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OCTOBER 14, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

During the last six months the Domestic Council has conducted an intensive review of the drug abuse problem in the United States. I directed this review because I was concerned about reports of increasing availability and use of drugs. Specifically, I wanted to know the extent and nature of drug abuse in this country and the effectiveness of our current programs in responding to this serious problem.

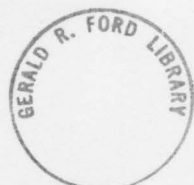
The Domestic Council Drug Abuse Task Force has completed its review and has prepared a "White Paper on Drug Abuse" for my consideration. I am grateful to the Vice President, the members of the task force and to the many others from inside and outside of government who offered advice and counsel in the preparation of this report.

Drug abuse is a problem of deep personal concern to me and one which requires a careful but forceful policy both at home and abroad. We have completed an important first step. Now we must continue the vital process of communication and analysis which has begun.

In order to assure prompt implementation of this report, I am directing each Federal agency with direct program responsibility to analyze and respond to the White Paper within the next 60 days. I am also directing that the report be released to help refocus the current public dialogue on drug abuse.

This Administration is firmly committed to improving the quality of life for all Americans. Clearly drug abuse has no place in our society. I believe the White Paper outlines in realistic terms the drug abuse problem this nation faces and presents for my consideration comprehensive recommendations for ways in which the Federal government, working with state and local governments, and the private sector, can control drug abuse.

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FACT SHEET

WHITE PAPER ON DRUG ABUSE

The President today has directed that the Report of the Domestic Council's Drug Abuse Task Force be made public.

Background

President Ford, last April, called for an in-depth review of the Federal Government's entire drug abuse prevention program. To accomplish this mission, a Domestic Council task force, consisting of senior representatives of 12 Federal departments and agencies, was created and charged with responsibility for preparing a comprehensive report to the President.

The specific objectives of the review were to:

- . Assess the effectiveness of current drug programs and policies;
- . Determine if the Federal drug strategy, priorities and organizational structures are appropriate to meet current needs;
- . Examine the need for, and structure of, a drug management and coordination mechanism in the Executive Office of the President.

That report, the "White Paper on Drug Abuse", has been completed and presents the task force's extensive findings and recommendations in detail.

Highlights and Recommendations of the Task Force

The task force strongly endorses the concept of a Federal program which balances the effort to reduce the supply of drugs with an effort to reduce the demand for drugs, and it recommends that this concept should continue to be the cornerstone of the Federal strategy for containing drug abuse.

In addition to confirming the validity of this fundamental strategy, the White Paper contains numerous programmatic recommendations based on the following themes:

- . We must be realistic about what can be achieved and what the appropriate Federal role is in the war against drugs. We must be prepared to continue our efforts and commitment to contain the problem at a minimal level. We must also recognize that the Federal Government cannot do the job alone. Only through the combined efforts of the Federal, State and local governments, private individuals and business, and a variety of local organizations, working together, can we hope to ultimately succeed.

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- . Not all drug use is equally destructive and we should give priority in our treatment and law enforcement efforts to those drugs which pose the greatest risks to the individual and to society, as well as to compulsive users of drugs of any kind. The highest risk drugs are heroin, amphetamines, particularly when taken intravenously, and barbiturates when taken in combination with other drugs.
- . Supply reduction is broader than law enforcement and we should utilize a variety of approaches and tools to reduce the supply of illicit drugs.
- . Federal law enforcement efforts should focus on the development of major conspiracy cases against the leaders of high-level trafficking networks and should move away from "street-level" activities.
- . The current treatment focus of demand reduction efforts should be supplemented with increased attention to prevention and vocational rehabilitation.
- . Neither successful prevention nor successful rehabilitation is drug specific. Both should be closely integrated with other, comprehensive social programs.
- . The success program managers have in enlisting the support and cooperation of foreign governments, and State and local governments and private organizations domestically, is greatly enhanced when our national leaders clearly manifest their commitment to combatting drug abuse.

Finally, the White Paper observes that there is a significant need to better coordinate and manage the Federal drug program and to more effectively mobilize and utilize all the resources available, and it makes a number of recommendations to accomplish these objectives.

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January 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL

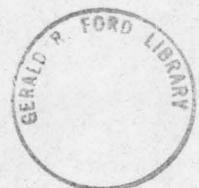
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SUBJECT: Domestic Council Committee on Illegal Aliens

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August 27, 1973

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: ANNE ARMSTRONG

FROM: FRED SLIGHT

SUBJECT: Domestic Council Committee on Civil Rights
Policy

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Membership on the Committee includes:

- Elliot Richardson, Chairman
- James Schlesinger
- Peter Brennan
- Caspar Weinberger
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WASHINGTON

September 15, 1973

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THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL

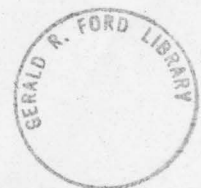
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Administrator of the Environmental
Protection Agency
Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality
Deputy Director, Office of Management
and Budget

SUBJECT: Domestic Council Committee on Civil
Rights Policy

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that Bryce Harlow is now a Member of the Domestic Council Committee on Civil Rights Policy.


Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
Director, Domestic Council

cc: Secretary of Defense
Dana Mead



THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: July 12, 1973

Time:

Fred
Council on
Civil Rts.

FOR ACTION: Mr. George Shultz
Gov. John Love
Mr. Mel Laird
Mr. Bryce Harlow
Mr. Peter Flanigan
FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

cc (for information): General Haig
Mr. Roy Ash
Mr. Bill Timmons
Mrs. Anne Armstrong
Mr. Jerry Jones
Mr. Dave Gergen

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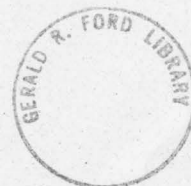
SUBJECT:

Cole memo, 7-10, Domestic Council Committees

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☒ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☒ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

BRUCE A. KEHRLI
Staff Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 10, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KEN COLE

SUBJECT: Domestic Council Committees

Attached for your signature is a memorandum to the members of the Domestic Council establishing new Domestic Council Committees.

These Committees would be Cabinet level working groups chaired by an appropriate Cabinet officer, tasked with responsibility for developing, coordinating and presenting all domestic policy issues to you for decision. Working closely with Bill Timmons, the Committees would also have responsibility for reviewing legislation pending before Congress and recommending to you any modification or compromises necessary to achieve passage in an acceptable form. The Cabinet Committee structure, which we have used very successfully in the past, would ensure that as much responsibility for policy formation as possible rests with the Cabinet.

Mel and I believe that these working groups are the best possible structures for developing policy and monitoring legislation. The members of your Cabinet who will be sitting on these Committees strongly support the concept and agree that they can work effectively through this structure.

An Associate Director of the Domestic Council staff will be assigned to coordinate staff work for each Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached memorandum at Tab A.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL

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SUBJECT:

Domestic Council Committees

This is to establish a number of new Domestic Council committees in particular substantive policy areas.

Each committee is tasked with lead responsibility in its appropriate area for developing, coordinating and presenting to me both short term and long range domestic policy issues. Further, each committee, working in close coordination with my congressional relations staff, will have lead responsibility for reviewing on a continuing basis legislation pending before the Congress and recommending to me such actions as may be necessary to successfully achieve our legislative objectives with the Congress.



The members of each committee are comprised of the appropriate members of the Domestic Council and other appropriate members in the Executive Branch. I have chosen a chairman for each committee whose responsibilities within the Administration most closely parallel those of his committee. Please notice that several committees have rotating chairmen, determined by the nature of the issue which the committee is considering. Each chairman should feel free to appoint subcommittees within his committee as he deems necessary.

An Associate Director of the Domestic Council staff will be assigned to coordinate staff work for each committee.

Our new committees are an effort to ensure that substantive responsibility for policy development and coordination is maintained by the Cabinet. I am confident that the new committee structure can work effectively to promote and coordinate our policies and I would appreciate each committee chairman submitting to me in several months an assessment of each committee's performance.

DOMESTIC COUNCIL COMMITTEES

I. The Natural Resources area:

A. The Committee on Environmental Resources

Chairman - Secretary of the Interior

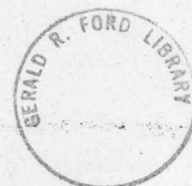
Vice Chairman - Secretary of Agriculture

Members - Secretary of Commerce, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, Administrator of EPA, Under Secretary of the Army

B. The Committee on Energy Resources

Chairman - Secretary of the Interior

Members - Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Transportation, Director, Energy Policy Office, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, Administrator of EPA, Chairman of AEC, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, Director, NS



II. The Community Development area:

- A. The Committee on Community Development (rotating chairman)
Secretary of Agriculture - Chairman Rural Development Committee
Secretary of HUD - Chairman Urban Development Committee
Secretary of Transportation - Chairman Transportation Policy Development Committee
Members - Secretary of Treasury, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Labor, Director of the Office of Management and Budget

- B. The Committee on Civil Rights Policy (Dana Mead)
Chairman - Attorney General
Members - Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Labor, Secretary of HEW, Secretary of HUD, Director of the Office of Management and Budget

- C. The Committee on the Bicentennial
Chairman - Counsellor to the President Armstrong
Members - Secretary of State, Secretary of Treasury, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Commerce, Director of the Office of Management and Budget

III. The Human Resources area:

- A. The Committee on Health Insurance
Chairman - Secretary of HEW
Members - Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of HUD, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Administrator of Veterans Affairs

- B. The Committee on Income Security
Chairman - Secretary of HEW
Members - Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Labor, Secretary of HUD, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Administrator of Veterans Affairs



C. The Committee on Aging

Chairman - Secretary of HEW

Members - Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce,
Secretary of Labor, Secretary of HEW,
Secretary of Transportation, Director of
the Office of Management and Budget

IV. The Law Enforcement and Drug Abuse area:

A. The Committee on Drug Abuse (rotating chairman)

Attorney General - Chairman, Committee on Enforcement

Secretary of HEW - Chairman, Committee on Treatment

Members - Secretary of Treasury, Secretary of Defense,
Secretary of Labor, Secretary of HUD,
Secretary of Transportation, Director
of the Office of Management and Budget,
Administrator of Veterans Affairs,
Director of the Special Action Office for
Drug Abuse Prevention

B. The Committee on Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation

Chairman - Attorney General

Members - Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Commerce
Secretary of Labor, Secretary of HEW,
Secretary of HUD, Director of the Office
of Management and Budget

cc: Secretary of State
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