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March 16, 1976

SUBJECT: PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT

Yesterday the House defeated what had been considered a noncontroversial bill to authorize \$38.8 million over two years to fund the revitalization of the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor. The Senate had already passed an authorization and both Houses had already approved the basic plan.

What is the Administration reaction to this? Is it true that you didn't push the bill as hard as you could have?

GUIDANCE: Even though the House bill had a couple of provisions to which we objected, we were supporting the authorization. The reason we did not make a bigger push for the legislation is that we assumed this was a noncontroversial issue that would pass the House as easily as it passed the Senate.

The President is obviously disappointed with the House vote. This is a plan that has been in the works for more than a decade and both House of Congress had approved the basic plan. The authorization bill would have been a first step toward improving the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor and resolving the litigation over some of the property on the corridor.

July 27, 1976

SUBJECT:

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
REDEVELOPMENT BILL

Yesterday the House passed H.R. 7443, a bill to authorize for a Pennsylvania Avenue Redevelopment Corporation, including \$4.6 million for operating expenses for the next three years. The Senate had passed a similar bill last December.

How does the President feel about the Pennsylvania Avenue bill passed yesterday by the House?

GUIDANCE: The President is pleased that the House has taken action on this important measure, which had been passed by the Senate last December. While the Administration actually prefers the Senate-passed version, we hope that the difference between the two can be resolved quickly by the conference committee. The President feels it is important to get the redevelopment work started along Pennsylvania Avenue without further delay.

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