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October 11, 1974

SUBJECT:

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Since the continuing resolution expired September 30, 1974, which agencies are without legal authority to continue?

GUIDANCE: The continuing resolution effects the appropriations for the following departments and agencies:

Agriculture

HEW

Labor

AID

USIA

EPA

DOD programs for military construction and foreign military assistance

Various smaller agencies

How long can the government continue to operate without a continuing resolution?

GUIDANCE: The week of October 20th the payroll for the above departments and agencies are payable. If the continuing resolution is not signed, the departments could not certify their payroll. This means, legally, there would be no funds available to back up the checks they would write.

October 10, 1974

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Q. Does the President plan to veto the Continuing Resolution?

A. We made clear several times here what the President's feelings are about the Continuing Resolution and its restrictions on continued military aid to Turkey and he still feels the same way. He is hopeful the House will go along with the Mansfield amendment in the Senate, postponing the effects of the Turkish amendment until December 15 and he is going to wait to see if the House does pass the resolution. If it does, he will sign the resolution.

Q. Well, suppose the House doesn't pass the resolution? Will he veto the bill?

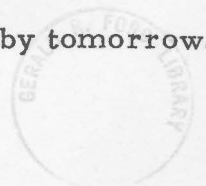
A. Yes.

Q. Well, when is he going to veto? Congress goes home tomorrow.

A. This a complicated - very complicated - bill and the President feels he needs time to study it fully before vetoing.

Q. Well, doesn't he have to veto today or tomorrow so Congress has a chance to override it before going home?

A. I am not sure the President can complete his study of the bill by tomorrow. He may not be able to veto it until next week.



October 2, 1974

SUBJECT:

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

How is the Government operating without a continuing resolution?

GUIDANCE: You are correct. Without a continuing resolution, funds are technically not available for foreign assistance, military construction, and most programs of the Departments of Agriculture, HEW, and Labor.

While use of funds for these programs is not legal, there are numerous precedents for the continued use of funds for essential operations for a few days in the absence of funding authority.

We are hopeful the continuing resolution will be passed in the next day or so.

JGC