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February 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ALAN GREENSPAN
JAMES LYNN ✓
WILLIAM WIMON

FROM:

RON NESSEN

I simply want to endorse strongly Frank Zarb's recent letter to you urging that you spend as much time as possible with New York Times officials and reporters explaining the President's economic and energy programs. The Times has been implacably opposed editorially to the President's programs and I agree with Frank that this to some extent comes from a lack of understanding by the Times.

The President himself has taken time to meet personally with the New York Times' editorial board and I think every moment spent explaining the President's programs to the Times is a moment well spent.

cc: Frank Zarb
Dick Cheney

RN:jg



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY SIMON
DIRECTOR LYNN ✓

FROM: RON NESSEN

The attached letter came to my office requesting that the President offer his thoughts on central planning. It was decided that the President should not contribute; but that you both might have thoughts that could be included in the article. Mr. Weimer is agreeable to that arrangement.

The Iron Age deadline is about 10 days from now. If you care to contribute, could you be in touch with Mr. Weimer directly? He is expecting to hear from you.

Thank you.

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May 28, 1975

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to the
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Nessen:

I am putting together a story for IRON AGE on central planning. I notice that many top management, political, and labor figures in recent weeks have brought up this topic once again.

What I would like to do through the format of IRON AGE, is offer to the readers an analysis of just what life would be like in the U.S. if we suddenly found ourselves operating in a centrally planned economy.

I have noticed that there is no party line on this topic any more -- i.e., some top management people fully support the concept, and others totally despise it. Some in top management seem to place a great deal of hope in the idea, and others think it's ridiculous. Even in organized labor some feel it's a good idea and others think it's not.

~~Perhaps President Ford would care to offer his thoughts on what I believe is becoming a major national debate.~~

May I hear from you soon?

Very truly yours,

George A. Weimer
George A. Weimer
Regional Editor

GW/ch

July 31, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO:

JAMES LYNN

FROM:

RON NESSEN

Some of us have concluded that the recently passed so-called Public Works Jobs Bill is a perfect test case to demonstrate that the promises of the Democratic Congress to create hundreds of thousands of jobs through government spending are false promises.

Is there any system you could set up in your office to provide monitoring of this legislation as it goes into effect. After a period of time, hopefully before the election, this monitoring system could be used to publicly demonstrate that the bill has failed to live up to the promises of its Democratic proponents.

RN/mcb



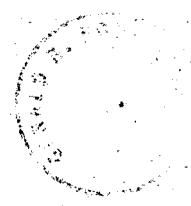
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Ron _____ 1/4/70

Did you get
a copy of JTL's
memo at Vad?

AW

It's all
decided. RAN





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 23 1976

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: James T. Lynn (Signed)

SUBJECT: Unveiling the Fiscal Year '78 Budget

I. ISSUE

Given the need for planning and arranging the necessary details, it would be helpful if a decision could be reached on the level of visibility which you would like to give to the unveiling of the Fiscal Year '78 Budget.

II. OPTIONS

1. A Presidential press briefing

Pro:

-- Given the time and effort which you have personally devoted to its preparation, a Presidential briefing would demonstrate the importance which you attach to your final budget.

-- A briefing on the budget could also serve as the occasion for your last Presidential press conference.

-- If the briefing were to take place in the evening, it could well be covered by live TV. This would enable you to speak directly to the Nation on a variety of matters -- budgetary and otherwise.

-- Since the Ford budget will serve as a benchmark for many Congressional Republicans, a Presidential budget briefing to the Nation could prove to be invaluable to those Members of Congress who will try to use the Ford budget as their target during the course of the year.

