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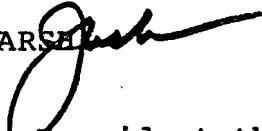
WASHINGTON

September 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JACK MARSH 

Senator Russell Long called the President this morning and the President would like the Counsel's Office to take the lead in addressing the question which Russell raised. However, you may need some backup and support from the Legislative Office.

The Senator expressed his concern to the President on a possible court test and invalidation of the "one-House veto" concept. Long's concern is that such a test would strike down this legislative procedure in tariff questions.

The President wanted you to be aware of the position he took with Long, which is as follows:

1. He could not address the questions specifically because he was not that aware of the precise matter in which Senator Long was interested.
2. However, as a matter of policy, he had a strong concern and reservation on the broad question of "one-House vetos" in usual and regular legislation.
3. It may be there was a distinction to be made in this device insofar as narrow tariff decisions were concerned.
4. He would have the question examined in this regard and seek advice on this narrow issue, but he did not make any promise.



Apparently, Senator Long is concerned that a court decision on pending cases involving the election laws might be so broad as to strike down the veto provisions on tariff decisions under the Trade Act. The Senator may also have mentioned to the President the fact that this was also included as a part of his message going back to the Hill on some tariff question.

In all events, he would like for you to address this matter as promptly as possible and furnish him with a memo.

You might have someone from Max's Office or your staff touch base with the Chief Counsel of his Committee in the event you need further information as to the Senator's concerns.

cc: Dick Cheney
Bill Seidman

