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October 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DOUG BENNETT
FROM: JACK MARSH

The President wanted me to bring to your attention the attached letter to him from Virginia Knauer concerning John Hyington for the position of Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission while she is in China.

JOM/dl

*[see case file in Box 74 Bennett, Douglas
10/75-12/75]*



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Jack -

FYI -

Vallie et al are
pushing Byington for
the Consumer Products
Safety Commission spot.

Russ

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WASHINGTON

DATE 10/29/75

TO: R. Rourke

FROM: WAYNE H. VALIS *Wayne*

For your information X

Per our conversation X

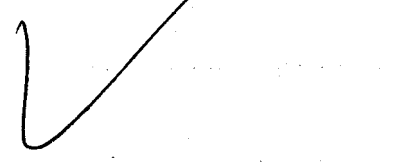
Other:

*This should
be up for a
decision very
soon.*

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October 29, 1975



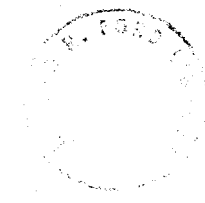
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: WAYNE H. VALIS

SUBJECT: John Byington's Candidacy for Chairman of the
Consumer Product Safety Commission

The enclosed article from Sunday's Washington Post (see the last two columns) discusses John Byington's support for the President's position on the Consumer Protection Agency and the President's approach to regulatory reform.

I would like to point out, and it is made clear in this article, that Virginia Knauer and John have been taking a great deal of political heat from their consumer constituency groups because of their stand on both CPA and regulatory reform. However, I believe it is this type of commitment that is sorely needed at the CPSC (and which has been lacking to date) and it is this type of commitment that John Byington would bring to the job as chairman of CPSC.



POST 10/26/75
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Knauer Shifts, Silent on New Consumer Unit

By William Chapman

Washington Post Staff Writer

Eighteen months ago

The bill, passed overwhelmingly by the Senate last spring and certain to be passed by the House in two weeks, would create the Agency for Consumer Advocacy. Its key provision would permit the agency to represent a consumer viewpoint before other federal agencies and in the courts.

At President Ford's direction, Knauer has embarked on an alternative — urging each federal agency to draft its own mechanisms for assuring that consumers are heard in the decision-making process. Mr. Ford has also opposed another Knauer idea — establishing consumer-representation offices in each department of government.)

Critics contend that the idea of separate agencies

Byington also contends there is no recognized single consumer position on gas deregulation. He cites a poll showing that 48 per cent of the public now favors deregulation and adds, "I don't believe people are right when these organizations say that the people are opposed to deregulation. Let them (the consumer organizations) show me their data base before they argue that."

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *Russ*

Jack, attached is Bill Baroody's memo prepared by Wayne Vallis. Doug now advises me that he feels this has gotten to be a rather emotional issue, and they will not discuss it today with the President. Seidman

FYI, Doug tells me that Bill is a very strong supporter of Byington. I told both Doug and Jack Shaw that both Barbara Franklin and John Byington would be acceptable to you (Ann Armstrong was unreachable in Texas today... will keep trying).

[see case file in Box 73 Baroody, Wm., 11/10/75]
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