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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Burton Kyle
Room 4087
Department of Commerce

Date: August 30, 1974

Completed
Sept 13-
Sent W.H.F.

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
____ President's signature.
☒ 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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REMARKS:

I have chatted with Mr. Lee with the Texas Council on Marine-Related Affairs in Texas and he referred me to you. Evidently this gentleman is well known for his views! We would appreciate a draft reply and please return ENTIRE file to Norman E. Ross, Jr., OEOB, Room 218, The White House. Thank you.

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford
From: Richard Matthews
Date: August 19, 1974
Subject: Sinking of Liberty Ships

By direction of the President:

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Completed
Oct. 16-

To: Honorable Fredrick Dent
Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

Date: October 1, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
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Please supply cc and return ENITRE file to Norman E. Ross, Jr. Room 218, OEOB, Domestic Council, Telephone 456-6554

Description:

☒ Letter: ☒ Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford
From: John R. Planas, President of Riplan, Corp.
Date: September 11, 1974
Subject: Uncovering (he feels) a big fraud.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Honorable Robert White**
Administrator
NOAA, Department of Commerce

Date: **November 5, 1974**

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
____ President's signature.
☒ Undersigned's signature. Ken Cole
____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
____ Direct reply.
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REMARKS: **Please prepare a draft reply to Congressman de la Garza, and return ENTIRE file to Norm Ross, Room 218, OEOB, White House**

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: **The President**
From: **Congressman E (Kika) de la Garza**
Date: **October 8, 1974**
Subject: **Asking that low cost loans be made available to fishermen who are in financial need and on verge of bankruptcy.**

By direction of the President:

R/pt

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cc - Friedman

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Dr. Robert White
Administrator
NOAA

Date: November 21, 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.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

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Description:

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

To: President Ford

From: Milton M. Kaufmann - Director, Monitor, Inc.

Date: November 20, 1974

Subject: Wants the President to talk to Japan about the protection of our whales.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Rockville, Md. 20852

NOV 29 1974

Mr. Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director, Domestic Council
The White House
Room 218, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Ross:

Per your request of November 21, 1974, I am enclosing a draft
response to the letter from Milton M. Kaufmann of November 20,
1974.

Sincerely,

Howard W. Pollock

For Robert M. White
Administrator

Enclosure



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

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To: Dr. Robert White
Administrator
NOAA

Date: December 3, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

~~XXXX~~ Draft reply for:

_____ President's signature.

~~XXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to
reply.

_____ Direct reply.

_____ Furnish information copy.

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

Description:

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

To: President Ford

From: Congressman L. A. Skip Bafalis

Date: October 3, 1974

Subject: Aid for the fishing industry.

By direction of the President:

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

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October 25, 1974

Bob White

MEMORANDUM FOR NORM ROSS

SUBJECT: Fishing Industry

Attached are letters to the President from Congressman Bafalis and Mike Weiner regarding a constituent request for aid to the fishing industry.

Would you please prepare a draft reply to Mr. Weiner on behalf of the President.

Thanks.

F. Lynn May
Staff Assistant
Domestic Council

Attachment



October 8, 1974

Dear Skip:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your October 3 letter to the President with which you forwarded the request from Mr. Mike Weiner, President of the Florida Fishermen's Marketing Association, for government assistance for the industry.

You may be assured this request will be called to the attention of the President at the earliest opportunity. In addition, it will be shared with the appropriate members of the staff. I am confident this appeal will be given careful consideration.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable L. A. "Skip" Bafalis
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515



4 bcc: w/incoming to Ken Cole for ##### DIRECT REPLY
to Mr. Weiner's letter to the President. Copy
to the Congressman and this office please.
MLF:EF:VO:vo

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Honorable Tilden Dobbin**
Assistant Secretary for Domestic and International
Business, Dept. of Commerce

Date: **Dec. 13, 1974**

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

Please prepare a response to Mr. Kreuscher's concern regarding the shortage of Transiete. We have indicated to Mr. Kreuscher that we would supply him with any information available. Mr. Kreuscher also asked Domestic Council to assist.

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: **Norm Ross**

From: **Glenn W. Kreuscher, State of Nebraska, Dept. of Agri**

Date: **October 18, 1974**

Subject: **Asking Domestic Council to help concerning the problems in the Midwest, such as the shortage of Transiete.**

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.

Assistant Director, Domestic Council

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To: Honorable Robert White
Administrator
NOAA

Date: February 25, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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

____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President

From: Robert D. Nordstrom, Director, National Canners Assn.

Date: Feb. 14, 1975

Subject: Objection to the proposal by National Marine Fisheries Ser. to charge a subscription fee for its Market News Reports - Resolution attached re complaint.

By direction of the President:

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



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Robert White
Administrator, NOAA
Department of Commerce

Date: March 10, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
____ President's signature.
☒ Undersigned's signature.
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REMARKS:

Description:

1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **The President**

From: **Donald F. Nielsen, Bristor Bay Area Health Corporation, Alaska**

Date: **Feb. 27, 1975**

Subject: **Resolutions submitted concerning social security and State aid to senior citizens; obtain Federal and State aid to help economic hardship because fishing industry is down & extend present disaster declaration**

By direction of the President:

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Robert White
Administrator of NOAA
Department of Commerce

Date: April 9, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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☐ President's signature.
☒ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President
From: Asterio R. Takesy, Congress of Micronesia
Date: March 28
Subject: Transmitting resolution adopted by Congress of Micronesia requesting the U.S. Congress to amend certain public laws to extend programs of Federal assistance with respect to fisheries to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Island

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By direction of the President:

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

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REFERRAL

To: Dr. Robert White
Administrator
NOAA

Date: April 25, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

~~xxxx~~ Draft reply for:

_____ President's signature.

~~xxxxxxxx~~ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

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REMARKS:

Description:

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

To: Donald Rumsfeld

From: Mr. Harris B. Stewart, Jr.

Date: April 8, 1975

Subject: The oceans and the U.S. continental shelf

draft response expected by Mon - May 7

By direction of the President:

11-6-75
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

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(White House Suspense Copy)

May 8, 1975

Dear Dr. Stewart:

I am responding at the request of Mr. Rumsfeld to your letter making certain suggestions regarding the use of the ocean and particularly the Continental Shelf. We have noted your proposal that the President convene a Task Force to examine this matter and prepare recommendations for action. We appreciate your desire to be of assistance in this important matter.

As you may know, some six months ago your Department through Secretary Dent proposed to the Domestic Council that the value of the oceans to the United States is such that major considerations are required and should be undertaken through the Council. I can assure you that these matters are under active consideration here.

Also, please be assured that former Secretary Dent and Dr. Robert White, Administrator of NOAA have made it quite clear to the Domestic Council the importance of the U.S. of the oceans and the Continental Shelf. We will keep in mind your suggestions as we develop our future plans.

Sincerely,

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

Dr. Harris B. Stewart, Jr.
Director
Atlantic Oceanographic and
Meteorological
15 Rickenbacker Causeway
Miami, Florida 33149

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

Answered
6-6-75.

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To: Office of the Secretary
Department of Commerce

Date: May 16, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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XX _____ Undersigned's signature.

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quested.

REMARKS:

Description:

_____ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:
To: The President
From: Adele Bercovici
Date: May 6, 1975

Subject: Urging the Pres. to prohibit importation into the U.S.
any fish product produced in Japan until Japan adopts the 10-yr
moratorium in commercial whaling.

By direction of the President:

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Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

*Answered
attached*

REFERRAL

To: Hon. Robert White
Administrator
NOAA

Date: May 30, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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☐ Undersigned's signature.
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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President
From: Lee Ellen Ford, Executive Assistant to the Governor, State of Indiana
Date: June 2, 1975
Subject: Urging that the President makes certain that the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 is enforced.

By direction of the President:

NROSS/pt 456-6554

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



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Rockville, Md. 20852

F33/WPJ

JUN 11 1975

Dr. Lee Ellen Ford
Executive Assistant to
the Governor
State of Indiana
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Dr. Ford:

This is in response to your inquiry dated May 16, 1975, addressed to President Ford, regarding the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972.

Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), the taking of marine mammals by commercial fishermen incidental to their fishing operations without a permit was permitted until October 20, 1974. Subsequent to that date, the Act allows commercial fishing operations to continue under permits issued in accordance with regulations designed to reduce marine mammal mortality and serious injury.

Following a formal public hearing in May 1974, regulations were promulgated by the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service. The regulations were designed to comply with the requirements and goals of the Act, i.e., reducing incidental kill or serious injury of marine mammals in the course of commercial fishing operations to insignificant levels approaching a zero mortality and serious injury rate. These regulations, which were made effective September 30, 1974, among other things, prescribe gear and fishing techniques which must be used by U.S. fishermen setting on porpoise in purse seining for yellowfin tuna.

Progress in the reduction of mortalities in the past few years has been significant. According to the latest estimates, porpoise mortalities by U.S. vessels in the tuna purse seining fishery of the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean were approximately 312,400 in 1971, 304,600 in 1972, 175,100 in 1973, and 97,800 in 1974. In January 1975, together with publication of minor amendments to the regulations, we announced a goal of a 50 percent reduction in the



rate of kill in 1975 from the rate in 1974. We are presently gathering and analyzing data obtained from vessel logbooks and NMFS observers who are accompanying tuna purse-seiners to assess the effectiveness of the regulations. In late September 1975, a public hearing will be held to consider whether, among others, the general permit for yellowfin tuna purse-seining involving porpoises should be reissued and the nature of the regulatory regime that should apply for 1976.

Based on our analysis of the yellowfin tuna fishery, we have determined that a reversion to the previously used labor intensive method of pole and line fishing by the U.S. tuna fleet would result in the certain economic failure of the significant U.S. yellowfin tuna purse-seine fishery. Furthermore, fishing methods currently used by U.S. tuna fishermen are also used by vessels of all other nations fishing for yellowfin in the area of the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean where the tuna/porpoise association is predominant. If purse seining for tuna associated with porpoise were prohibited, U.S. tuna vessels would seek to move to a foreign flag rather than risk economic failure. This could result in greater unregulated purse seining on porpoise, thereby causing a greater mortality and serious injury. We have, therefore, attempted to regulate the yellowfin purse seine fishery to accomplish the goal of the Act. Through this course of action, we believe more can be done to reduce porpoise mortality and serious injury than if the U.S. tuna fleet shifted to foreign flags.

Although the Act permits us to ban imports of tuna caught by foreign flag vessels in a manner proscribed for persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, due to the worldwide demand for tuna, the tuna caught by vessels which did not choose to abide by our regulations could readily be marketed elsewhere.

Even though progress in the reduction of porpoise mortality has been significant in the recent past, we are not satisfied. Consequently, we are intensifying our efforts in order to achieve the ultimate goal of the Act without destroying the tuna industry.

Sincerely,

W/ JOHN W. TOWNSEND, JR.
ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR

John W. Townsend, Jr.
Associate Administrator

Enclosures



Home

May 16, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford:

I am writing to strongly urge you to see that the Marine
Mammal Protection Act of 1972 is enforced.

There has been so much inhumane killing of porpoises by tuna
fishing fleets who catch these porpoises in their nets while
fishing for tuna and then allow the porpoises to die from
drowning.

Thank you for any consideration you are able to give.

Sincerely,

Lee Ellen Ford

Lee Ellen Ford, Ph.D., J.D.
Attorney-at-Law

Asst. to Governor



LEE ELLEN FORD, PH. D., J.D.
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE GOVERNOR

STATE CAPITOL
INDIANAPOLIS
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