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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary of Agriculture

Date: August 15, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

- ~~XXX~~ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
~~XXXXX~~ _____ Undersigned's signature.
_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
_____ Direct reply.
_____ Furnish information copy.
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Room 218, OEOB, Domestic Council

Description:

_____ Letter: ~~XXX~~ Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: Iowa Soybean Association Executive Board Judson B. Seeley

Date: August 13, 1974

Subject: Continue to communicate with Secretary Butz. They think very favorably of him.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

*Don Butz was
actually referred.*

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Earl L. Butz
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Date: August 16, 1974

received
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Description:

____ Letter: ☒ Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: Jim Buck Ross

Date: August 13, 1974

Subject: Concerned about the Corn Production.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



Clayton Yutter

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Description:

~~xx~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President

From: Happy Camp

Date: August 2, 1974

Subject: Help dairy farmers with their financial situation.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Completed
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To: Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary of Agriculture

Date: August 16, 1974

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: Jerry Ford then V. P.
From: Stanley M. Powell
Date: August 6, 1974
Subject: The drastic cut in Milk prices.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: Honorable Earl L. Butz
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Date: August 16, 1974

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President

From: Harold Montgomery - Vice President Webster Farm Bureau

Date: August 1, 1974

Subject: Stop imports of beef and stop exporting grain and protein

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary of Agriculture

Date: August 20, 1974

Answered
Sept 3

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **President Ford**

From: **C. William Swank Executive of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.**

Date: **August 9, 1974**

Subject: **favoring an increase in the price support for milk**

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary of Agriculture

Date: August 20, 1974

Completed
Sept 10 -
File out to
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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: President Ford
From: W. R. Tildon President American Soybean Association
Date: August 14, 1974
Subject: doesn't want export embargoes on soybeans.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: The Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary
Department of the Agriculture

Date: August 29, 1974

Sent to
W.H.F.
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Description:

~~XX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President
From: Robert J. Williams, Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture
Date: August 14, 1974
Subject: They are opposed to complete and total export embargoes of any kind.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: The Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: August 29, 1974

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Sept 27-
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Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:
To: President Ford
From: Richard J. Lamers
Date: August 16, 1974
Subject: He is involved in a case regarding Federal Milk Marketing Orders

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: August 29, 1974

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Room 218, OEOB, Domestic Council

Description:

~~XXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Garey L. O'Gwin

Date: August 29, 1974

Subject: Concerned about the food prices.

By direction of the President:

Adm. Sec.
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Completed &
sent to W.H.F.
Oct 3-

To: Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: August 29, 1974

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Description:

~~XXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: Jim Falk
From: Pete Schabaram, Supervisor, First District
Date: June 27, 1974
Subject: Concerned about the Food Stamp Problem; also the House Public Works Committee relegate of Federal funds.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: The Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: August 29, 1974

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: President Ford
From: David H. Clegg
Date: August 16, 1974
Subject: Suggesting an immediate crash program of planting basic grain crops in the southern hemisphere and semi-tropical countries wherever the area is suitable for rapid development.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: **Honorable Earl L. Butz**
Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: **August 29, 1974**

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☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **President**
From: **Senator Talmadge**
Date: **August 14, 1974**
Subject: **Concerned about food prices and also food exporting**

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

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~~XXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President
From: John E. Moss, Member of Congress
Date: August 16, 1974
Subject: He wants no massive foreign purchases to be made. (re: wheat sale)

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Received
Sent out
Sept 20 -
W.H.O.

To: Don Brock
Executive Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: September 3, 1974

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Description:

~~XX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: George Voth, Executive Vice President of M Far-Mar-Co., Inc.

Date: August 26, 1974

Subject: the Task Force's attempt to modify the Capper-Vdstead Act is unwarranted and unjustified.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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~~XXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: T. Edward Strinko

Date: August 17, 1974

Subject: asking for the replacement of Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Completed
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WHF
Oct 3

To: Mr. Richard L. Feltoner
Assistant Secretary for Marketing
and Consumer Services
Department of Agriculture

Date: September 3, 1974

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford
From: Harold M. Williams, President of Poultry and Egg Institute of America
Date: August 28, 1974
Subject: Wants to keep the market open abroad for trading poultry and eggs.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Robert Long**
Assistant Secretary for
Conservation, Research, and Education

Date: **September 4, 1974**

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~~xxx~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: **President Ford**
From: **Philip Handler, President of National Academy of Sciences**
Date: **August 28, 1974**
Subject: **Report the termination of the Argentine-United States Joint Commission on Food-and-Mouth Disease (FMD).**

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Clayton Yeutter
Assistant Secretary for International
Affairs and Commodity Programs

Date: September 4, 1974

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~~XX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Dick Shoup, Member of Congress

Date: August 21, 1974

Subject: Returned to the 1964 Beef Import Law.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

August 28, 1974

Dear Dick:

I would like to thank you for your August 21 letter to the President with the enclosed House Resolution 1179 which you introduced.

As you know, the President has asked for a comprehensive review of previous programs and policies, and I will make certain that your request with respect to beef import quotas is called to his attention. I will also see that your views on this matter receive early consideration by the persons who have the substantive responsibility for advising him in this area.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Dick Shoup
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Ken Cole/Norm Ross for further draft reply

MLF:EF:st



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Completed
Sent to
WHF.
Oct 3 -

To: Mr. Donald E. Brock
Executive Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: September 5, 1974

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Ross., Room 218, OEOB, Domestic Council, Telephone 456-6554

Description:

~~XX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford
From: Mrs. Arthur Abbate
Date: August 28, 1974
Subject: supplying suggestions for the escalating costs of food.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter
Assistant Secretary for International
Affairs and Commodity Programs

Date: September 5, 1974

*we didn't
take action
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fact
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Description:

_____ Letter: ~~xxxx~~ Telegram: Other:

To: President

From: Senator Daniel K. Inouye

Date: August 28, 1974

Subject: High price of sugar.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

**DRAFT REPLY TO TELEGRAM FROM SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUYE
REGARDING THE SUSPENSION OF SUGAR QUOTAS**

Thank you for your telegram urging President Ford not to lift quotas for the balance of 1974. This matter has been widely discussed. Your recommendations as well as a number of other views have been considered. It has been decided not to suspend quotas.

Representatives of the Department of Agriculture have discussed the alternatives, including suspension of quotas, with leaders of the Congress.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

10/4
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sent to WHF

To: Honorable Richard L. Feltner
Ass't. Sec. for Marketing & Consumer Services
Dept. of Agriculture

Date: Sept. 10, 1974

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REMARKS: Please prepare draft response to attached telegram and return entire file to Norman Ross, Room 218, OEOB, Domestic Council in the White House.

Description:

____ Letter: ☒ Telegram: Other:

To: The President
From: CONGRESSMAN Peter A. Peyser
Date: Sept. 3, 1974
Subject: Halt purchase of \$30 million worth of Tobacco by Agriculture Dept.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross

Assistant Director, Domestic Council

tele:
456-6554



(White House Suspense Copy)

Received
Sept 9.
agw

September 4, 1974

Dear Peter:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your September 3 telegram to the President urging that immediate action be taken to halt purchase of \$30 million worth of tobacco by the Agriculture Department under PL 480.

I shall see that your message is called to the early attention of the President and his agricultural advisors.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

**Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant
to the President**

**The Honorable Peter A. Poyser
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515**

✓ let w/incoming to Norm Ross - for further DRAFT reply

MLF:EF:jk



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Mr. Don Brock**
Executive Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: **September 11, 1974**

ACTION REQUESTED

~~XXXXX~~ Draft reply for:

_____ President's signature.

~~XXXXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

_____ Direct reply.

_____ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

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Description:

~~XXXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **President Ford**

From: **Mr. Sherman D. Harmer, Secretary-Manager**

Date: **September 3, 1974**

Subject: **Cattle price in Utah.**

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Completed
Sent to
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To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter
Assistant Secretary for International
Affairs and Commodity Programs
~~Department of Agriculture~~

Date: September 13, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

~~XXXXX~~ Draft reply for:

_____ President's signature.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to
reply.

_____ Direct reply.

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Description:

~~XXXXX~~ Letter: ~~XXXXX~~ Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: Harlem Consumer Education Council, Inc., Rice Consumers Institute of America

Date: Sept. 6, 1974 (cont.) New York Consumers Assembly & Consumer Action

Subject: Terribly high rice prices.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Richard L. Feltner
Assistant Secretary for Marketing
and Consumer Services
~~Department of Agriculture~~

Date: September 19, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

~~XXXXX~~ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
~~XXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to
reply.

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Description:

~~XXXXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: Mr. Trehorst
From: D. Cameron
Date: September 4, 1974
Subject: The disabled have no means to cope with rising prices.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

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completed
Set to
LOH/R

To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter
Assistant Secretary for International
Affairs and Commodity Programs
Department of Agriculture

Date: September 23, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

~~XXXXX~~ Draft reply for:

_____ President's signature.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to
reply.

_____ Direct reply.

_____ Furnish information copy.

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Description:

_____ Letter: ~~XXXXX~~ Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: Producers Rice Mill, Inc.

Date: Sept. 18, 1974

Subject: They are urging the President to use the surplus of rice in the U. S.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

cc to Tod
Hullin
W.H.F.
Oct 4

To: Mr. Don Brock
Executive Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: September 24, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

~~xxxxxx~~ Draft reply for:
~~xxxxxxxx~~ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to
reply.

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Description:

~~xxxxxx~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Governor Otis R. Bowen, M. D.

Date: August 22, 1974

Subject: The plight of the dairy farmer

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Mr. Donald E. Brock**
Executive Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: **September 29, 1974**

ACTION REQUESTED

~~XXXXXX~~ Draft reply for:

_____ President's signature.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

_____ Direct reply.

_____ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

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_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

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Description:

_____ Letter: ~~XXXXXX~~ Telegram: Other:

To: **President Ford**

From: **Senator Mondale**

Date: **September 13, 1974**

Subject: **Morrison and Todd counties be designated as disaster areas because of the heavy losses suffered by the farmers due to the adverse weather conditions.**

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council





Mr. Ross -

Re your info -

I have been checking all
outstanding correspondence
and have found that these
3 referrals went to Ag. when
they decided no response.

If you feel contrary
please let me know -

OK

E.E.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Oct 8 no receipt
the Dept.
FAS 3rd
DEAD

To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter
Assistant Secretary for International
Affairs and Commodity Programs

Date: October 1, 1974

447-5383

Mr. Beasley

ACTION REQUESTED

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_____ President's signature.

xxxxxxx Undersigned's signature.

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Description:

xxxxx Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Congressman George Mahon

Date: September 16, 1974

Subject: Urging the reimposition of quotas on cotton imports.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

DEAD
Checked
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To: Dr. Lee Talbot
Senior Staff Member
CEQ

Date: September 5, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

~~XXXXX~~ Draft reply for:

_____ President's signature.

~~XXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

_____ Direct reply.

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Description:

~~XXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Roger Wilson, State Representatives of Florida

Date: August 26, 1974

Subject: Construction of the Cross Florida Barge Canal.

By direction of the President:

Norman Ross

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House File Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Dr. Lee Talbot
Senior Staff Member
CEQ

Date: September 5, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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Description:

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To: President Ford

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Date: August 26, 1974

Subject: Construction of the Cross Florida Barge Canal.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Clayton Yeutter
Assistant Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 6, 1974

DEAD

never went
out
Dec. 3 -
left this office

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
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☒ Undersigned's signature.

____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to
reply.

____ Direct reply.
____ Furnish information copy.

____ Suitable acknowledgment or other
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____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

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entire file to Norm Ross, Room 218, OEOB, White House, Tele: 456-6554

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President

From: Herman Schmitz, President, Great Plains Wheat, Inc.

Date: Oct. 10, 1974

Subject: Concerning the cancellation of the grain sales to the Soviet Union

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant Director
White House (Domestic Council)

R/pt

(White House Suspense Copy)



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

DEAD
checked
11/10

To: Honorable Frederick Dent
Secretary
Department of Commerce

Date: October 4, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ~~XXXXX~~ Direct reply.
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Furnish information copy.
- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
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☐ For comment.

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REMARKS:

Please furnish information copy. Send to Norman E. Ross, Jr. Room 218, OEOB, Domestic Council, Telephone 456-6554

Description:

~~XXXXX~~ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other: ☐

To: President Ford

From: Marvin L. Esch, Member of Congress

Date: September 17, 1974

Subject: Shortage of Home-Canning supplies for his constituents is becoming serious.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

DEAD

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter
Assistant Secretary for International
Affairs and Commodity Programs

Date: December 3, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

was not re-elected

~~XXXXX~~ Draft reply for:

_____ President's signature.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

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reply.

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Norman E. Ross, Jr., Room 218, OEOB, Domestic Council, Telephone 456-6554.

Description:

~~XXXXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Congressman Frank E. Denholm, Congressman Clem McSpadden, Mr. John

Date: Nov. 19, Nov. 19, Nov. 20

Junior Armstrong

Subject: They are all concerned with the dairy, livestock and poultry industries in
our country.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

NEROSS/ee



(White House Suspense Copy)

November 22, 1974

Dear Clem:

I want to thank you for your November 19 letter to the President presenting a ten-point program which you believe will be of substantial assistance to the livestock industry.

The Administration certainly shares your concern over the plight of the industry and, as you know, is monitoring it closely. Your letter will be called to the President's attention promptly upon his return from the Far East. In addition, it will be passed along for study by the Presidential agricultural and economic policy advisers. I know that your views will be appreciated and given full consideration.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Clem McSpadden
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Norm Ross for DIRECT REPLY if appropriate

MLF:EF;V0jlc



11/25

November 21, 1974

Dear Frank:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your November 19 letter to the President recommending a course of action for relief of the dairy, livestock and poultry industries.

You may be assured your letter will be called to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity. He is fully aware of the critical situation facing this vital segment of our society and has asked that it be monitored closely. I will make certain that the appropriate members of the staff receive a copy of your letter for their review and study.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

**Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant
to the President**

**The Honorable Frank E. Denholm
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515**

**✓ bcc: w/incoming to Norm Ross for appropriate handling.
bcc: w/incoming to William Seidman - FYI
MLF:EF:VO:lcc**



11/26

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Completed
11/2

To: **Mr. Robert Long**
Assistant Secretary for Conservation
Research, and Education
Department of Agriculture

Date: **October 4, 1974**

ACTION REQUESTED

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~~XXXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

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Description:

_____ Letter: ~~XXXXXX~~ Telegram: Other:

To: **President Ford**

From: **Volt Gilmore, President of the American Forestry Association**

Date: **October 1, 1974**

Subject: **Commending the strong desirability of Suing.**

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Joe Wright
Assistant Secretary for Administration
U. D. Department of Agriculture

Date: October 7, 1974

WHT
10/23

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
____ President's signature.
☒ Undersigned's signature.
____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
____ Direct reply.
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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Gerald R. Ford

From: Reuben J. Bertsch, President, Indiana Farmer Elected Committeemen Assn.

Date: Sept. 27, 1974

Subject: Re One-Stop Service Centers - to keep their own identity, ASCS - do not want to consolidate with SCS mainly because not feasible to work in one-room building.

By direction of the President:

telePhone: 456-6554

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Completed
W.H.F.
11/15.

To: Mr. Donald Brock
Executive Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: October 15, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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Description:

~~Letter~~ Letter: ~~XXXXX~~ Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: Warren E. Reid, President, Valley Citrus Growers Assoc.

Date: October 10, 1974

Subject: Terrible situation for the Citrus Industry.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Honorable Clayton Yeutter**
Assistant Secretary for International
Affairs & Commodity Programs
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Date: **October 15, 1974**

ACTION REQUESTED

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*The answer to this
was not received until 12/1/75
as we felt at that time it
was too late and therefore
NOTE not sent out.*

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White House**

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: **President Gerald R. Ford**

From: **Congressman John Breaux**

Date: **October 9, 1974**

Subject: **Production of rice - not to pass leg. for open production of rice**

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

tele:45606554



(White House Suspense Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

4/15-
WHP

To: Donald E. Brock
Executive Assistant to the Secretary

Date: October 16, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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Description:

~~XXXXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Ross S. McClintock

Date: concerned over mishandling of wheat sales by Secretary Butz.

Subject: October 7, 1974

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

NEROSS/ee



(White House Suspense Copy)

Draft Reply to October 7, 1974, Letter of Rev. Ross S. McClintock to
The President

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of October 7 concerning wheat sales to Russia.

Your letter suggests that there might have been mishandling of the sales by the Department of Agriculture, but this was not the case. USDA had been aware, for several weeks, of discussions that were being held by representatives of the Soviet Union and representatives of a great number of our exporting firms. Secretary Butz had talked personally with each of the U.S. exporters, and had also conferred with Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin on two different occasions. In addition, representatives of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow had conferred with the Soviet Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade. There was, however, no way of knowing the precise intentions of the Soviet Union, for their officials were unwilling to reveal those intentions. It was not until two of the sales were consummated and reported under the law that the magnitude of the contemplated purchases could be discovered. Since that magnitude was greater than Secretary Butz and the other U.S. officials, including the President, felt desirable under the short supply conditions of the moment, the Administration requested that those contracts be cancelled.

As you undoubtedly know, Secretary Simon made a trip to the Soviet Union within a few days of the cancellation, and an agreement was reached providing for the sale of a smaller quantity of grains to that country. The Soviet Union has since purchased additional quantities from other countries, in order to meet their needs. Bad weather has diminished the Soviet crop below expectations, just as it has done so here in the United States.

In order to avoid the possibility of future contract cancellations, the Department of Agriculture has now worked out a voluntary prior approval system with all the major grain exporting firms. This affords the Department the opportunity of evaluating all potentially large sales of agricultural products to any country in the world prior to the consummation of a contract. The new program is working quite well, and it is certainly preferable to the imposition of general export controls. The latter would not only be devastating to U.S. farmers, but would also be detrimental to consumers in the long run.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Donald E. Brock
Executive Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: October 16, 1974

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Room 218, OEOB, Domestic Council, Telephone 456-6554

Description:

~~XXXXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford
From: Bertram Trachtenberg
Date: October 6, 1974
Subject: Get rid of Butz.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

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Suggested response to letter from Bertram Trachtenberg of Livingston,
New Jersey

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing President Ford.

You have expressed concern about the alertness of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and about the government policy role in recent food price increases.

Actually, it was the Department of Agriculture which learned of the pending grain sales to the USSR and informed the White House that high level action might be warranted.

We are also at a bit of a loss to understand your statement that Secretary Butz is responsible for much of the recent food price inflation. Mr. Butz has had one constant guideline in his years as Secretary -- to encourage farmers to produce for market demand. The Department has been following this full-production approach with dedication for at least three years. Farmers are not being paid not to grow crops. Land is not being held out of production, and Mr. Butz has said over and over again that the solution to food price inflation is full production.

Economists seem to generally agree that the causes of world food price increases in the past three years are: (1) abnormally bad weather in crop-producing regions around the world in 1972 and again in 1974; (2) strong consumer demand for better diets among newly affluent consumers in other countries; and (3) devaluation of the dollar.

I would also point out that three-fourths of this year's food price increases are due to increases in the marketing margin after the commodities leave the farm.

We appreciate your interest.



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To: Mr. Donald E. Brock
Executive Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: October 16, 1974

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E. Ross, Jr., Room 218, OEOB, Domestic Council, Telephone 456-6554

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_____ Letter: ~~XXXXXX~~ Telegram: Other:

To: Norman E. Ross, Jr.

From: R. L. Moore, President of Independent Beef Producers of America

Date: October 11, 1974

Subject: Lower the purchasing grade of beef for the armed forces.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
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To: President Ford

From: Senator Hilarius L. Heying

Date: October 3, 1974

Subject: Iowa bankruptcies.

By direction of the President:

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To: President Ford

From: Bob Harvey, First Vice-President Independent Beef Producers of America

Date: October 3, 1974

Subject: Plight of the Beef Producers becomes more desperate.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross

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Draft reply to Mr. Bob Harvey, First Vice President, Independent Beef Producers of America, Clarksville, Texas, regarding Flight of the Beef Producers Becomes More Desperate.

This is in reply to your recent telegram to President Ford about the economic situation for livestock producers. We share your concern over continuing low market prices, high feed and production costs, losses on cattle being sold, uncertainties about the outlook for prices and costs for future months, and the higher processing and marketing costs reflected in wider farm-to-retail price spreads.

President Ford met for an hour and a half on Wednesday, October 30, with cattlemen from all over the country. The cattlemen laid out the problem clearly and had the President's full and sympathetic interest.

This Administration has taken many positive actions to help. The Department of Agriculture has increased its beef purchases for the School Lunch Program, has encouraged the Department of Defense to increase its beef purchases for military feeding and commissaries, and is continuously reviewing factors in the meat import situation. Proposed changes in grade standards have been announced that would encourage increased production of leaner beef at lower production cost. Secretary Butz has called on processors and retailers to reduce their meat margins, to promote beef more vigorously, and to bring retail prices more closely in line with livestock prices. A new law provides for government guarantees of additional financing for livestock producers. Possible expanded exports of U.S. beef are also being explored.

In addition, the President's Council on Wage and Price Stability and the Department of Agriculture will meet this week to review recent recommendations of the USDA's Livestock Advisory Committee, the Conference on Inflation, and issues in food marketing productivity, prices and costs. We are continuing our close attention to this important problem.

We appreciate knowing of your interest.

Sincerely,



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To: President Ford

From: Congressman David G. Towell

Date: October 2, 1974

Subject: urging that the President impose beef import restraints.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
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October 4, 1974

Dear Dave:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your October 2 letter to the President urging that he impose beef import restraints because the plight of the domestic cattle producers has worsened during the past several months.

I will see that your letter is called to the early attention of the President and his agricultural advisors, and I am sure that your request will receive careful consideration.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

/s/ Max

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable David G. Towell
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

✓cc w/incoming to Norm Ross - for further draft reply
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To: President Ford

From: Dale Gullickson, Marketing Director South Dakota Department of Agriculture

Date: October 2, 1974 people

Subject: The frustration of the livestock of South Dakota.

By direction of the President:

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