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of the things  
Mr. Bucher  
said should  
go through Tom.

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NOTE FOR PHIL BUCHEN

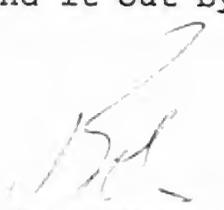
This is the communication to the Federal Regional Councils which we discussed briefly over the telephone on Wednesday. The Regional Directors of the domestic departments and agencies are generally appointed by their respective Secretaries. One of their number in each region is formally designated by the President as the Chairman of the Federal Regional Council, a collegial body whose purpose is to coordinate Federal programs and activities in the field.

The current chairmen were appointed in June for FY 1975. Several have been calling in to ask whether they should submit their resignations. My office is their principal point of contact in the Executive Office of the President.

The attached memorandum is intended to communicate more directly to them what I believe the President has been saying to the incumbent appointees in Washington. Before sending it out, I wanted to be sure you concurred in its spirit and language. Naturally, if you felt that an official closer to the President should sign it, that would be fine.

I would like to be able to send it out by COB Friday.

Thanks very much.

  
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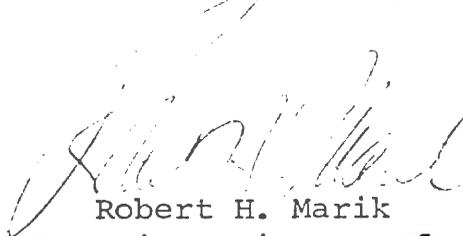
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MEMORANDUM FOR FEDERAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMEN

As you know, President Ford has demonstrated his commitment to New Federalism by his recent White House meetings with representatives of the governors, mayors and county officials. In those meetings, as well as on other occasions, he has clearly set the tone of communication and coordination. These are the areas in which the Federal Regional Councils are uniquely equipped to represent the new Administration, as you have done so well in prior years.

The President has asked that each of us, as appointed officials, not submit a pro forma resignation, but stay on to support him and maintain the continuity of government during this difficult transition period. I hope that all of you will join with me in rededicating ourselves to the tasks which have been set for the Federal Regional Councils and in our responsiveness to the leadership of President Ford.



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