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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: **Honorable Guy Stever**
Director
National Science Foundation

Date: **December 2, 1974**

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.

NOTE

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REMARKS:

Please prepare an appropriate draft response (please note that ~~Mr~~ Dr. Stever rec'd a cc of letter also) and return ENTIRE file to Norm Ross, Room 218 OEOB

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **President Ford**

From: **Alan C. Nixon -- American Chemical Society, Berkeley, Calif.**

Date: **Nov. 15, 1974**

Subject: **Saying it would be feasible to provide marginal food needed by the world through direct conversion of petroleum hydrocarbons to protein and fats.**

By direction of the President:

Ross/p

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

ans'd 2-4-75



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Office of the Secretary
Department of State

Date: May 1, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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_____ Undersigned's signature.
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- ☒ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- _____ ☒ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
to Norm Ross, Rm 218
For your information White House
- _____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Governor Jay S. Hammond

Date: April 21, 1975

Subject: Enclosing a Resolution concerning the high seas salmon fishing by the Japanese - asking that State Dept. negotiate with the Japanese to protect the salmon stocks of Western Alaska from further destruction.

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State*

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



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Mr. Roes

BUREAU OF OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

May 14, 1975

Honorable Jay S. Hammond
Governor
State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Governor Hammond:

Both President Ford and Secretary Kissinger have asked that I reply to your letters to them of April 21 transmitting copies of House Joint Resolution Number 9, of the Alaska State Legislature, dealing with Alaskan salmon.

It has long been this government's view that fishing for salmon on the high seas should be prohibited, except as authorized by the country where the salmon originate. We have emphasized this point many times in consultations with the Government of Japan, both within the context of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission and the Law of the Sea deliberations, as well as elsewhere. Japan has thus far not accepted our juridical position in the matter and the issue is still very much alive between our governments. Intensive discussions on this subject have been held at Geneva in connection with the present Law of the Sea negotiations. We hope that those negotiations will produce a long-term resolution to the high seas salmon fishery problem, as well as a solution to similar problems affecting all anadromous species of fish. Naturally, the Law of the Sea talks concern other important living marine resources as well, and the rights of coastal countries to salmon originating within their boundaries is linked with rights, and obligations, in a number of other areas.

Although there is a divergence of views between this country and Japan regarding the juridical status of salmon, the two countries have made some progress in recent years in improving protection for the salmon stocks -- though



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I hasten to add that the United States has always viewed such protection as inadequate. We will, however, continue to press the Japanese on this issue and to seek the maximum protection possible for salmon of U.S. origin. We will, of course, continue to consult with the State of Alaska in seeking a solution to this problem.

Thank you again for keeping us informed of Alaska State actions in this important matter, and please be assured that the Department of State will continue to make every appropriate effort to protect Alaskan salmon from destructive fishing practices upon the high seas.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Clingan, Jr.
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Oceans and Fisheries
Affairs

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Clearance: OES - Mr. Guzzo

Info: Mr. Norman Ross, Room 218, White House ✓
Mr. Huizer, Government of Alaska



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

*No further action
needed - Ross and
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W.C.F.*

To: **Corps of Engineers**
Department of the Army
Forrestal Building, Washington, D.C.

Date: **April 4, 1975**

ACTION REQUESTED

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: **The President**
From: **William J. Baxley, Ala. Attorney General**
Date: **March 10, 1975**
Subject: **Asking that the Corps appropriate funds to remove duckweed
from the Warrior River west of Birmingham, Ala. That this is
the Corps' responsibility**

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Norman E. Ross, Jr., Ass't. Director
Domestic Council

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REFERRAL

To: Corps of Engineers
Department of the Army
Forestall Building

Date: April 16, 1975

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1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Mayor W. L. Burks

Date: March 28

Subject: Enclosed a petition for acquisition by Engineers for privately-owned property within City of Deepwater, Mo.. Also enclosed a resolution. Asking us to effect a meaningful agreement between the City of Deepwater & the Army Corps of Engineers

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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: Brig. General James L. Kelly
Deputy Director
Civil Works Directorate
~~U. S. Army Corps of Engineers~~

Date: July 31, 1974

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Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President

From: Carlton R. Haas Mayor, City of Oregon, Ohio

Date: July 26, 1974

Subject: He is opposed to the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Facility #3 (dump)

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Nov 1, 1974

TO : William Eberle, CIEP
FROM: NORM ROSS

Please respond to the attached
with a direct reply.



October 9, 1974

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Dear Senator:

This will acknowledge receipt and thank you for your October 7 letter to the President urging that a system be initiated for the reporting and controlling of agricultural commodities, with particular reference to your bill, the Export Priorities Act.

You may be assured your letter will be called to the President's attention without delay. In addition it will be shared with the appropriate members of the staff.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Tom

Tom C. Kereologos
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Jacob K. Javits
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Reply if appropriate.

bcc: w/incoming to Ken Cole for your consideration, and DIRECTV
bcc: w/incoming to William Eberle, for your consideration.

TCK:EF:VO:vo



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JACOB K. JAVITS
NEW YORK

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JOINT ECONOMIC
SMALL BUSINESS

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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REGIONAL OFFICES:
Room 511
110 EAST 45TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017
Room 222
FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING
111 WEST HURON STREET
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14202
Room 512
U.S. POST OFFICE AND COURTHOUSE
445 BROADWAY
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207

October 7, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

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The emergency action you took this past Saturday to force cancellation of a proposed \$500 million sale of U.S. corn and wheat to the Soviet Union points up the inadequacy inherent in our current system for guaranteeing that domestic food supplies remain in sufficient supply for domestic use. While I commend this action stopping the shipment, which would have clearly worsened the already tight domestic supply of both corn and wheat - and consequently would have put increased upward price pressure on these commodities and their byproducts - such an emergency action should never have been necessary.

Almost one year ago, when it became apparent that a better system of reporting and controlling exports of raw, agricultural commodities was necessary, I introduced the Export Priorities Act. It would require of the Department of Agriculture to evaluate the potential yearly crop in each of the major raw agricultural products, determine the amount necessary to meet domestic needs and license the remainder under an equitable system guaranteeing the needs of the world's hungry and impoverished. Secretary Butz has consistently opposed this and similar legislation which would prevent the chaotic action that resulted from this weekend's order.

Despite Secretary Butz' opposition to any system that closely monitors and licenses exports of these critically important commodities, you properly recognized that to permit such a large export sale at this time would add further to inflation and put our nation's consumers and farmers at a further disadvantage.

It is time that Secretary Butz admitted the need for a system such as the one I proposed. There is no way for USDA to have adequate knowledge of our exporter's sales plans in advance, which is necessary to permit the Federal government to act before the fact rather than after it, which further complicates the free world trade markets and harms not only consumers but the farm commodity export companies themselves.



The Honorable Gerald R. Ford

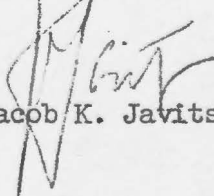
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October 8, 1974

Our lesson has been learned once; the 1972 great grain rip-off was instruction enough for us to know that in times of world food shortage and lack of surplus reserves we must budget farm commodities before allowing exports of these vital supplies. But Secretary Butz apparently has not yet learned that lesson. Will it take another such disaster for the American consumer before the Department of Agriculture effectively cares for the interests of American consumers.

I urge you to take immediate action to prevent these occurrences in the future. I also urge you to re-evaluate your reliance on this Secretary of Agriculture who has consistently opposed efforts to put a workable export control system into effect and to replace him if need be in order to safeguard the American consumer as well as the farmer.

Sincerely,


Jacob K. Javits

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

this went out
over Seever
signature

To: Mr. Gary Seever
Member
CEA

Date: November 1, 1974

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☐ Undersigned's signature.
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Please reply directly and furnish us with an information copy. Norman E. Ross, Room 218, OEOB, Domestic Council, Telephone 456-6554

Description:

~~XXXX~~ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other: ☐

To: President Ford

From: Tommy Howard, President of Columbus Bottlers, Inc.

Date: October 17, 1974

Subject: Wants to know if there really is a sugar shortage.

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

To: Mr. Gary Seevers
Member
CEA

Date: November 1, 1974

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

Description:

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

To: President Ford
From: D. Curtis Frisbey
Date: October 25, 1974
Subject: Sugar Prices

By direction of the President:

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



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W.H.S.
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November 1, 1974

**MEMORANDUM FOR: GARY SEEVERS
MEMBER, CEA**

**FROM: NORMAN E. ROSS
DOMESTIC COUNCIL**

Attached are communications we have received from individuals concerned with the high cost of sugar and the future predication that it will continue to be higher.

Please respond direct with appropriate action. Thank you.

- ✓ telegrams: Thill Candy Co, Philadelphia Pa
- ✓ John GHI, Washington Area Retail Bakers Assn., Hillcrest Hgts, Md.
- ✓ G. W. Evans, Sority Foods, Salt Lake City
- ✓ John S. Richards, Pres., Coca-Cola Bottling Co of Litchfield - Ill.
- ✓ James D. Whamond, Ward Baking Co., NYC



*This went
Out over
Seever's sign.*

November 5, 1974

Gary Seever, CEA

**The attached letter from Congressman Roy
is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.**

Attachment:

**Ltr fr Congressman Roy
re allocation of fertilizer**



October 16, 1974

Dear Dr. Roy:

This will acknowledge receipt and thank you for your October 9 letter to the President concerning the allocation of fertilizer to farmers.

The President, as you know, does realize that an adequate supply is critical to the agricultural community and you may be assured he intends to make certain it is available. Your letter, reinforcing his views, will be called to his attention at the earliest opportunity.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Max

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable William R. Roy
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

✓
bcc: w/incoming to Norm Ross for appropriate handling.
bcc: w/incoming to Wm. Seidman for your information.
MLF:EF:VO:ckb



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

this was
signed & put
over Seavers sig.

To: Mr. Gary Seavers
Member
CEA

Date: November 6, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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

To: President Ford

From: James E. Hamilton, President Pro Tempore Oklahoma State Senate

Date: October 8, 1974

Subject: Cannot under how increased taxes will fight inflation.

By direction of the President:

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

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The White House
Washington

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

HARD TO UNDERSTAND HOW INCREASED TAXES WILL FIGHT INFLATION.

FOOD COSTS AND CATTLE FEED ARE INCREASING BECAUSE OF EXPORTS

OF SOYBEANS, COTTON SEED, AND OTHER GRAIN COUPLED WITH

CONTINUED IMPORTS OF FOREIGN CATTLE. ACTION NEEDED TO CUT FEDERAL

SPENDING AND BALANCE BUDGET. HOUSING INDUSTRY ALSO HARD HIT.

AGAIN, DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW INCREASED TAXES WILL LOWER

LIVING COSTS FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE OF AMERICA.

JAMES E HAMILTON PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

*this went
out w/ Seevers Signature*

To: Gary Seevers
Member
CEA

Date: February 12, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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_____ President's signature.

~~xxxxxx~~ Undersigned's signature.

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

Description:

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

To: President

From: Honorable Claude Pepper - Congressman

Date: ~~February~~ January 28, 197

Subject: Cost of fertilizer on the citrus industry.

By direction of the President:

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

NEROSS/ee



(White House Suspense Copy)

February 4, 1975

Dear Mr. Pepper:

Thank you for your January 28 letter and for the copy of Mr. Tom Osborne's letter to the President concerning the impact of the cost of fertilizer on the citrus industry.

I appreciate your adding emphasis to this matter by writing as you did and I will certainly call this correspondence to the attention of the appropriate members of the staff.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Claude Pepper
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Norman Ross for DRAFT REPLY

MLF:EF:VO:jlc



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Bicen

Date:

American Revolution Bicentennial Admin.

March 14, 1975

736 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20276

2401 E St. NW
20276

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Norm E. Ross, Rm 218 White House

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_____ **1** Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: **The President**

From: **George Frain, 1789 Lanier Place, N. W., Wash, D. C.**

Date: **March 8, 1975**

Subject: **Wants Secretary of the Interior to restore, & open The Rhodes Tavern at 15th & F Sts., N. W. in time for Nation's Bicentennial**

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



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REFERRAL

To: **Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic
Preservation, 1522 K Street, N. W.**

Date: **March 18, 1975**

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☒ Undersigned's signature.
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2 Letters _____ Telegram: Other:

To: **President Ford**

From: **(1) Thomas S. Emison, Vincennes, Indiana; Mayor E. H. Montgomery of Vincennes**

Date: **March 11 & 12 respectively**

Subject: **Protesting the action of the Council in vetoing the construction of an interpretive facility at George Rogers Clark National Historic Park in Vincennes**

By direction of the President:

Ross/p 456-6554

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



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