: John Dahl, Bill Briscoe, Leon B. Field, Roy A. Boatner,  
Gilmer N. Capps, Wayne M. Holden, Ernest D. Martin, Gideon Tinsley, Wes  
Watkins, Robert E. Anderson, Mark Bradshaw, Dorothy D. Conaghan, Kenneth  
Converse, James R. Cummings, Oval H. Cunningham, Vernon Dunn, Fred J.  
Ferrell, Jr., Jim W. Hardesty, Bob E. Harper, Don Johnson, Lewis M. Kamas,  
Billy F. Kennedy, Joe R. Manning, Jr., Charles R. Peterson, David Stratton,  
and James Townsend.