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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

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To: Mr. Nathaniel Reed A
Assistant Secretary for Fish and
Wildlife and Parks

Date: December 18, 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
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_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

Please supply an appropriate draft response and return ENTIRE file to Norm Ross,
Room 218, OEOB, Domestic Council, Telephone 456-6554.

Description:

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

To: President Ford

From: Richard Castleberry - Executive Director of South Suburban

Date: November 25, 1974

Subject: Wants some revision of the revenue sharing programs.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Honorable Nat Reed**
Assistant Secretary
Department of the Interior

Date: **January 28, 1975**

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
- _____ President's signature.
- ☒ Undersigned's signature.
- _____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
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☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **President Ford**

From: **State Representative Lowell C. Hansen II, South Dakota**

Date: **January 28, 1975**

Subject: **Expressing opposition using predator control not aimed at individual problem animals and use of poisons or other non-specific techniques**

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By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Domestic Council

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Bureau of Indian Affairs**
Records - Mail for the Commissioner
Department of the Interior

Date: **February 3, 1975**

ACTION REQUESTED

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

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **President Ford**

From: **Sun Bear, Publisher, Many Smokes Magazine, Klamath Falls, Ore**

Date: **Jan. 14**

Subject: **Writing in behalf of Edison Chiloquin, Chief of Klamath Tribe of Oregon regarding lands that belong to the Tribe.**

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By direction of the President:

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



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Honorable Nat Reed**
Assistant Secretary
Department of the Interior

Date: **Feb. 6, 1975**

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 Ford**

From: **Paul E. Stahlin, Captiva, Florida**

Date: **Feb. 6, 1975**

Subject: **Writing about the plight of Mr. Gavia, living on Sanibel Island - The Government is asking that they move because the land they live on is now owned by Federal Government. The Gaviens have lived there for 30 yrs, he has always earned a good living; and he considers that as his home. It is requested that consideration be given to this situation**

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr., Domestic Council

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Morris Thompson
Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior

Date:

Feb. 11, 1975

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: President Ford
From: John Luskins, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.
Date: Feb. 6, 1975
Subject: Requesting an Indian Action Team Program

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 Nat Reed**
Assistant Secretary
Department of the Interior

Date: **Feb. 11, 1975**

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **The President**

From: **Alan J. Farber, Catholic University of America**

Date: **January 29, 1985**

Subject: **Expressing concern re the ban on parking at the Mall, especially the affect it would pose on physically handicapped persons**

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Assistant Director
Domestic Council

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: Nat Reed
Assistant Secretary
Department of the Interior

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Noble C. Howard, President, Oklahoma Trappers Assn., Inc.

Date: Feb. 4, 1975

Subject: Asking that the President veto passage of bills to outlaw the leg-hold steel traps and he states his reasons why

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By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr. Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Honorable Morris Thompson**
Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior

Date: **February 12, 1975**

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
☒ Undersigned's signature.
- _____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- _____ Direct reply.
_____ Furnish information copy.
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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **The President**

From: **James R. Hillman, Dir., Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs**

Date: **Jan. 21, 1975**

Subject: **The Commission has adopted a Resolution not to have changed its rules and regulations to match those less stringent requirements of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission**

By direction of the President:

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. William Lyons
Deputy Under Secretary
Department of Interior

Date: February 18, 1975

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_____ President's signature.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

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REMARKS:

Please supply an appropriate draft response by C. O. B. THURSDAY FEB. 20, 1975

Description:

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

To: President Ford

From: Twenty Five Environmental groups

Date: February 12, 1975

Subject: Concern over the decision to oust the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from the Charles Sheldon Antelope Range, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Range, and Kofa Game Range, and to turn these ranges over exclusively to the Bureau of Land Management.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Nathaniel Reed**
Assistant Secretary for Fish and
Wildlife and Parks

Date: **February 25, 1975**

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.

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quested.

REMARKS:

Please address to his specific questions

Description:

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

To: **Vernon C. Loen**
From: **John J. Duncan**
Date: **February 11, 1975**
Subject: **Great Smoky Mountains - taking exceptions to the draft that you prepared.**

By direction of the President:

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

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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

In Reply Refer To:
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MAR 7 1975

Memorandum

To: Mr. Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council
The White House

From: Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Subject: Great Smoky Mountains National Park

In accordance with your request, enclosed is a draft reply to the Honorable John J. Duncan, House of Representatives, concerning his further comments about the wilderness recommendation for Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

(Sgd) Douglas P. Wheeler

Enclosures



DRAFT

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Thank you for your further inquiry concerning the wilderness recommendation for Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

We are informed that former National Park Service Director Ronald H. Walker and his staff commented about the Department of the Interior's position concerning the proposed transmountain road and about the wilderness proposal during a question-and-answer period at the luncheon meeting in Townsend, Tennessee, on October 6, 1973, which they attended at your kind invitation. We are further informed that Superintendent Vincent Ellis presented the wilderness plan for the park in your Knoxville, Tennessee, office at 4 p.m. on January 17, 1974. We certainly hope this clears up any misunderstanding our earlier letter may have caused.

The report of wilderness recommendations for Great Smoky Mountains National Park was forwarded for consideration of the Congress in accordance with the Wilderness Act. As you are aware, only the Congress can designate wilderness. If congressional hearings are held on these recommendations, the public will have additional opportunity to present their views at that time.

Sincerely,

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

Honorable John J. Duncan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Nathaniel Reed
Assistant Secretary for Fish and
Wildlife and Parks,

Date: December 27, 1974

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ACTION REQUESTED

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~~XXXXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

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

Description:

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

To: ~~Ans~~ President Ford

From: Congressman John J. Duncan

Date: December 5, 1974

Subject: Opposition to the inclusion of acreage in the Great Smoky Mountains as part
of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

By direction of the President:

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: John Whitaker
Under Secretary for Interior
Department of the Interior

Date: September 3, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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

____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President

From: John J. Duncan, Member of Congress

Date: August 20, 1974

Subject: Great Smoky Mountain National Park

By direction of the President:

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



(White House File Copy)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **John Whitaker**
Under Secretary for Interior
Department of the Interior

Date: **September 3, 1974**

ACTION REQUESTED

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

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **President**
From: **John J. Duncan, Member of Congress**
Date: **August 20, 1974**
Subject: **Great Smoky Mountain National Park**

By direction of the President:

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



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DRAFT

Dear Mr. Duncan:

On behalf of President Ford, thank you for your letter concerning the Great Smoky Mountains National Park wilderness recommendation recently transmitted to the Congress. This will also acknowledge the copies of your letter to Secretary of the Interior Merton and former Director of the National Park Service Walker.

We are concerned that you do not believe there has been adequate discussion about the proposed wilderness or of the need for additional automobile access into Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The wilderness recommendations for the park are the same as that which Superintendent Vincent Ellis discussed with you on January 17, 1974.

You may also recall that at the public meeting which you attended on October 6, 1973, in Townsend, Tennessee, National Park Service Director Walker mentioned that Secretary Merton had endorsed the concept of a circumferential road system for the park and that congressionally designated wilderness would preclude the construction of another trans-mountain route across the park. The road proposals are discussed in the "Transportation Concepts" report presented to you in February 1971.

Roadless areas of any consequence are particularly scarce on the eastern seaboard and few can compare with the western portion of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Secretary's endorsement



of the circumferential road concept, in lieu of a transmountain road, was based on a decision that bisecting such a magnificent area with a road would be adverse to the Government's responsibility to preserve the national parks.

These wilderness recommendations evolved from the response given at the public hearings on the wilderness proposal, and the decisions that were reached regarding the controversial transmountain road proposal. In the wilderness recommendations report sent to you and Senators Bill Brock and Howard H. Baker, Jr., on December 4, 1974, you will note that over 5,600 responses were received as a result of the public hearing, including your own views so well presented at the hearings held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The majority of these responses expressed a desire for designating more wilderness than that originally proposed by the National Park Service.

The Wilderness Act provides for consideration of all such wilderness proposals by the Congress and that no area shall be designated as wilderness except by an Act of Congress. Accordingly, congressional hearings will provide an additional forum for further public discussion of the wilderness recommendation.

Sincerely,

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

Honorable John J. Duncan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Morris Thompson
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Dept. of the Interior

Date: March 10, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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_____ President's signature.

~~XXXXX~~ _____ Undersigned's signature.

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REMARKS:

Description:

1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **The President**

From: **Mrs. Dale Little, St. Louis, Mo.**

Date: **January 31, 1975**

Subject: **Seeking better ways to improve government relationships between her
peri pero people (Indians) and the government (especially on reservations)**

By direction of the President:

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**Norm Ross, Assistant Director
Domestic Council**



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

April 10-75
answered

To: Honorable Morris Thompson
Commissioner
Bur. of Indian Affairs, Dept. of the Interior

Date: March 10, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

Description:

1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: **The President**
From: **George F. Havlik, Waterbury, Conn.**
Date: **undated**
Subject: **Wants to know what is being done for the American Indians - he thinks they are being mistreated --poor education & living conditions**

By direction of the President:

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Norman E. Ross, Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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3-18-75

To: ~~Honorable Nat Reed~~
~~Assistant Secretary~~
~~Department of the Interior~~

Date: March 14, 1975

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Michael W. Fox, Ph.D./

Date: March 10, 1975

Subject: Urging that 1.8 million acres in Idaho be classified as
Wilderness area.

Forest Service

R/p

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

Draft letter for reply to Dr. Michael W. Fox regarding the Idaho Wilderness proposal.

Dr. Michael W. Fox
Associate Professor
Washington University
St. Louis, MO 63130

Dear Dr. Fox:

Thank you for your letter to President Ford expressing your opinion about the Idaho Wilderness proposal sent to the Congress by the President on December 4, 1974.

The Chamberlain Basin area, not included in the final proposal, is the primary difference between this and the proposal you advocate. This area contains some evidence of man's activities in the form of several airstrips and associated developments. There is development on some non-Federal lands and there is potential for wildlife habitat enhancement of a nature not permitted under wilderness designation. Large volumes of timber exist within the Basin, although at this time the timber cannot be economically harvested with existing technology. A modest mineral potential also exists.

As you can see, the potential for wildlife habitat enhancement was but one of several resource considerations studied in arriving at recommended future management for this area.

In his review, the Secretary of Agriculture determined that the evidences of man's works, the opportunities for wildlife habitat improvement, and the potential for minerals development and timber harvest at some future date outweighed the merit for allocation of Chamberlain Basin to wilderness. The President concurred and, therefore, a revised proposal was submitted to Congress.

We appreciate your interest in this National Forest area.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Nat Reed
Assistant Secretary
Fish and Wildlife
~~Department of the Interior~~

Date: March 14, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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☐ Undersigned's signature.
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Norman Ross, Rm 218, White House
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☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: **The President**

From: **Chamber of Commerce, Port O'Connor, Texas**

Date: **undated**

Subject: **objecting to Interior taking over the Matagorda Air Force Base for use as a wildlife refuge - the Town of Port O'Connor wants it returned to private individuals for their enterprises.**

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By direction of the President:

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



*ans'd 4-1 by
Gordon Nightingale
filed in W H files*

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Honorable Morris Thompson**
Commissioner
Bur. of Indian Affairs

Date: **March 14, 1975**

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REMARKS:

Please prepare a draft response explaining in basic English

Note cc's to 5 Senators

Description:

1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **The President**

From: **Doc Pewewardy, member of the Comanche Tribe**

Date: **March 4**

Subject: **Concerned about welfare of his Tribe - refers to the P. L. 93-134 - wants the Act to read 100 percent per capita payment. (invites President and Congress to visit poverty stricken conditions)**

By direction of the President:

R/p

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

ansd 4-23-75



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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20245

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Tribal Government Services
BCCO-189

Memorandum

To: Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director, Domestic Council
The White House

From: Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Subject: Letter of March 14 from Mr. Doc Pewewardy

In response to your referral of March 14, requesting a draft reply to a letter from Mr. Doc Pewewardy, a member of the Comanche Tribe of Oklahoma, we believe the enclosed will be appropriate. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has written to Mr. Pewewardy concerning his primary complaints, and Bureau representatives have talked with him about them. We believe nothing would be gained by your covering the same ground, on behalf of the President.

Enclosures

(sgd) Jose A. Zuni



DRAFT REPLY
Bureau of Indian Affairs
March 26, 1975

President Ford appreciates your invitation of March 4 to visit the Comanche Indians of Oklahoma. Unfortunately, he cannot accept the invitation at this time.

You asked the President to support an amendment to P. L. 93-134 which would allow all Indian claims awards to be fully distributed per capita. An Act of Congress is required to amend a Public Law. There is no bill before Congress to amend P. L. 93-134.

Although President Ford is a strong advocate of Indian self-determination, he also is aware of the trust responsibilities which the Federal Government has for Indian people. His support of any bill to amend P. L. 93-134 would depend upon whether, in his opinion, the amendments would not interfere with carrying out the Federal trust responsibilities, and that they were in the best interests of the Indian people.

Sincerely,

Mr. Doc Pewewardy
1719 Kinyon
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

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To: Bureau of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior

Date: March 17, 1975

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: Norman Ross

From: kErnest Sickey, Director, Office of Indian Affairs, La. Health & Human Resources

Date: 3-375 Admin., Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Subject: Need money now for construction of their school facility on reservation.

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do to get it NOW -

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R/p 456-6554 albuquerque, NM

By direction of the President:

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

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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20245

IN REPLY REFER TO:

BCCO - 217

MAY 27 1975

Honorable Henry M. Jackson
Chairman, Committee on Interior
and Insular Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in further response to your letter of March 11, 1975, on behalf of Mr. Ernest Sickey, Director, Office of Indian Affairs of the Louisiana Health and Human Resources Administration. In answer to Mr. Sickey's concern over the Fiscal Year 1976 construction funds for the Chitimacha Day School, Charenton, Louisiana, we would like to review the project developments.

Planning and design funds for the project were appropriated for Fiscal Years 1974 and 1975, respectively. This method of funding construction projects is in accordance with the directive received from the Congress in connection with the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 1970. The House Report on this bill directed the Bureau to "...include funds necessary for project planning and design. Budget estimates for actual construction costs should not be submitted until the necessary planning and design work has been accomplished." This directive, which was concurred in by the Senate and which has not been rescinded, gives the Bureau no alternative other than to substantially complete the design work before requesting construction funds.

The advance planning funds, as described in the Fiscal Year 1974 Budget Justification, were part of a three-stage project cycle: advance planning, design, and construction. The Division of Facilities Engineering has completed the planning and has initiated the second stage of the cycle, the advertising and selection phase on the Architectural-Engineering contract. The exact amount of time required to complete the



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design work will not be known until the contract negotiations are finalized with the architect. We estimate this design work will be completed about this time next year. This would indicate the timely inclusion of Chitimacha construction in the budget estimates for Fiscal Year 1977, provided the project has a high priority rating in the Bureau.

In connection with the FY 1977 budget estimates, the Department of the Interior has requested the Bureau to develop criteria to determine Bureau construction priorities. Inclusion of a project in the construction budget for that fiscal year will be based on the project's position in the overall construction priority list and on the total funding available for construction.

At present, the Chitimacha project is progressing at a normal rate. The tribe, school board, and area offices have been involved in each step. They will continue to be included in all subsequent actions, including the design drawing reviews with the architect.

We appreciate your continued interest in American Indian Education and thank you for your support of the Indian people.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Morris Thompson

Commissioner of Indian Affairs



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Bureau of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior

Date: March 17, 1975

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Washington, D.C.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Norman E. Ross, Jr.

Assistant Director, Domestic Council

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w/ Ms. Phyllis
Lucker

(Copy to remain with correspondence)



LOUISIANA HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

HUMAN SERVICES

150 RIVERSIDE MALL

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70801

March 3, 1975



EDWIN EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

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Mr. Norman Ross
Domestic Council
Old Executive Office Building
Room 218
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ross:

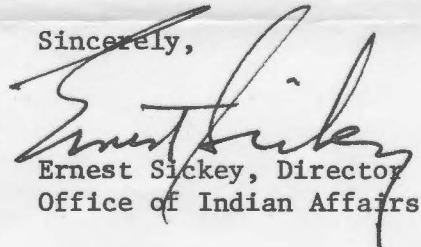
A problem of serious concern has come to the forefront for the Chitimacha people. One area of concern and priority is in the educational process of their young members on the reservation.

In the past year with the cooperation and funding support of the Bureau of Indian Affairs the Chitimacha Tribe has finished the planning of a \$1,000,000.00 school facility on their reservation.

Recently the tribe learned of a problem in the project. During the planning phases they were told that construction funds have been appropriated and there would be no difficulty during this budget cycle. The tribe has now learned that construction funds will not be available until the 1976-77 budget cycle. This setback of appropriations to this tribe poses a real threat to the community and it is with this interest I ask of your support in contacting the proper parties concerned with appropriation and enabling funds for the project in this current fiscal year as originally planned.

I ask for your support in this important issue for the Chitimacha people.

Sincerely,


Ernest Sickey, Director
Office of Indian Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Honorable Morris Thompson**
Commissioner
(Records) Dept. of the Interior

Date: **March 27, 1975**

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

Description:

____ Letter: 1 Telegram: Other:

To: **President Ford**

From: **Vernon Locklear, Maxton, N. C.**

Date: **March 20**

Subject: **Wants the President to act on his request to meet with the Secretary of Interior. Claims Interior doesn't want to meet with him now.**

By direction of the President:

*sent to central files
w/ cc of ltr for Rogers
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C. B. Matton

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



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations
Room 3360
Dept. of the Interior

Date: April 3, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President

From: Asterio R. Takesy, Congress of Micronesia

Date: March 21, 1975

Subject: Transmitting House Joint Resolution No. 6-67 which requests the U.S. Government to sponsor the Trust Territory for membership in the Asian Development Bank.

By direction of the President:

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

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OFFICE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

April 4, 1975

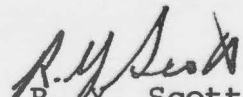
Asterio R. Takesy
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives
Congress of Micronesia
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Takesy:

President Ford has referred your letter dated March 21, 1975 transmitting House Joint Resolution No. 6-67, H.D. 1 to this office for reply.

As you know the sponsorship by the United States of the Trust Territory's participation in the Asian Development Bank has been approved. Legislation is being prepared by the Department of Treasury for presentation to the U.S. Congress to implement this policy.

Sincerely,


R. Y. Scott
Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Jack Horton
Assistant Secretary
Department of the Interior

Date: April 9, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

Description:

1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President

From: Sharon K. Metz, State Representative, Wisconsin Legislature

Date: April 1, 1975

Subject: Urging the President to issue an executive order to stop slaughter and possible extinction of wild horses. (Many of her constituents express same action).

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By direction of the President:
Norman E. Röss, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

April 5-5-75



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Answered
6-2-75.

To: Office of Territorial Affairs
Department of the Interior

Date: April 9, 1975

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REMARKS:

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1 Letter: Telegram: Other:
To: President Ford
From: Asterio R. Takesy, Chief Clerk, Congress of Micronesia, Mariana Is.
Date: March 28
Subject: Transmitting Resolution adopted by Congress of Micronesia requesting the US Congress to amend certain public laws to extend programs of Federal assistance with respect to fisheries to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Is.

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By direction of the President:
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

never answered
7/24/75

To: Honorable Morris Thompson
Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior

Date: April 9, 1975

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Mrs. Virginia Card, Spokesman for the United Tribes Council
Sacramento, Calif

Date: March 20

Subject: Thinks the Hannah Dustin Monument on Contacook Island is a disgrace to the Indians. Wants the President to let the Governor of N.H. know that Indians are trying to forget old injuries - want cooperation and assistance from American public

Ross/pt 456-6554

By direction of the President:
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Nat Reed
Assistant Secretary for
A Fish and Wildlife and Parks
Dept. of the Interior

Date: April 10, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: James Falk

From: O. Larry Stanislaw, Edina, Minn.

Date: Feb. 6, 1975

Subject: Requesting preservation of a local trout stream rather than having it become a multi-use park. Want it to become a "natural conservatory"

N/
Ross pt 456-6554

By direction of the President:
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Morris Thompson
Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Date: April 18, 1975

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Description:

¹ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President

From: John Cadwalader, Pres., Indian Rights Assn., Philadelphia

Date: April 14

Subject: Urging the President to continue to support Nixon's Indian message of June 1970 and that another statement similar to this one from Pres. Ford will help calm Indians and give them hope. ~~Militant Indians are now taking matters into their own hands~~

Encls. 343-7445
Ross/p 456-6554

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

*Sendy back copies sent Pres.
notes a statement.
Sent down to Central file
5/29*

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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this 1/24/75

To: Honorable Nat Reed
Assistant Secretary
Department of the Interior

Date: April 24 , 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

Please note previous correspondence attached.

Description:

1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: Roland L. Elliott

From: Mrs. Benjamin C. O'Sullivan, Mamardneck, N.Y.

Date: March 10, 1975

Subject: Wants explanation of terminology used in response to her previous letter a.e., management; resource, insofar as as wildlife protection is concerned.

By direction of the President:

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

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Mrs. O'Sullivan

143-4967



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Nathaniel Reed
Assistant Secretary for Fish and
and Wildlife and Parks

Date: April 25, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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_____ President's signature.

~~XXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.

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

To: Norman Ross and President Ford (two letters)

From: Julian L. Bronson

Date: March 21, and March 28 respectively

Subject: proposed regulations prohibiting importation of primates for sale.

By direction of the President:

And 5/30

NEROSS/ee

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Morris Thompson
Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior

Date: April 30, 1975

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Description:

Letter: ~~XXXXXX~~ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Chairmen Melvin White Eagle; Percy Archambeau; United Tribes of
NandS Dakota

Date: undated

Subject: Asking that a State of Emergency be declared on Indian Reservations
due to blizzards and rains over extended period of time.
Human Business losses great.

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By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Nat Reed
Assistant Secretary for
Fish and Wildlife
Department of the Interior

Date: April 30, 1975

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☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President

From: Wayne E. Kirch, Chairman, Colorado River Wildlife Council

Date: April 18, 1975

Subject: Enclosing Resolution which requests Secretaries of Agriculture & Interior & Engineers to recognize legal role of Fish & Wildlife Service & their responsibilities under the Act; also requests Federal land administrative &/or construction agencies to utilize the Service to provide needed biological data.

NROSS/pt 4-30-75

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



*Direct
April 5/16 by
not rec'd -
cc sent to files*

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Morris Thompson
Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior

Date: May 1, 1975

Answered
6-6-75

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1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Christina Eisele, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Date: undated

Subject: Asking why the American Indians are not citizens of the U.S.

R/pt 45606554

By direction of the President:
Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Morris Thompson
Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Date: May 6, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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☐ Undersigned's signature.
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- ~~XXXXX~~ Direct reply.
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~~XXXXX~~ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other: ☐

To: sent to the President
From: Jonas Partridge
Date: Spring 1975
Subject: He wants money to help the Indian children.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

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(White House Suspense Copy)





United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20245

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Social Services
BCCO-929

Mr. Jonas Partridge
314 West 2nd Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103

MAY 16 1975

Dear Mr. Partridge:

The White House has asked us to reply to your letter about the needs of Gerri and other Indian children. We appreciate your interest in Indian children.

We know you are aware of extensive government aid for Indian children. However, such expenditures are appropriated on a program basis and do not provide for donations for individuals.

When you are aware of individual Indian children who are in need of financial assistance, you may refer them to a nearby Agency or Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. While government programs are intended to meet basic needs of Indian children and families, we are aware that there may be other important needs of children that are not met. We believe that the needs of Indian children and families will continue to require both government and non-government assistance for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Morris Thompson

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

cc: Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant Director, Domestic Council, WH



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

never
answered
7/24/75

To: Attn. Hon. Nat Reed, Ass't Sec.
Secretary of Interior
Department of Interior

Date: May 8, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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quested.

REMARKS:

We need a further response to this letter.

Description:

XXXXXX Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Forrest A. Carpenter

Date: April 24, 1975

Subject: Transfer of the Kofa Game Range to the BLM. We have answered him
once but he has more questions.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

NEROSS/ee

(White House Suspense Copy)



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Hon. Morris Thompson
Bur. of Indian Affairs
Dept. of the Interior

Date: May 16, 1975

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to do what
she wanted.
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we aren't going
to do anything

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- ☐ For comment.

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President

From: Josef S. Tressler, President, International Bank

Date: May 7, 1975

Subject: Wants the President to open a small checking or savings account
in their bank (American Indian National Bank)

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By direction of the President:

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



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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20245

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Indian Business Enterprise
BCCO 1096

Josef S. Tressler, President
International Bank
1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

JUL 10 1975

Dear Mr. Tressler:

I have been asked by the White House to reply to your letter suggesting that the President consider opening an account in the American Indian National Bank.

As I am sure you recognize, the selection of a banking institute and its service is the personalized decision of the selecting individual.

I do wish to take this opportunity to express the Bureau's appreciation for the combined interest and efforts of the International Bank in assisting the American Indian National Bank toward accomplishing its purpose of improving the economic well-being of American Indians.

The Bureau has been a supporter of the American Indian National Bank, and we expect to continue our assistance wherever possible.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Morris Thompson

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Attention:

Mr. Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council
Room 218 Old Exec. Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20500



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

never
answered
7/24/75

To: Hon. Nat Reed
Assistant Secretary
Dept. of the Interior

Date: May 23, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☒ Undersigned's signature.
☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
☐ Direct reply.
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☒ Letter; ☐ Telegram; Other:
To: The President
From: Betty D. Taylor, United Animal Defenders, Inc., Richmond Hgts, Ohio
Date: May 7, 1975
Subject: Citing examples of wild animal killings, in violation of the Marine Mammal Act of 1972) that States do not prevent destruction of wild animals -- urging opposition of turning wildlife over to individual State Game Commissions under the Fed. State Cooperative Plans

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: Other: ☐

To: The President

From: Ernest L. Lovato, Albuquerque Indian School Board, New Mexico

Date: May 15, 1975

Subject: Enclosing documents pertaining to their request for planning
and construction funds for the Albuquerque Indian School

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: The President
From: Terrance F. Leonard, Chairman, Phoenix Area Inter-Tribal
Date: School Board, Scottsdale, Arizona
Subject: May 16, 1975
Seeking assistance in providing Indian people an opportunity to exercise the intent of Indian Self-Determination

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Assistant Director
Domestic Council

*no further response
possible per Morris Thompson
6/2/75
Sent DCones 6/20/75*



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Dept. of the Interior
Attention: Jack Horton, Assist. Sec.

Date: June 2, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:
To: The President
From: John W. Wimmons, Sabine River Authority of Texas
Date: May 13, 1975
Subject: Submitting a copy of the 20th Annual Report of the Sabine River Compact Adminis.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Domestic Council

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REFERRAL

To: Office of Territorial Affairs
U.S. Dept. of the Interior

Date: June 2, 1975

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2.2 Resolutions from 13th Guam Legislature (Nos. 77 and 84) dte May 14 & 23

Description:

3 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President
From: see "Remarks"
Date:
Subject:

See above

By direction of the President:

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Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable F. Haydn Williams
Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations
Department of the Interior

Date: June 2, 1975

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REMARKS:

Description:

_____ 1 Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Vicente T. Camacho, Speaker, Saipan, Mariana Is.

Date: May 15, 1975

Subject: Resolution, endorsing the covenant to establish the
Commonwealth Government for the Northern Mariana Isls.

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1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: President Ford
From: Mrs. Carmelita Thomas, Utah State University, Logan, Utah
Date: May 16, 1975
Subject: Asking the President to support the Protection of
Native American Resources: A Red Position Paper

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7/29/75

To: Nathaniel Reed
Assistant Secretary
Department of the Interior

Date:

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REMARKS:

Description:

1 Letter: Telegram: Other:
To: President Ford
From: Judge Harold Saylor, Philadelphia, Pa.
Date: March 31, 1975
Subject: Urging the President to remove the trailing strip from Big Cypress

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Assistant Director, Domestic Council



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