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September 2, 1976

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN GOVERNORS
RECOMMENDATION ON FED SPENDING

Yesterday the Southern Governors Conference passed a resolution supporting a constitutional amendment to impose a limit on Federal spending to a certain percentage of the gross national product, except in times of war or national emergency.

How would the President feel about such a constitutional amendment?

ANSWER: As you know, the President has been waging a long and intensive campaign against the growth of Federal spending, and feels that his budgetary plan will provide a balanced budget by FY 1979. While we haven't yet seen a copy of the Southern Governors resolution, it appears that the resolution is based on the same philosophy as the President's program, and that is good news.

October 6, 1975

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH THE APPALACHIAN
REGIONAL COMMISSION GOVERNORS.
IN KNOXVILLE

Following the White House Conference in Knoxville tomorrow, the President will join the Appalachian Regional Commission meeting already in progress. As you know, this is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission.

The Appalachian Regional Commission consists of all of West Virginia and parts of twelve other states straddling the Appalachian Mountains. Other states, in addition to West Virginia are: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi.

Governors expected to attend tomorrow's meeting include: Blanton (Tennessee), Busbee (Georgia), Carroll (Kentucky), Holshouser (North Carolina), Moore (West Virginia), Rhodes (Ohio) and Waller (Mississippi).

Those Governors who have prior commitments and will not attend the Commission meeting include: Carey (New York), Edwards (South Carolina), Godwin (Virginia), and Shapp (Pennsylvania).

It is my understanding that Governors Mandel and Wallace have not yet made their intentions known.

FYI: Governors Holshouser (NC), Moore (WV), and Rhodes (OH) are Republicans. All of the others are Democrats.

JGC

February 6, 1975

MEMO TO: RON NESSEN
FROM: JOHN G. CARLSON
SUBJECT: GOVERNORS TO MEET WITH
 THE PRESIDENT

For Your Information

The Governors from the following states will be meeting with the President next week:

Monday, February 10 - Houston, Texas

Arizona
Arkansas
New Mexico
Oklahoma
Texas

Tuesday, February 11 - Topeka, Kansas

Colorado
Illinois
Iowa
Kansas
Minnesota
Missouri
*North Dakota
Nebraska
South Dakota
Wisconsin

*All the Governors have accepted except the Governor from North Dakota who has a prior commitment which he may be able to change.