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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOBBIE KILBERG

FROM:

RON NESSEN *R.N.*

SUBJECT:

Attached correspondence from
Rachel Scott - REDBOOK

Attached find a list of three questions submitted to me by REDBOOK magazine which is doing a story on alleged sex discrimination in Government (you may already have heard from their reporter Rachel Scott yourself).

Will you please provide me with guidance on how to answer these questions, if they should be answered at all. It is obvious from the tone of the questions, and from a brief personal encounter with Rachel Scott, that she is starting off this project with a very negative attitude toward us.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 8, 1976

Ron:

Rachel Scott dropped these three questions off with me -- she's not sure how you want to handle them, either in writing or via a telephone call.....She said that she has a weekend deadline -- this weekend.

Carol

January 8, 1976

1. Under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, workers in both the public and private sector are guaranteed equal employment rights. President Ford has indicated his support of equal employment.

However, while the Justice Department has vigorously defended the rights of workers in the private sector, it has taken a stand opposing many of the same rights for federal employees -- such as the right to file class action suits, to appeal administrative decisions under the Civil Service Commission process in a full judicial trial, and the right to attorney fees. ~~Are these~~ Are these, in the President's opinion, inconsistencies in equal treatment, and why have apparently disparate standards been allowed by the Executive branch?

2. The White House has taken the position that White House employees are not protected under the EEO law. Congress has exempted itself from the law. How does the President explain this position--why shouldn't the White House and Congress be held to the same standards as are expected of the rest of the country?

3. The Civil Rights Commission last July reported that the Civil Service Commission has failed to carry out its duties under the EEO law, and recommended taking away their authority. What steps has the President taken to rectify the situation?

Rachel Scott
Redbook Magazine
phone: 202 667-2844

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 7, 1976

Ron:

Rachel Scott from Redbook Magazine has expressed an interest in attending the daily briefings on Thursday and Friday. She said that if she couldn't interview you, she wanted to get to talk to you one way or another.....Do you approve or disapprove my clearing her in for Thursday and/or Friday, or both days to attend your briefings?

Carol

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 DISAPPROVE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
FROM: BOBBIE GREENE KILBERG

Bobbie

I have carefully read the Constitution and can find no requirement that the President and Vice President be residents of separate states. The only reference to separate states comes in the Twelfth Amendment which requires that an Elector, in voting for President and Vice President, must vote for one individual who is not an inhabitant of the same state as the Elector.

Betty Ford remains eligible!