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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: Secretary Records
Room 125-W
Department of Agriculture

Date April 3, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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

Is there anything new we can write to Van Vleck?

Please note cc of response to Van Vleck dtd. Dec. 7, 1974, attached

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President

From: Gordon Van Vleck, American National Cattlemen's Assn., Denver

Date: March 21, 1975

Subject: Has some unanswered questions from his previous letter to the President dtd. Nov. 5 - Also wants up to date info on results of any investigations of processing & distribution efficiencies & margins.

By direction of the President:

R/p 4-3-75

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



(White House Suspense Copy)

Suggested response to letter from Gordon Van Vleck, President, American National Cattlemen's Association, Denver, Colorado

Since I investigated the Department of Agriculture's price spread statistics and reported to you last December, the President has asked me to respond to your subsequent inquiry to brief you on recent developments.

The unit which calculates price spreads and marketing costs is in the process of gathering data for 26 weeks from a sample of retail firms to check the accuracy of the allowance for price specials in the calculation of the composite retail price of beef. This data collection will end about June 1. Data are processed as soon as received, but some additional time will be needed after June 1 to complete data processing. Other aspects of the price spread calculations are being examined to insure the best representation of current industry practices. We hope to complete our assessment of the current beef and pork price spread data and publish a new series by fall.

Costs are a companion to price spread calculations. In November, marketing costs for 1973 by marketing function were published in the Marketing and Transportation Situation. A reprint of that article (enclosed) has received widespread distribution.

Recently, Don Paarlberg convened a meeting of meat packers and ERS economists concerned with price spreads and margins to discuss the feasibility of additional disaggregation of the farm-to-retail price spread. A similar meeting is scheduled with retailers in late April.



Currently, our most recent data show the composite retail price to be down 25 to 30 cents from its 1974 peak. The preliminary estimate of the farm-to-retail price spread for March is about 6 cents below that of March 1974.

I am also enclosing two speeches presented since my earlier letter which refer to the current study and possible revisions underway.

We appreciate your continued interest in this situation. Also, we were heartened by your recent resolution supporting economic research for the cattle industry.



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REMARKS:

PLEASE HAVE A DRAFT RESPONSE FOR MR. ROSS BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 15.-- Call 456-6554 if this is not feasible.

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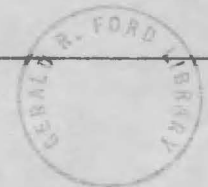
1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford
From: Congressman Larry Pressler
Date: April 2, 1975
Subject: Asking the President sign the Emergency Farm Bill
H.R. 4296

By direction of the President:

N/pt 456-6554

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



Encl 4-23-75

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

APR 17 1975

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

Dear Mr. Ross:

In response to your request of April 7, enclosed is a draft reply
to Congressman Larry Pressler concerning pending agricultural
legislation.

Sincerely,

Clayton Yeutter

Enclosure



pres. to veto farm bill

DRAFT REPLY TO LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN LARRY PRESSLER

Costs of farm production have been pushed upward by the same inflationary pressures that have affected other industries. Beef producers have been hurt by too-high grain prices. The cotton industry is suffering from a decline in world textile demand reflecting the poor health of the world economy. However, there is no overall emergency in the farm sector that justifies making excessive increases in the price support levels for wheat, corn, cotton, soybeans and milk.

The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, in effect for only 21 months, has led to record levels in farm exports, farm operators' net income and total farm cash receipts. At the same time, taxpayers have benefited by a reduction in payments from a peak of nearly \$4 billion to only \$525 million in calendar 1974, and by the fact that 60 million acres have been released for planting as farmers move into full production of crops that are in greatest demand.

We do not think that the current proposed legislation will accomplish the twin goals of assuring adequate production for both domestic and foreign use while simultaneously maintaining high farm prices. Rather, it would lead to further increases in livestock and poultry costs and eventually to higher food prices. It would force U.S. farm goods out of world markets, weakening our position in world trade and destroying the benefits to our economy of record high farm exports.



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To: Secretary's Records
Room 125-W
Department of Agriculture

Date: May 6, 1975

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*Two letters

Description:

~~xxx~~ Letter: ~~xxxx~~ Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford
From: George A. Athenson - Mayor of Hartford Conn. & Mayor Guida of
Date: April 24 & April 25 respectively New Haven, Connecticut
Subject: They are both on Bill 1310 the Special Summer Food Program

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
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~~XXXXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: A questionnaire directed to Bill Baroody

From: Mrs. Sylvaia S. Kliman

Date: no date

Subject: Soil Conservation Service. Restoring the Ogunquit Dunes

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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

To: President Ford
From: Rodolfo Martinez and Martin Morales
Date: March 21, 1975
Subject: PBB exposure to the people of Michigan.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

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REMARKS:

Please also note previous ltr sent to the President

Description:

1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: President Ford
From: Mrs. Shirley Hendricks, Bloomfield, Iowa
Date: March 15, 1975
Subject: Asking the Administration to "protect" the farmers give them incentive to work and that they will have higher prices for their products

By direction of the President:

R/p 456-6554

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



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Secretary - Records
Department of Agriculture

Date: April 11, 1975

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REMARKS:

Please note cc of letter to Congressional leaders

Description:

1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Multi-signees

Date: March 20, 1975

Subject: Taking exception to a speech delivered by John McGuire and urging the removal of Mr. McGuire
(Speech delivered at the Wildlife Convention)

NRoss/pt 456-6554

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

ans'd 5-7-75



(White House Suspense Copy)

Mr. Norman Cavanaugh
Dana Soghop
Boise State University
1910 College Blvd.
Boise, Idaho 83725

Dear Mr. Cavanaugh:

President Ford has asked us to reply to your letter of March 20, 1975, which urges removal of John R. McGuire as Chief of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Your request is in response to comments attributed to Chief McGuire in a speech he gave at the annual convention of the National Wildlife Federation in Pittsburgh on March 16, 1975, which you and co-signers feel were negative to American Indians. We regret that you found the remarks offensive.

Unfortunately, statements are often distorted when they appear in newsprint. We have discussed this particular situation with Mr. McGuire and he, also, is concerned about the quotation. It went beyond what he had said, giving a different impression than intended. The news release also makes it appear that the comments reported were made during his formal presentation. Actually to the extent they were reported correctly, they were not part of his talk but were in response to direct questions from individuals in a small group following the formal presentation.

While some of Mr. McGuire's comments were not accurately reported, his principal observation concerning the apparent trend in recent years toward the settlement of claims through more transfers of land or rights rather than through cash settlement, is factual. As you know, Congress passed the Indian Claims Act in 1946 providing for cash settlement of Indian claims determined to be valid by the Indian Claims Commission. Cash settlement was the policy for many years which followed. In recent years there have been an increasing number of actions by Congress, the President, and federal agencies where Indian tribes received land or other rights for settlement rather than cash. This trend, at least in part, has been the result of increased public concern and support brought about by more active Indian efforts.

We believe that Mr. McGuire was acting responsibly and that his actual statements were factual. We do not believe he acted irresponsibly. We regret that the quotes attributed to him have caused you, and those you speak for, some concern.

We do appreciate receiving your thoughts on this matter.



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To: Secretary's Records
Room 125-W
Department of Agriculture

Date: April 11, 1975

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

To: President Ford
From: Mayor John Saavedra - City of Soledad, California
Date: April 2, 1975
Subject: Wahssfederderal funds for rural development .

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

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1 _____ Letters: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: Wilbert Willie, Office of Navajo Economic Opportunity, Ft. Defiance
Date: March 12 Arizona

Subject: Asking the President for consideration in requesting funds
for FY 76 for Women, Infants & Children Program. Very vital to
the Navajos

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By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: The President
From: Senator Bob Packwood
Date: March 27, 1975
Subject: Asking that President discuss wheat export situation with Chinese representatives on his upcoming trip to China. Also feels if market development grows, so will agricultural export program. Asking for Administration support.

NROSS/p 456-6554

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



(White House Suspense Copy)

April 2, 1975

Dear Senator:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your March 27 letter to the President in behalf of the wheat industry in the Northwest with regard to an expanding foreign market development effort.

I shall be pleased to pass along your letter to the President, and I am certain that he and his appropriate advisors will give your comments and suggestions early attention.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William T. Kendall
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Bob Pakkwood
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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bcc: w/incoming to Norm Ross -- for further handling



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Department of Agriculture

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☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: Barbara P. LeCroy, Pres., Baltimore Chapter, Federally Employed Women

Date: April 13, 1975

Subject: Feels that USDA is guilty of shoddy personnel practices and that they have violated PL 93-259, veterans' preference was ignored, & sex discrimination considered because of wife working, and age discrimination.

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April 5-5-75

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

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: Office of the Vice President, Attn: Arthur Queren
From: E. Burton Grier, Chairman, Greater Adirondack Resource Conservation & Development
Date: April 10, 1975
Subject: Funding for the Greater Adirondack Resource Conservation & Development Project, which has been refused for FY 1975

By direction of the President:

NROSS/pt 456-6554

Norman E. Ross
Domestic Council

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

April 30, 1975

Mr. Norman E. Ross
Domestic Council
The White House

Dear Mr. Ross:

This is in response to your referral of April 21, 1975, requesting a draft reply to a letter from Mr. E. Burton Grier concerning Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program funding for the proposed Greater Adirondack Project in New York.

On February 28, 1975, we announced the ten new project starts to receive RC&D Program assistance. Careful review and consideration had been given to all applications on hand at time of selection.

In addition to information contained in the enclosed draft reply, the significant budgetary impact of new starts comes in the recurring cost of implementation. The number of authorized RC&D projects has increased from 78 to 148 in the last three fiscal years. By announcing only ten new starts, USDA agencies can place greater emphasis on completing plans for those areas already designated for assistance.

We trust this information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. VANDER MYDE
Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosures



Please note draft response to be
forwarded to William Kendall for
their final typing.

^{response}
d ec to Jim Cannon

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Please give this priority attention.

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: Other:
To: The President
From: co-signed by 13 SENATORS
Date: April 18
Subject: They think it is absolutely essential the Federal Government continue to support an effective fire ant program and asking that the WHITE HOUSE resolve fundamental differences between USDA & EPA.

By direction of the President:

NROSS/pt 456-6554

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

April 24, 1975

Dear Senator:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for the April 18 letter to the President from you and 12 of your colleagues regarding the Imported Fire Ant Control Program.

I have noted your reasons why you feel that it is essential that the Federal Government continue to support an effective fire ant program. I shall see that your letter is called to the President's attention and that your views are given most careful consideration by the persons whose area of responsibility covers this subject.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

William T. Kendall
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

bcc: w/incoming to Norm Ross - for further DRAFT reply, please
w/incoming to Jim Cannon - FYI

WTK:EF:ah



June 4, 1975

Dear Senator:

This is in further response to the April 18 letter from you and several of your colleagues.

As you know, the problem of the fire ant has been a matter of concern to several recent Administrations. This Administration and its predecessors have recognized the difficulties that this pest has caused for people and agriculture in the affected areas. For the fiscal years 1969-1975, more than \$50.5 million has been appropriated so that the fire ant could be brought under control. During recent years, the Environmental Protection Agency, in carrying out a mission which we fully support, has ordered restrictions on the use of the pesticide which is the least hazardous available means to eliminate the ant. Difficulties in striking a reasonable balance between these two objectives -- controlling the fire ant and protecting the environment -- have resulted in a program which is both costly and relatively ineffective.

The action by the Secretary of Agriculture, announcing his intent to suspend the program effective June 30, has brought this complex and troubling issue into focus. We believe that the dialogue between the two agencies and other interested parties which has been stimulated by the Secretary's announcement will bring about an early resolution of this important issue. If so, the people of the infested areas can be assured of a program which is both effective and environmentally sound. If not, it would be inappropriate to continue to spend public funds on a program which provides only temporary relief.



The President has asked the Domestic Council to monitor the efforts of EPA and USDA as they seek a solution. The welfare of the people in the infested areas, and in the areas to which the ant may spread, depends on prompt and responsible action.

I hope this information will be useful to you.

Sincerely,

William T. Kendall
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Ernest F. Hollings
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

bcc: Norm Ross - FYI

WTK:ROSS/EF:mlg



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☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: Other:
To: Norman E. Ross, Jr.
From: Lorella E. Greaser
Date: April 24, 1975
Subject: She wants to know why she has not received the 80% parity as promised. She has called my office several times concerning this matter.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President

From: Maston Mims, Chairman, Senate Agriculture Cmte, Alabama State Senate

Date: April 15

Subject: Asking that the President stand firm on commitment made last
October re imposing quotas under the Meat Import Act of 1964.

NROSS/pt 456-6554

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council

Ans'd
5/29



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

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4/18/75
C. R.

To: Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Treasury
Washington, D.C.

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Please prepare draft response and return ALL correspondence to Norm Ross, Rm 218, Domestic Council, The White House

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President
From: Raymond A. Lermund, President, The John D. Walsh Company, Inc
Date: April 16, 1975
Subject: Understand Brazil is on the list to obtain customs preference to produce Orange Oil without paying necessary duty. Objection is made because feel it would be detrimental to U.S. industries, at this time.

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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: Secretary Records
Department of Agriculture

Date: May 1, 1975

answered
6-2-75

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:

Description:

1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President
From: John S. Griswold, President, Children's Aid Society, New York
Date: April 18
Subject: Concerned with the discontinuation of funds of the
Commodity Distribution Program for institutions.

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REFERRAL

To: Secretary Records
Department of Agriculture

Date: May 1, 1975

answered
5-28-
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ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: 1 Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: Harlan Holleman, State Finance Chairman, Arkansas Republican Party

Date: March 19

Subject: Wants a statement that export controls of any kind will not be restored under this Administration
(To assure farmers)

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By direction of the President:

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REFERRAL

To: Secretary's Records
Room 125-W
Department of Agriculture

Date: May 6, 1975

Answered
6-17-75
Sent to C.F.
CC for info to
Veto for

ACTION REQUESTED

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

MAY I PLEASE HAVE A 72 HOUR RESPONSE?

Description:

~~XXXXXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: President Ford
From: Congressman James Abdnor
Date: March 26, 1975
Subject: Unless export controls on farm products are removed and partly
placed at 100 percent, they intend to cut farm production in
varying amounts.

By direction of the President:

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Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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Dr. McConaughy

March 29, 1975

Dear Jim:

This will acknowledge receipt of your March 26 letter to the President and thank you for your courtesy in forwarding to him the letters from a number of South Dakota farmers and ranchers stating that unless export controls on farm products are removed and parity placed at 100 percent, they intend to cut farm production in varying amounts.

You may assure your constituents that their letters will be called to the attention of the President and the appropriate members of the staff at the earliest opportunity.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

**Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President**

**The Honorable James Abdnor
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515**

bcc: w/incoming to Norman Ross for appropriate handling

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6/18/75

To: Secretary's Records
Room 125-W
Department of Agriculture

Date: May 9, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

XXXXXX Draft reply for:

____ President's signature.
XXXXXXX Undersigned's signature.

____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
____ Direct reply.
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REMARKS:

I need a further response on this letter.
copies of previous correspondence attached for reference.

Description:

XXXXXX Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: Norman Ross
From: Roderick F. Elliott
Date: April 28, 1975
Subject: Having trouble with the FmHA.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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REFERRAL

never
answered
7/24/75

To: Secretary Records
Room 125 - W
Dept. of Agriculture

Date: May 15, 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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REMARKS:

Please prepare response within 72 hours (Due date May 19)

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: President Ford

From: K. D. Kilpatrick, State Senator, State of Louisiana

Date: May 7, 1975

Subject: Objecting to the suspend by USDA to control the fire ant because of severe restrictions placed by EPA.

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By direction of the President:
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Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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6/18/75
C. F.

To: Secretary Records
Room 125-W
Dept. of Agriculture

Date: May 16, 1975

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President

From: Frank J. Kugler

Date: May 7, 1975

Subject: Opposes Agriculture's proposed \$600 million reduction in funding and consolidation into block grants to States.

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REFERRAL

To: Secretary's Records
Room 125-W
Department of Agriculture

Date: May 24, 1975

W. J. Ross
Necessary -
They received
response for many
other
C.F.

ACTION REQUESTED

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

____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to
reply.

____ Direct reply.
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REMARKS:

Description:

~~XXXX~~ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: Domestic Council
From: Alfred H. Eisenhardt
Date: May 5, 1975
Subject: problems with loans through FmHA

By direction of the President:

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6/18/75

To: Secretary's Records
Room 125-W
Dept. of Agriculture

Date: May 24, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

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_____ President's signature.

xxxxxxx Undersigned's signature.

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REMARKS:

May we please have a 72 hour response on this.

Description:

xxxxxxx Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: Norman Ross

From: Jack C. Kenneville

Date: May 12, 1975

Subject: Help provide a commodity market for the surplus of potatoes from
Idaho

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Assistant Director
Domestic Council



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Answered
6-17