

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1974

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TRANSITION TEAM

FROM: Tom Whitehead



These are the memoranda on legislative and substantive policy direction being sent to the President in the next few days by Ken Cole, Roy Ash, and Bill Timmons. Those with an asterisk are action memoranda, the remainder are for the President's information. I have copies of the current drafts of these memoranda.

If any of you know of any problems, potential pitfalls, or interesting opportunities for the "Ford Imprint" in these areas, please let me know, and we will arrange for an input to the President through Ken Cole, Al Haig, or directly to the President.

Attachment

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1. Agriculture-Environmental and Consumer Protection Appropriation Act, 1975
2. Campaign Reform Legislation
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5. ERDA (Energy Research and Development Administration); Status of Legislation to create
6. Freedom of Information Act Amendments (H.R. 12471)
- Action* 7. Juvenile Delinquency Legislation (S. 821) *oppose; veto?*
- Action* 8. Mass Transit *oppose present HR 12859*
- Action* 9. National Health Insurance *support principle, no federalization (RSP pro.)*
- Action* 10. OEO Community Action Program *no change of Admin position*
11. Omnibus Housing Bill of 1974 .
- Action* (12) Private Pension Reform Legislation - "Employee Retirement Income Security Act, H. R. 2" *oppose*
- Action* 13. Safe Drinking Water Legislation *And to see Rhodes; oppose House bill*
14. Surface Mining
- Action* 15. Veterans Education Bill *and oppose tuition provisions (veto?)*
- Action* 16. White House Authorization Bill *present course, go along*

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August 12, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

CLAY WHITEHEAD

FROM:

ROY L. ASH

Attached is the information which you requested. To some degree it is duplicated by a series of 15 one-page decision and information memoranda which were delivered to Al Haig this evening. Those items that are marked with an asterisk are likely to need a decision within the next two weeks.

We stand ready to follow this written material with oral briefings.

Attachment

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Kept - made
copy for Secretary*

Early Options
for Ford Imprint

Personal Touches:

1. Trip to Grand Rapids (Labor Day, Veterans Day?)
2. What he does with his friends
3. Visit with top civil servants (careers, pay, etc.)
4. Regional listening sessions
(instead of campaigning)
(2-3 days in one place; TV talk show for several communities;
minimum rallies; few speeches)
5. Swimming pool/golf
6. Visit with young people (perhaps selected by the President's
children or at their schools)
7. Meeting his new neighbors in the District of Columbia
8. George Meany's birthday party, Friday, August 16
9. Meet with old Vice Presidential staff
10. August 28 luncheon with Mansfield and Murphy Committee
(should be prepared to have something to say, but the main
purpose is to indicate willingness to go meet the Congress.)
11. Swear in a few early appointees, e.g., Greenspan, Carlson,
etc. (indicates awareness of importance of sub-Cabinet)

Early Options
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Issues:

1. Amnesty
2. Economic policy "summit"
3. Waiver of blanket executive privilege -- early or with reorganization
4. Cuba
5. Privacy
6. Cable -- launch major debate
7. Sharing his education on the economy and/or energy
8. Bicentennial (?)
9. Meet with education leaders on signing Education Bill
10. New imprint on consumer problems on the occasion of signing the Consumer Protection Bill

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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

FROM: Clay T. Whitehead

SUBJECT: Transition Team interaction with the White House Staff
on substantive policy matters

1. Transition Team should not allow itself to become, or be seen by Congress and the agencies, as a "fix-it" group.
2. Any serious problems the group perceives as to how the White House Staff or OMB are handling specific matters will be discussed at the 7:45 staff meeting. Based on that discussion, Mr. Rumsfeld will raise the items with the President. If the President agrees that work needs to be done to achieve the "Ford Imprint," Mr. Rumsfeld will communicate this back to the Team for appropriate action.
3. The same procedure outlined in Item 2 above applies to handling of positive initiatives the Team wishes to suggest to the President.
4. The principal contact between the Team and the rest of the Government on these matters will be between Mr. Whitehead and Ken Cole, Executive Director of the Domestic Council. It is important that the group not interact broadly with the White House Staff, OMB, and the agencies in following up on any of these items. We will rely on the Domestic Council staff coordinating process to implement whatever it is that the President has directed. Similarly, our point of contact on economic matters will be Sid Jones in Mr. Rush's office, and Mr. Seidman will have responsibility for that liaison.