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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 17, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN COLE
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Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal
Year 1975 and other purposes

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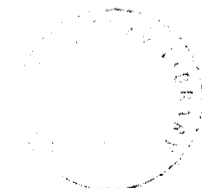


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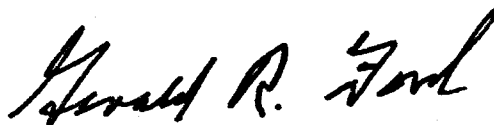
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "G" and "F".

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Office of the White House Press Secretary

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Dear Mr. Director:

The following bill was received at the White House on October 16th:

H. R. Res. 1163

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of this bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk



The Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C.