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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

SUBJECT: Presidential Press Conference
Thursday - June 5, 1975.

Don Rumsfeld suggested that I prepare a schedule proposal for a Presidential news conference this week. The idea is to further capitalize on what the press and the public perceive to be a successful foreign policy journey by the President.

I recommend a televised news conference from the EOB Auditorium for 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5. Eight o'clock p.m. is the preferable time because it causes the least disruption of television shows forcing cancellation only of three re-runs, two of which are not very popular anyhow.

Thursday night is preferable to Friday because in the warm weather many potential viewers would be traveling for the weekend holiday. A Thursday night news conference also would provide reporters with information to use in their Sunday newspaper and Monday news magazine assessment of the trip. These stories are normally written on Fridays.

An option you might want to consider is to have the news conference at the State Department either in the big auditorium or, preferably, in the conference room used for Kissinger news conferences. This would underscore the fact that the news conference is really a report to the people on a major foreign policy effort.

My office is already in the process of preparing a Presidential Q & A briefing book for the news conference and it could be ready for a news conference as early as tomorrow evening.

If the decision is to go with a televised news conference Thursday night, I will need to be informed as early as possible in order to make the necessary television arrangements.

Thanks.

cc: Don Rumsfeld



TV Schedule
Thursday, June 19, 1975

CBS

8:00 - 9:00

The Waltons (Repeat)

NBC

8:00 - 8:30

Sunshine

ABC

8:00 - 8:30

Barney Miller (Repeat)

NBC

8:30 - 9:00

Bob Crane Show

ABC

8:30 - 9:00

Karen (Repeat)

NBC

9:00 - 11:00

NBC Movie Documentary - Elvis Presley

CBS

9:00 - 10:30

CBS Movie - Nightmare

ABC

9:00 - 10:00

Sitcom - Police Show



TV Schedule
Friday, June 6, 1975

CBS

8:00 - 9:00

Tony Orlando (Repeat)

NBC

8:00 - 8:30

Sanford and Son (Repeat)

ABC

8:00 - 9:00

Nightstalker (Repeat)

NBC

8:30 - 9:00

Chico and the Man (Repeat)

CBS

9:00 - 11:00

CBS Friday Night Movie

NBC

9:00 - 10:00

Rockford Files (Repeat)

ABC

9:00 - 9:30

Hot 1 Baltimore (Repeat)

ABC

9:30 - 10:00

Odd Couple (Repeat)

NBC

10:00 - 11:00

Police Woman (Repeat)

ABC

10:00 - 11:00

Get Christie Love! (Repeat)



June 5, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

Don Rumsfeld asked me to pass on to you a phone call I had the other night from Sammie Davis Jr. Davis said he would like to come to the White House for a private dinner and discussion with the President on what he referred to as "the plan" and what role he might play. I take this to mean he wanted to hear about the President's political campaign plans and how he could fit in.

Until June 12 Davis is reachable at Harrah's Club in Lake Tahoe, and after that at home (the White House switchboard has the number).

cc: Don Rumsfeld



June 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR

FROM:

RON NESSEN

SUBJECT:

Interview Request from James J. Kilpatrick

James J. Kilpatrick, the conservative newspaper and TV commentator, has asked to interview the President as part of the program for the Convention of the International Platform Association at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington either Wednesday evening August 6 or Thursday evening August 7. (The International Platform Association is a large group made up of the leading lecturers and officials of those agencies which book the lecturers.)

Here are a couple of considerations in weighing this. Kilpatrick is generally sympathetic to the President. The audience would be large and would be made up of influential people from the government and private life who have a good deal of influence on public opinion through their lectures.

On the other hand, August 9 would be the first anniversary of the Ford Administration, and I already tentatively promised an exclusive interview to the New York Times with the President for the anniversary.

My inclination is to recommend that the President do the interview with Kilpatrick, but I don't feel very strongly about it one way or another.

RN/pac



June 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR
FROM: RON NESSEN
SUBJECT: Interview Request from Vermont Royster,
Wall Street Journal

We have had an interview request pending for quite a long time from Vermont Royster, a well-known columnist with the Wall Street Journal.

Rather than grant a special interview to Royster, I suggest adding him to my overall proposal for a series of conversations with columnists.

Incidentally, where does that columnist proposal stand?

RN/pac



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

File

NOTE FOR:

Connie

FROM : RON NESSEN

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Remind Ron of
Vermont Register
interview with the
IT
first of June



June 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR

FROM:

RON NESSEN

SUBJECT:

Promotion for Connie Gerrard

Attached are the forms which will give Connie Gerrard a promotion to a GS-13 and a change in job titles to Staff Assistant.

Connie, as you know, has been an invaluable assistant in this office to many Press Secretaries. She is knowledgeable and extremely capable in the handling of all matters pertaining to this office. Her experience, attitude and ability enables her to act not only as my staff assistant but in many instances to handoff the queries and screen the requests for Presidential actions equal or superior to any Assistant Press Secretary.

This in my opinion is the most justified promotion and change in title that I will ever send to your office.

Attachments

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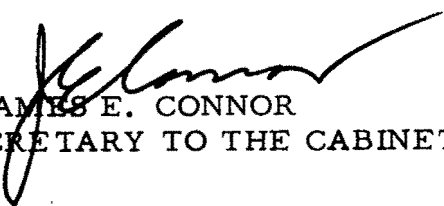
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE CABINET

SUBJECT: JUNE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The attached paper is forwarded for your guidance in making any comments on the unemployment rate to be announced today.


JAMES E. CONNOR
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

encl.



GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT JUNE
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(FOR USE AFTER 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JULY 3, WHEN A JUNE
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 8.6 PERCENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED)

We believe unemployment was, in fact, essentially unchanged from May to June. The drop in the figure from 9.2 in May to 8.6 in June, was caused by a statistical abnormality, which distorted both the May and the June figures. The May figure was too high and the June figure was too low. We believe that the average of 8.6 and 9.2 -- in other words about 8.9 -- is roughly the accurate unemployment figure for both May and June. The unemployment figure for April was also 8.9.

We expect the unemployment figure for July to be higher than 8.6.
So it would not be accurate to say that the June figure represented the start of a downward trend in unemployment.

But we are pleased that the unemployment rate has stopped rising and is essentially steady.

(In the Fall, a similar statistical quirk, involving "seasonal adjustment," may make it appear, incorrectly, that there is a jump in unemployment between September and October.)



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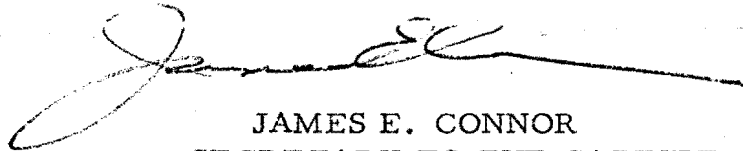
July 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE CABINET

SUBJECT: CABINET AGENDA ITEMS
MEETING JULY 16, 1975

The next meeting of the Cabinet is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Cabinet Room. I would appreciate receiving any suggestions you might have for agenda items by 12:00 noon on Monday, July 14th. If you wish to send your suggestion by phone, the direct number is 456-6697.



JAMES E. CONNOR
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET



THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: July 14, 1975

Time:

FOR ACTION: Jack Marsh
Ron Nessen ✓

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: TODAY - July 14, 1975

Time: NOON for sure

SUBJECT:

Henry Kissinger's Memo 7/14/75 re
Participation in Apollo-Soyuz Test Project

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☒ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☒ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

THIS NEEDS A QUICK TURN AROUND.

OK
RHRPLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.If you have any questions or if you anticipate a
delay in submitting the required material, please
telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.Jim Connor
For the President

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July 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Participation in Apollo-Soyuz Test Project

The Apollo and Soyuz launches are scheduled for July 15, with the Soyuz launch at 8:20 a.m. EST and the Apollo launch seven and a half hours later. In connection with the joint space mission, I recommend that you:

- send a pre-launch message to the Apollo and Soyuz crews (July 14);
- have a telephone conversation with both crews during the docked portion of the flight (July 17-19);
- send a congratulatory message to General Secretary Brezhnev on completion of the Soyuz flight (July 21);
- have a telephone conversation with the Apollo crew after they are on board the recovery carrier (July 24).

The messages would be released and the telephone conversations also made public. Additionally, the Soviets would be informed of your plans in the event General Secretary Brezhnev wished to participate in a parallel manner.

The pre-flight message to the crews and your post-flight message to Mr. Brezhnev are, respectively, Tab A and Tab B for your approval. Background information and talking points for your telephone conversations are being staffed separately.

Your messages have been cleared with Paul Theis.

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RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the messages at Tab A and Tab B.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENTIAL PRE-LAUNCH MESSAGE
TO US ASTRONAUTS AND SOVIET COSMONAUTS

To the Soyuz and Apollo Crews:

In a few short hours, you will be opening a new era in the exploration of space. Although others have gone before you, you will be blazing a new trail of international space cooperation. Never before have representatives of two countries lived and worked together in space. It is an historic occasion. I know you are proud to be playing such an important part in it.

As you make your final preparations for launching, I cannot help but think how far we have gone in space in such a short period of time. Less than two decades ago, Yuriy Gagarin and then John Glenn orbited the earth, realizing the dreams of Tsiolkovsky, Goddard and others who believed firmly that man could fly in space. Six years ago next Sunday, Apollo 11 brought the first men to the moon. This mission was followed by that of the Soviet automatic vehicle LUNOKHOD. Both brought back samples of the moon's surface, as a result of which our knowledge of earth's closest neighbor has expanded considerably.

Your flight represents another stage in man's efforts to further his understanding of his environment. It has already demonstrated something



else -- that the United States and the Soviet Union can cooperate in such an important endeavor. Since the Apollo-Soyuz project was agreed to three years ago, crews, scientists and specialists of both countries have worked diligently and productively, and in a spirit of cooperation, to bring us to where we are today. I am heartened by the example of dedication and cooperation you have displayed. I am confident your efforts and example will lead to further cooperation between our two countries.

The peoples of the world will be following your flight and epic joint mission with interest and enthusiasm. On behalf of the American people, I commend you for your courage and vision and wish you Godspeed and good luck.

THE WHITE HOUSE

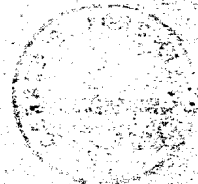
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

I have been following closely the progress of the Apollo and Soyuz flights. The successful linkup of both spaceships and the scientific work carried out by the crews during the docked portion were the culmination of years of hard work and cooperation by dedicated people in both our countries. They have every reason to be proud of their efforts.

This flight has written an exciting new chapter in the history of manned space exploration. It is proof that cooperation in space, involving the efforts and contributions of more than one country, is not only feasible but desirable. I am confident that the example of the Apollo and Soyuz crews will be followed by others and will result in greater contributions to scientific knowledge and better international understanding. I am equally confident that the Apollo-Soyuz flight is but the first step in continuing U.S. -Soviet cooperation in manned space activities.

Please convey my sincere congratulations to all of your colleagues who were instrumental in making the flight a success, and particularly to Colonel Leonov and Mr. Kubasov.



Their professional manner and skill were of the highest order. I look forward to the opportunity to extend my congratulations to them personally.

Once again, my warmest congratulations on the successful completion of the Soyuz flight.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Leonid I. Brezhnev
General Secretary of the Communist
Party of the Soviet Union
The Kremlin
Moscow



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES E. CONNOR
FROM: ROBERT T. HARTMANN
RONALD H. NESSEN *RHN*
SUBJECT: SUBSCRIPTIONS TO 32 NEWSPAPERS

As you know, the President has requested that his daily news summary contain a wide range of editorial viewpoints from newspapers throughout the United States.

A month or so ago, in an effort to save staff time and money, Jim Shuman cancelled subscriptions to 32 newspapers which had been only marginally fruitful in producing usable items for the President's daily news summary. Since then, he has been able to find a way to cover those papers using volunteer help. This will enable him to check them for items for NEWS & COMMENT and also to help him in preparation of the President's news conference briefing books, in preparation for the President's meetings with out-of-town editors, and in filling requests from other White House staff for information and clippings from regional newspapers.

This morning Jim Shuman received a memo from David Hoopes informing him his proposal to renew the subscriptions was disapproved.

We would like the subscriptions on the attached list renewed.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES B. SHUMAN
FROM: DAVID C. HOOPES
SUBJECT: Subscriptions to 32 newspapers

Your memorandum of July 10 requested that subscriptions be renewed to about 32 newspapers that were cancelled about a month ago. You reported that one of the reasons for continuing the subscriptions was for the political benefit of maintaining them in view of inquiries from several newspapers asking why they were cancelled a month ago. You proposed to store them in EOB 456 and occasionally check them for usable items.

We've checked into the cost of new subscriptions to all newspapers and find that your proposal will cost about \$900 per year. We cannot justify the expenditure of these funds and the proposal was, therefore, disapproved.

cc: William Greener
Robert Linder



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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RONALD H. NESSEN *RHN*

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MAX (for RTH)

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Letters to be addressed to the Circulation Manager for each of
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Atlanta Journal

Minneapolis Tribune

Baltimore News American

Omaha World Herald

Birmingham News

Portland (Me.) Press Herald

Charleston News Courier

Richmond News Leader

Columbus Evening Dispatch

St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Dallas Times Herald

Salt Lake Tribune

Daily Oklahoman

San Francisco Chronicle

Austin American-Statesman

Tampa Tribune

Jacksonville Journal

Youngstown Vindicator

Indianapolis Star

Grand Rapids Press

Lansing State Journal

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

7/21/75

Mr. Nessen:

As you know, Mr. Hartmann is out of the city until tomorrow morning. In his absence, I have asked Paul Theis to initial this Memorandum to Dr. Connor on Mr. Hartmann's behalf.

Neta Messersmith
Personal Secretary
to Counsellor Hartmann



July 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CONNOR ✓
JIM ROGERS

FROM: RON NESSEN

SUBJECT: Bob Passwaters Temporary Press Advanceman

Bob Passwaters has served as a Press Advanceman on President Ford's last two foreign trips. His services are invaluable to advance press arrangements made for the President's trips and I would like to request his services as a consultant.

Would you please arrange payment of \$76.93 per day for his services as Consultant for the period July 17, 1975, through August 7, 1975.

I would appreciate action on this request as soon as possible to ensure minimum amount of delay in reimbursing Mr. Passwaters upon completion of the President's trip.

Thank you for your help.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CONNOR

FROM: RON NESSEN

RAV

I have drafted this letter at the President's request in reply to a letter from various correspondents' groups requesting a change in press coverage arrangements for social events. The letter reflects the President's views.

If you will send in this draft for any revisions by the President and return it to me, I will have final copies typed for his signature.

D R A F T

Dear Helen, (Bonner), (Peggy),

I have read and considered your recent thoughtful letter concerning press coverage of social receptions here at the White House.

Ron Nessen has relayed to you my feeling that it is useful for me to have an occasional opportunity to chat privately with guests at the White House. This gives me a chance to listen to the views of Americans from all walks of life, many of whom have helpful suggestions or observations. This is part of my determination to open up the White House and to keep in touch with the views of my fellow Americans. I have felt it would be best to conduct these frank conversations at receptions without the possible inhibiting presence of notebooks or microphones.

As your letter states, we have made considerable strides in improving access by reporters at the White House, and I think you know my own fondness for and appreciation of the many hard-working reporters who cover the White House.

However, I do find your letter persuasive, and therefore I have told Ron to make a change in the coverage arrangements for social receptions at the White House on a trial basis. We will allow a small pool of reporters to circulate at the social receptions. But the pool of reporters should not

interview or listen in on the private conversations of either Mrs. Ford or me while we are talking with guests at these receptions.

I'm happy to try out this arrangement to see if it meets your coverage needs, and at the same time preserves my opportunity to listen to the views of my visitors.

Sincerely,

HELEN THOMAS, *President -*
United Press International
LAWRENCE M. O'ROURKE, *Vice President*
Philadelphia Bulletin
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July 8, 1975

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply concerned by the erosion of coverage of social events at The White House in your Administration, which from the start promised to be open and candid.

In so many areas, you have made good on this pledge. We note with regret, therefore, the decision, announced by your Press Secretary, to close all Presidential receptions to coverage.

This is unprecedented in the modern Presidency. In the past reporters have always been permitted to cover these official events, which give an insight into the human side of the Presidency.

We firmly believe these are newsworthy functions through which the American people can share in this aspect of the Presidency.

Under the present system, the Press is barred from covering anything beyond the formal remarks. This seems to us to be management of news and closes off one of the historic areas of White House news coverage. It also results in distorted reports from third-hand sources after the event.

We, of course, are not referring to personal, family parties, but only to those functions of an official nature.

We earnestly hope that you will reconsider this policy, bearing in mind Mrs. Ford's frequently expressed sentiment that "This house belongs to the public and we want to share it with as many people as possible."

Sincerely,

Helen Thomas
The White House Correspondents Associations
Bonnie H. Karp
The Society for Professional Journalists



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR

FROM:

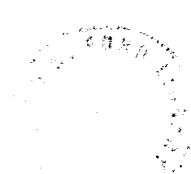
RON NESSEN

The President asked me to draft the attached letter responding to several correspondent groups who are requesting a change in coverage arrangements at White House social receptions. The attached draft reflects the President's thoughts on this matter.

If you will send the draft back to me with any changes made by the President, I will have the final letter prepared for his signature.

Attachment

RN/pp



DRAFT


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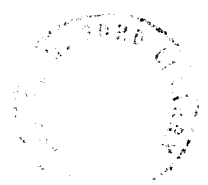
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I believe this new system will work if the pool of reporters will agree not to interview me or my principal guests during these receptions, and will respect my opportunity to conduct private conversations at these receptions.

I believe this compromise will meet your coverage needs and at the same time will preserve my opportunity to listen to the views of my visitors.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DON RUMSFELD

FROM: RON NESSEN *RAN*

Attached find a letter given to me for presentation to the President from the White House Correspondents Association complaining about our rule against press coverage of private receptions in the State Dining Room.

The Correspondents Association would like the letter brought to the President's attention and would like a reply. I will certainly be asked at my next briefing whether I gave the letter to the President, and if so what his reaction was.

Please advise how I should handle this in terms of showing it to the President and getting a reply.

Just to refresh your memory, we do allow open press coverage of Presidential remarks to groups invited to the White House East Room. But at the President's request, the reporters are not allowed to follow him and the groups when they adjourn to the State Dining Room for refreshments and conversation. The President made this request that the receptions be kept closed after he found he could not conduct a conversation without notebooks and microphones being thrust into his face.

Personally I believe the President's decision to keep the receptions closed to reporters is a proper one, and we should stick with it. We have opened up press coverage in this White House; for one thing reporters again are being invited to social events as guests. I believe the President should be allowed, and he specifically wants, a few brief minutes now and then to chat privately with his guests without reporters listening in to every word.



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TALKING POINTS REGARDING COVERAGE
OF WHITE HOUSE SOCIAL EVENTS

7/17/75

1. In the Nixon Administration and probably in previous Administrations, reporters were allowed to mingle with guests after the dinners, but because of the formal reception line, they really were not in a position to hear or overhear conversations between the President and his guests.
2. This President, in an attempt to actually engaged in meaningful conversations with his guests and to introduce a more informal atmosphere in the after dinner reception, has done away with the formal receiving line. He prefers to actually mingle with the guests.
3. In that sense, the President has ~~has~~^{really} opened the White House up to greater dialogue than in the past.
4. But it seems to me, and I think most people would agree, that the President is just as entitled to have a private conversation with a dinner in the Blue Room guest as he is to have a private conversation with an official guest in the Oval Office.
5. No one in this room would accuse the President of ducking the press. On the contrary, his record of Press Conferences and interviews far outstrips anything done in the recent Administrations.
6. At the present time, we plan no change in the coverage of the post dinner reception for foreign visitors in which a press pool is allowed to mingle with the guests.

JWH

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1975

TO: DICK CHENEY
RON NESSEN
JACK ROBERTS - HELSINKI

FROM: JIM CONNOR

Attached is a statement released by Frank Zarb tonight on the Congressional action disapproving the President's decontrol plan. It was cleared here by Lynn, Marsh and Rumsfeld.

Attached also for Cheney is an information memorandum prepared by Frank Zarb on the situation.

Attachments (2)



Statement by Frank Zarb - July 30, 1975

We are extremely disappointed that the Congress disapproved the President's compromise plan to decontrol domestic oil over a 39-month period. That plan represented yet another attempt on the part of the Administration to demonstrate bi-partisan cooperation in the design, and implementation of a National Energy policy.

With foreign oil producers scheduled to meet shortly on oil pricing, it is unfortunate that a majority of the Congress is not willing to make the hard choices needed to lessen this Nation's dependence on foreign oil.

This Nation can afford no further delay in establishing a firm energy policy. Our increasing vulnerability leaves no choice but to act now. At the President's direction, FEA is making necessary preparations for an orderly transition upon expiration of the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act on August 31.





FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

July 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK G. ZARB *8*

SUBJECT: HOUSE ACTION ON DECONTROL

As you remember last week the House rejected both the Krueger and Eckhardt pricing provisions and left H.R. 7014 without any decontrol program.

Today, the House considered and passed a Staggers amendment. This provision rolls back the price of new and released oil to \$7.50 per barrel, but provides that (high cost) oil can sell for as much as \$10.00 per barrel. Old oil prices will remain at \$5.25 per barrel. The amount of old oil under controls would not be reduced by a fixed percentage each month. It would only decline as old oil reservoirs are depleted. This could take ten years or more.

The net effect of this provision, which was only narrowly accepted by the House, would be to perpetuate old oil as well as establish three other tiers. The net effect is a roll back in domestic petroleum prices which could increase imports by 500,000 barrels per day in 1977. It would also be an administrative nightmare and a disincentive to domestic production.

The House has also defeated your Administration compromise program by a vote of 228 to 189. Attached is a copy of a statement I released in Washington tonight.

Attachment

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1975

TO: WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM: JIM CONNOR

Frank Zarb has asked that we bring your attention to the
attached articles from today's Baltimore Sun and Chicago Tribune.

Attachments



Analysis

Politics decided House energy debate

By STEPHEN E. NORDLINGER
Washington Bureau of The Sun

Analysis

Politics decided energy debate

Chicago Tribune

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If oil price controls end

Confrontation Over Oil

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

8-7-75

NOTE FOR: *Jim Conner*,

FROM : RON NESSEN

*Not necessary to
return call*

R.N.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR 

While the President was overseas a Mr. Robert C. Robbins (Radio KFQD, Fairbanks Alaska) called him from Alaska. The call was not completed either by the President or a member of the Presidential Party.

Do you think it is necessary to return Mr. Robbins call?
If you want to call Mr. Robbins the number is Area Code 412 - 452-1234.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

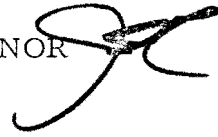
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

DOROTHY DOWNTON

FROM:

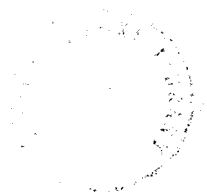
JAMES CONNOR 

The attached original cartoon by Ed Gamble of the Nashville Banner was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"Please have Dorothy Downton have it
framed for my private office."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld
Ron Nessen ✓



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 11, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: FRANK G. ZARB
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*
SUBJECT: ENERGY PRESS EVENTS FOR AUGUST

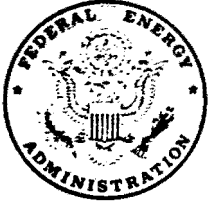
The President has reviewed your memorandum of August 8th
and made the following notation.

"O.K. "

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld
Jerry Jones
Ron Nessen ✓





THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

August 8, 1975

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK G. ZARB *F. G. ZARB*
SUBJECT: ENERGY PRESS EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Listed below is the suggested timing of major press events during the month of August.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
This week	1. No new statements raised on President's previously stated intention (99.9%) to veto the extension. Indicate that the President is examining various options to help ensure orderly transition during the post decontrol period.
Friday, August 15	1. Presidential announcement at Vail that if veto is sustained import fees will be removed. 2. Zarb and Greenspan brief press at Vail on energy and economic impacts. 3. FEA holds backgrounder for Washington press on same subject.
Thurs., August 22	1. Zarb holds press conference on natural gas <u>problem</u> and indicates that President is reviewing options.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Aug. 27-Sept. 3	1. Major Presidential TV address on energy. The extension could be vetoed at this time. Discussion of why a bold U.S. energy program is needed including the need for de-control. Also announce comprehensive program to deal with natural gas shortage and other initiatives, if appropriate.

You will have several occasions in coming weeks to emphasize (in a general but firm way) this nation's need to put its energy house in order. They are as follows.

Monday, August 18	Oil Shale Site Visit, Rifle, Colorado
Tuesday, August 19	Media Breakfast, Minneapolis Peoria White House Conference
Monday, August 25	White House Conference, Milwaukee
Saturday, August 30	AFL/CIO in Augusta, Maine

Alan Greenspan and Ron Nessen concur with the above outline. If you approve, we will assure that speech writers receive necessary material.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

RONALD NESSEN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

White House Swimming Pool

The President has invited you to use the White House Swimming Pool as an exercise facility between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

If you wish to use the pool, please check below and return this memorandum to my office. I will then forward a copy of the regulations to you.

☒ I intend to use the pool

☐ I do not intend to use the pool

*Sent to Connor
via Courier from
Vail 8-15-75
C.G.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 19, 1975

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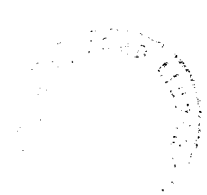
MEMORANDUM FOR: PAUL H. O'NEILL
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *je*
SUBJECT: . Meeting the 40,000
Employment Reduction

The President has reviewed your memorandum of August 13 and made the following comments:

"Congratulations --- Should Ron Nessen
make an announcement"

For your information, these comments were passed to Ron Nessen at Vail for possible announcement to Press. As of this writing no announcement has been made.

cc: Don Rumsfeld
Ron Nessen ✓



August 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES CONNOR ✓

FROM: RON NESSEN

SUBJECT: RNC Air Travel Cards

**Would you please issue air travel cards for Press Advancemen
David R. Wendell and Arnold C. Noel. They are on the road
without break in advance of all Presidential trips, both domestic
and international.**

RHN jc



August 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR DICK CHENEY

THROUGH: JIM CONNOR ✓
FROM: RON NESSEN
SUBJECT: Press Advanceman David Wendell

Per our conversation following the Europe trip, I have authorized Eric Rosenberger to hire a new Press Advanceman. David Wendell has done advance work for Red Caveney, is familiar with the operation and has worked with Eric Rosenberger as a press advanceman on the President's most recent domestic trip through Montana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

David Wendell assumed his responsibilities effective August 20, 1975, and I would like his pay to reflect this action. David will be leaving Washington to advance several domestic trips on Wednesday, August 27, therefore, it will be most helpful to expedite all necessary paper work to bring him on the White House rolls today.

When all the personnel actions are completed within the Press Office, our staff level will be down to 38, which leaves one open slot allotted to the Press Office staff. We may decide in the future to use this slot to hire an additional advanceman.

RHN:jc



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR



Your memorandum of August 27 concerning the new format for the White House Conferences was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

" Wonderful -- I like our format and let's do it at every opportunity. "

cc: Don Rumsfeld
Jerry Jones



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

RON NESSEN

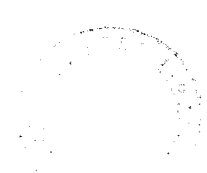
FROM:

JIM CONNOR *jc*

The President reviewed your memorandum of August 26 concerning the latest issue of The Fulton County News and made the following notation:

"Such items are well worth the effort."

cc: Don Rumsfeld



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*- Save for
reference*

August 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RONALD NESSEN

FROM: JAMES. E CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT: White House Swimming Pool

As a result of your response to my memorandum of August 12th extending the President's invitation to use the White House Swimming Pool, I am enclosing a copy of the regulations which govern such use of the pool. The bath house and pool will be available for your use effective 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 2, 1975.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 1975

REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE WHITE HOUSE SWIMMING POOL

1. The pool will be available for use until September 15th.
2. Authorized individuals may use the pool from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a. m. Monday through Saturday.
3. Use of the pool is for the purpose of physical exercise rather than recreation.
4. Food and beverages are not permitted in the pool area.
5. Bath house facilities are provided and individuals using the pool should change at the bath house. Entrance to the bath house and pool will be via the South West Gate.
6. The normal rules of water safety are to be observed. Individuals using the pool should be particularly aware, however, that they may be swimming in an unguarded pool.
7. Prior to entering and after leaving the pool area, individuals should report to Executive Protection Service Control Center on Extension 2581 (456-2581).
8. The pool will not be open on Sundays when members of the First Family are in Washington.
9. Individuals authorized to use the pool are not allowed to bring guests.

