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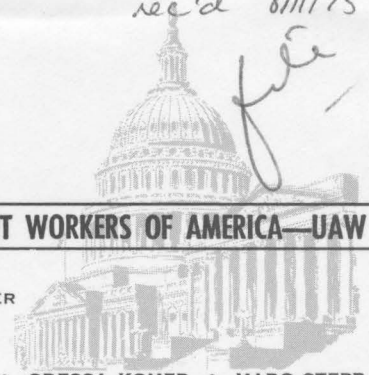
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August 8, 1975

Mr. Fernando E.C. De Baca  
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Dear Fernando :

Many thanks for conveying to me the invitation from the President to be in attendance during the signing of the Voting Rights Bill on August 6, 1975. For me as well as many others, it was a great occasion and I want to personally thank you for your effort in arranging that I be on hand on that day.

With all best and warm regards, I am,

sincerely yours.

Esteban E. Torres  
Assistant Director



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
JAMES CANNON

FROM: WARREN RUSTAND *WR*

SUBJECT: Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Mrs. Nell Yates, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dr. David Hoopes by 4:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

SIGNING CEREMONY: For Voting Rights Bill (HR 6219)  
Meeting:

Date: Wed., Aug. 6, '75 Time: 12:00 Noon Duration: 10 mins.

Location: The Cabinet Room

Press Coverage: Press Photo Session

Purpose: Sign Voting Rights Act on 10th anniversary to the day from the original bill's enactment.

cc: Mr. Hartmann  
Mr. Marsh  
Dr. Connor  
Dr. Hoopes  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Nessen  
Miss Luther  
Mr. O'Donnell  
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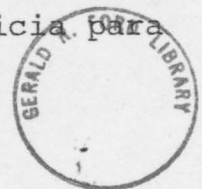
COMMENTARIO DE FERNANDO E. C. DE BACA, ASISTENTE ESPECIAL  
AL PRESIDENTE SOBRE ASUNTOS HISPANICOS SOBRE LA OCASION EN  
QUE EL PRESIDENTE FIRMO EL HECHO DEL DERECHO DE VOTAR DE 1975.  
AGOSTO 6 de 1975 EN LA CASA BLANCA.

Este evento es historico y significativo para los Hispano-  
Americanos. Hoy el Presidente ha firmado y hecho ley un documento  
que señala un impacto mayor para los más de 16 millones de  
Americanos de habla español y tambien lost de otros idiomas y  
grupos minoritarios.

La discriminacion contra la votacion de los Hispanos y los de  
otra idioma y grupos minoritarios Americanos ha sido un hecho  
persistente y muy general. Para agravar las cosas, Americanos  
de habla hispana han sido negados por largo tiempo la igualdad  
en oportunidades educacionales por instituciones locales y de  
estado, resultando en graves desajustes y obstaculos de  
aprendizaje y contribuyendo a la escacese del conocimiento  
del ingles.

El Presidente Ford ha dicho repetidamente que "el derecho de  
votar es la base de la libertad y que este derecho tiene que  
ser protegido." Verdaderamente, la participacion por todos los  
Americanos de todos antecedentes etnicos en el proceso electoral  
de votar, es el corazon del sistema democratico de nuestra nacion.

Yo veo el Hecho del Derecho de Votar de 1975 como el principio  
para hacer posible mas grande representacion de los Americanos  
de herencia Espanola en los puestos politicos a base de eleccion  
en nuestra nacion. No puede haber una manera mas propicia para



principiar el Bicentenario Americano que el de asegurar la igualdad de participacion a todos los Americanos de otra idioma para participar en el proceso electoral del futuro.

Con la cooperacion del Presidente y el Congreso en la formacion de esta ley y su aplicacion vigorosa, los Americanos de habla Hispana y los de otra idioma, tienen ahora el mecanismo para moverse sin obstaculo hacia mayores empresas en America. A este punto de nuestra digna historia, tenemos gobernadores de habla Hispana en Arizona y Nuevo Mexico, un Senador de los Estados Unidos, seis miembros del Congreso de la Nacion, y otros importantes oficiales electos. El Hecho del Derecho de Votar de 1975 es necesario para proteger lo ya avanzado y el hacer posible la completa participacion de todas las minorias de lenguaje en la vida politica de sus estados y sus comunidades.



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AUGUST 6, 1975

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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
AT THE SIGNING OF  
THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

THE ROSE GARDEN

AT 12:09 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Vice President, distinguished members of the Congress, and other distinguished guests:

I am very pleased to sign today H.R. 6219, which extends, as well as broadens, the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The right to vote is at the very foundation of our American system and nothing must interfere with this very precious right. Today is the tenth anniversary of the signing by President Johnson of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which I supported as a member of the House of Representatives.

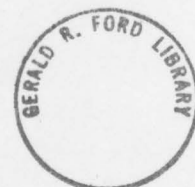
In the past decade the voting rights of millions and millions of Americans have been protected and our system of government has been strengthened immeasurably. The bill I will sign today extends the temporary provisions of the Act for seven more years and broadens the provisions to bar discrimination against Spanish-speaking Americans, American Indians, Alaskan natives and Asian Americans.

Further, this bill will permit private citizens, as well as the Attorney General, to initiate suits to protect the voting rights of citizens in any State where discrimination occurs. There must be no question whatsoever about the right of each eligible American, each eligible citizen to participate in our elective process. The extension of this Act will help to insure that right.

I thank the members of the Congress, I thank their staffs and I thank all the others who have been helpful in making this signing possible.

END

(AT 12:12 P.M. EDT)



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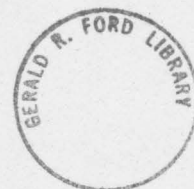
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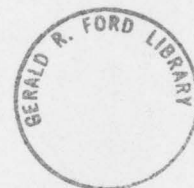
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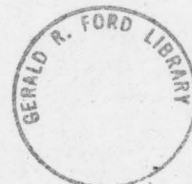
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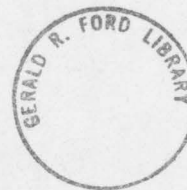


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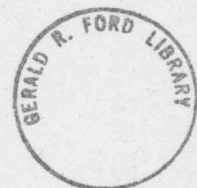
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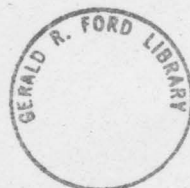
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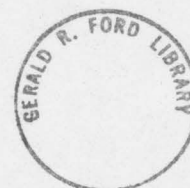
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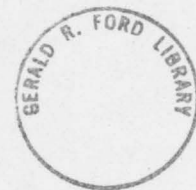
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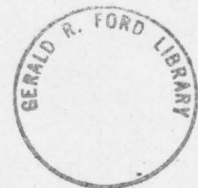


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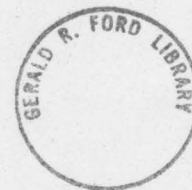
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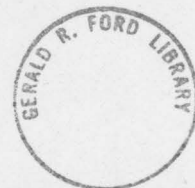
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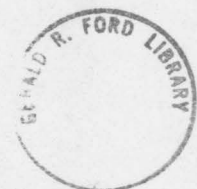
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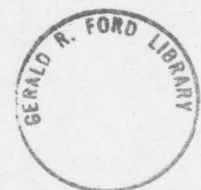
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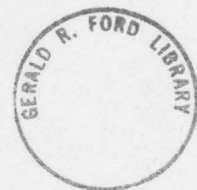


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MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF  
FROM: FERNANDO E. <sup>F</sup>C. DE BACA  
SUBJECT: Voting Rights Bill

Now that the Voting Rights Bill (HR 6219) has been passed by the House and Senate, it would appear to be in the President's best interest to hold a brief White House signing ceremony with key Black, Spanish Speaking, and other language minority group leaders present. This would allow Ted Marrs, Stan Scott, John Calhoun, and I, who deal with this significant voter segment, the opportunity to place the President in the best possible leadership position with respect to this important bill.

I would recommend at a minimum that the following Hispanic leaders be invited to the ceremony.

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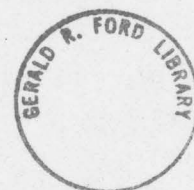
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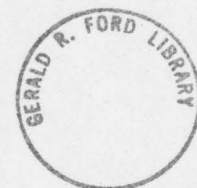
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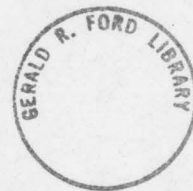


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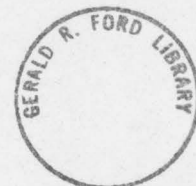
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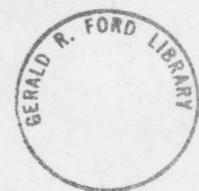
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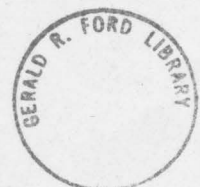
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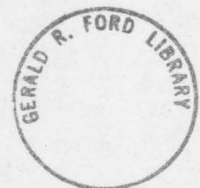


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