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May 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DICK CHENEY

FROM:

Attached is material concerning New York City's financial position which the President asked for. This information

position which the President asked for. This information was provided by New York City and is not as extensive as we had requested. In most cases there are no forward projections and some key data is provided for five years rather than ten years as requested.

However, even with sketchy information, the picture is still bleak. The expense budget is up dramatically over the last five years. Wages have increased over a ten year period at an awesome rate and the cash flow requirements to service their debt is almost 10 percent of the operating budget. Since these are New York City numbers which have not been analyzed by the Domestic Council or OMB, the City's position may be put in a better light than it actually is.

Attached at Tab A is the original material supplied to the President by Dunham suggesting things that the City might do to improve their own financial position.

Attachment.

WASHINGTON

May 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO:

JERRY JONES

FROM:

R. L. DUNHAM

SUBJECT:

New York City Finances

I have attached for your use material that you requested of Jim Cannon by your note of May 12, 1975, concerning fiscal information relating to City of New York that the President requested.

The material was prepared by city officials and is incomplete, particularly in regard to projections of revenues and expenditures for the next five years.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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MELVIN N. I FCHNER, Durant of the finder

May 12, 1975

Honorable Richard Dunham Deputy Director Domestic Council Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dunham:

In accordance with your telephone request, please find the enclosed data which you requested.

EXPENSE BUDGET AS MODIFIED

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1-71	8.2	4.6	1.7	1.3	0.5	0.1
-72	9.1	5.0	1.8	1.6	0.4	0.3
-73	10.1	5.5	1.9	2.0	0.5	0.2
-74	11.1	6.1	2.1	1.8	0.8	0.3
-75	13.1	7.0	2.4	2.3	1.2	0.2

NOTE: The operating budget for 1975-76 has not been finalized which makes it difficult to accurately project requirements for future years.

CAPITAL BUDGET FUNDING (in millions)

	CITY	FUNDS			dr. and bridge and	Commence of the Commence of th
CAL AR	DEBT LIMIT	EXEMPT	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	TOTAL,
5-66 6-67 7-68 8-69 9-70 0-71 1-72 2-73 3-74 4-75 5-76	500.5 137.0 560.6 503.3 728.6 301.4 827.3 1,015.2 1,141.4 *914.6 **792.8	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	71.5 123.6 220.7 245.7 194.7 348.4 349.9 285.5 123.6 49.3 240.9	1.2 13.7 59.4 60.0 132.6 74.8 106.2 226.6 783.4 326.2 340.1	1.5 1.6 2.5 3.7 2.9 9.1 4.0 4.0	664.3 677.8 1,035.5 928.0 1,136.2 1,827.9 1,622.1 1,857.5 2,267.0 1,439.3* 1,630.3**

Does not include \$320.4 millions Outside Certification Does not include \$400.0 millions Outside Certification

RATIOS OF POSITIONS BUDGETED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE CITY

	*Total Employment New York City	**Positions in New York City Budget	% of Total
1970-71	3,677,000	303,244	8,2%
1971-72	3,585,000	298,458	8.3
1972~73	3,554,000	296,415	8.3
1973-74	3,525,000	305,340	8.7
1974-75	3,459,600	308,441	8.9

NOTE: In projecting the tentative Executive Budget for 1975-76 it is estimated there will be a reduction of 35,082 positions from July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1976.

^{*} Source: N.Y. State Department of Labor

^{**} Source: Adopted Budget for the respective Fiscal Year

	Fiscal	Fiscal		CHAR	The second secon
	1964	1974	<u>Al</u>	solute	5
Average wage of N.Y.C. Employees (members of 5 Ret. Systems)	\$ 7,130	\$13,147	\$	6,017	848
Average Wage of N.Y.C. Employees excluding Policemen, Firemen and Teachers	\$ 6,246	\$11,281	\$	5,035	818
Wage of Teacher (B.A. only: Max.)	\$11,025	\$16,650	\$	5,625	51%
Wage of Policeman and Fireman at maximum	\$ 8,098	\$15,250	\$	7,152	888
Average Pension Contri- bution (average of 5 Ret. Systems)	\$ 1,007	\$ 1,995	Ş	988	988
Average Fringe Denefit Cost (all U.S.) per Employee per year*	\$ 1,683	\$ 3,802	Ş	2,119	126%
Average Pension Cost (all U.S.) per Employee per year (included in Fringe Benefit Cost)*	\$ 328	\$ 922	\$	· . 594	181%
Consumer Price Index (Bureau of Labor Statistics)	92.8	154.7		61.9	€7%

^{*} U.S. Chamber of Commerce Data is for 1963-1973

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May 30, 1975	-	\$ 14.2	BAN
June 11, 1975	200.0	9.6	JAN
June 11, 1975	187.0	12.8	TAN
June 11, 1975	115,0	5.5	TAS
June 11, 1975	280.0	12.1	RAN
June 25, 1975	249.0	5.3	BAN
June 30, 1975	378.0	8-4	RAN
August 22, 1978	141.0	10.7	BAN
August 22, 1975	GDO,O	40,0	RAN
September 11, 1975	46.0	1.8	BAN
September 15, 1975	400 O	33,6	RAN
October 17, 1975	4211.4	30.7	BAN
November 10, 1975	250 0	20,7	RAN
December 11, 1975	400,0	37.8	RAN
December 17, 1975	30.0	1.8	URN
January 12, 1976	620.0	58.1	RAN
January 13, 1976	200.6	18.8	BAN
February 13, 1976	290.0	21.8	RAN
March 12, 1975	341.3	29.7	BAN
March 12, 1976		13.1	BAN
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1976	962.6	16.8	421.9	1401.3	
1977	856.8	15.7	356,2	1228.7	
L978	640.7	14.1	297.1	951.9	
197 9	499.0	13.1	255.3	767.4	
F380	342.9	12.6	223.5	579.0	
L981	303.4	7.8	191.4	502.6	•
1982	270.7	6.3	169.9	446.9	
1983	251.4	5.9	154.2	411.5	
1984	231.2	5.9	140.0	377.1	
1985	210.3	5,9	126.9	343.1	
1986	198.3	5.9	115.0	319.2	

May 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JERRY JOY

I understand that the President will be meeting with Governor Carey and Mayor Beame at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday. The President has asked for the following information for his use in this meeting:

- 1) New York City operating budget revenues and expenditures for the last ten years and projections for the next five years.
- 2) The same information as requested in #1 for the capital budget.
- 3) The ratio of persons employed by the City of New York to the total city population over the last ten years as well as a projection over the next five.
- 4) Actual and percentage increases in wages and pensions for City employees over the last ten years. Also, the relationship between increases in wages in pension benefits for City employees and the increase in the cost of living in New York City.
- 5) A status report of their short-term and long-term debt showing outstanding amounts, payment schedules, projected short falls, etc.

Mayor Beame should know that the President has requested this information and that the President wants to discuss these matters with them during the meeting.

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

DICK DUNHAM

SUBJECT:

New York City Financing

I have attached a list of proposed items.

I am stopping in the State capital in Albany to get additional information and more specific items from Dick Wiebe. These will include a memorandum from the Citizens Budget Expenditure Review and others.

I will be available at home in the middle of the afternoon. Art Quern is up to date on this effort.

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO:

JAMES CANNON

FROM:

R. I. DUNHAM

SUBJECT:

NYC Financial Problem

As you requested, I have listed below some of the items that the City and/or the State can do to help resolve the City's fiscal problems.

The figures are only estimates based on my recollection, and they should not be used by anyone until I get more precise estimates.

This list is illustrative and not comprehensive.

- 2. Reduce work force. Say 10,000 employees. average salary \$11,000 fringe benefits 3,300 \$14,300

	10,000 x \$14,300	143
3.	Raise subway fares \$0.05 From .35 to .40	50
4.	Tolls on East River Bridges	50
5.	Charge Day Care according to Federal standards	15
6.	Reduce City University salaries to State University salary rates	10

_		\$ million
7.	Renegotiate employee contracts to require partial 20% contribution of employees to the retirement	200
8.	Reduction in primary and secondary education costs	100
9.	State takeover of city court system	120
10.	State takeover of correction system (tax levy cost)	90
11.	Reduction in levels of free hospital services (\$340 million tax levy)	100
12.	No increase in pay levels under pending negotiations	350-400.