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TO: Jack Marsh

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf

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Other Ham raises an important point.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
THROUGH: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ*
FROM: TOM LOEFFLER *TL*
SUBJECT: Rep. Ham Fish---Recommendation
Concerning a Presidential Signing
Ceremony for HR-366, Public Safety
Officers Benefits Act of 1976

Ham is the ranking minority member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee which initiated HR-366.

Several days ago he urged that the President consider signing the Public Safety Officers Benefits Act of 1976 during the President's appearance before the Association of Police Chiefs in Florida on Monday, September 27.

Today Ham personally called to state that upon reconsideration, perhaps his earlier recommendation should be withdrawn. According to Fish, the International Conference of Police Associations (representing some 200,000 individuals) and the International Association of Firefighters (an AFL-CIO affiliate) were the actual movers of this legislation. The Association of Police Chiefs displayed virtually no interest whatsoever in the bill during congressional consideration. The Congressman now concludes that a signing ceremony conducted before the Association of Police Chiefs would be of little interest to that group and that the Conference of Police Associations and the Firefighters Association would frown upon the President for enacting the bill into law before a disinterested group.

Ham now suggests that it would be best to hold a signing ceremony at the White House and have in attendance representatives from the Conference of Police Associations and the Association of Firefighters. He would also like to be present for the event.

