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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON
SUBJECT: H.R. 4034 - Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 4034, sponsored by Representative Wilson and 12 others. The enrolled bill would designate the new Veterans Administration Hospital in Loma Linda, California as the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital" and would authorize the VA Administrator to provide a suitable memorial at the hospital for the late Congressman.

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Lazarus) and I recommend approval of the enrolled bill.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.R. 4034 at Tab B.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jim Cavanaugh: Max Friedersdorf
is working on a signing ceremony
on the attached. Bob Linder will
hold.

Judy 3/25

3/25
no signing ceremony



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MAR 19 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 4034 - Jerry L. Pettis Memorial
Veterans Hospital
Sponsor - Rep. Wilson (R) California and 12
others

Last Day for Action

March 29, 1976 - Monday

Purpose

Designates the Veterans Administration hospital in Loma Linda, California as the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital."

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget Approval

Veterans Administration Approval

Discussion

H.R. 4034 would designate the new VA hospital in Loma Linda, California, as the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital" in memory of the late Jerry L. Pettis, former Member of the House of Representatives from 1967-1975. The enrolled bill also would authorize the VA Administrator to provide an appropriate memorial at the hospital for the late Congressman.

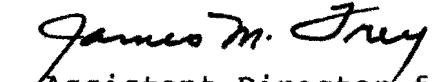
The new 500-bed VA hospital is located in the 37th Congressional District of California, which was represented by the late Rep. Pettis, and is currently represented by his widow. It is scheduled to open in the fall of 1977 and will be affiliated with the Loma Linda Medical School.

As noted in the attached VA views letter, Jerry L. Pettis actively supported the establishment of the new VA hospital. He maintained a long affiliation with Loma Linda University, serving as Professor, Vice President and Chairman of the

Board during the period 1948 to 1967, and was influential in the planning and development of the Loma Linda Medical School.

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H.R. 4034 and several identical bills have bipartisan sponsorship of the entire California delegation. We concur with the VA recommendation that H.R. 4034 be approved.


Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20420

March 17, 1976



The Honorable
James T. Lynn
Director, Office of
Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Lynn:

This will respond to the request of the Assistant Director for Legislative Reference for the views of the Veterans Administration on the enrolled enactment of H.R. 4034, 94th Congress, a bill "To designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Loma Linda, California, as the 'Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital', and for other purposes."

The subject bill would, as indicated by the title, designate the Veterans Administration Hospital in Loma Linda, California, as the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital, and authorize the Administrator to provide such memorial at that hospital as he deems suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late Jerry L. Pettis.

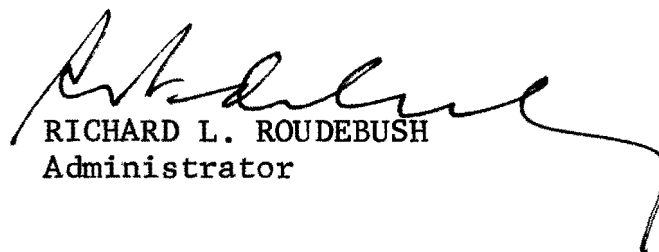
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The Veterans Administration has long followed a policy of naming its hospitals for the locality where situated, and not for individuals. This long-standing policy has been based upon the realization that a fair basis of selection would be difficult, that controversy might result in some instances, and that persons or organizations whose candidates were not chosen would be disappointed.

Veterans Administration hospitals named by Congress are not subject to this administrative policy, and five have been so named. They are the Royal C. Johnson Veterans Memorial Hospital at Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Public Law 93, 79th Congress, June 29, 1945), the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital at Montrose, New York (Public Law 189, 79th Congress, September 26, 1945), the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center at Bonham, Texas (Public Law 91-421, September 25, 1970), the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans' Hospital at San Antonio, Texas (Public Law 92-183, December 15, 1971), and the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital at Columbia, Missouri (Public Law 93-602, January 2, 1975).

In view of Mr. Pettis' distinguished Congressional service, it is quite understandable that consideration should be given to honoring him. Accordingly, I recommend that the President approve H.R. 4034.

Sincerely,



RICHARD L. ROUDEBUSH
Administrator

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: March 19

Time: 430pm

FOR ACTION: David Lissy ✓
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh
Ed Schmults

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Monday, March 22

Time: 500pm

SUBJECT:

H.R. 4034 - Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Hospital
Veterans Hospital

ACTION REQUESTED:

___ For Necessary Action

___ For Your Recommendations

___ Prepare Agenda and Brief

___ Draft Reply

___ For Your Comments

___ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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Recommend Approval



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James M. Cannon
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.G.*
SUBJECT: H. R. 4034 - Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Hospital
Veterans Hospital

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the agencies that the subject bill be signed. We recommend a signing ceremony.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

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Date: March 19

Time: 430pm

FOR ACTION: David Lissy
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
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Ed Schmults

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REMARKS:

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No objection -- Ken Lazarus 3/22/76

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For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

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FOR ACTION: David Lissy *OK*
Max Friedersdorf *OK*
Ken Lazarus *OK*

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

To
Cavanaugh
3-19-76



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MAR 19 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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NAMING OF VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL
AT LOMA LINDA, CALIFORNIA, FOR JERRY L. PETTIS

SEPTEMBER 18, 1975.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the
State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 4034]

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4034) to designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Loma Linda, California, as the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital", and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, by unanimous voice vote, without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

The reported bill (H.R. 4034) would designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Loma Linda, California, as the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital" and the Administrator of Veterans Affairs would be authorized to provide such memorial at the above-named hospital as he may deem suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late Jerry L. Pettis, former Member of the United States House of Representatives.

H.R. 4034 is identical to H.R. 4125, cosponsored by Mr. Clausen, Mr. McCloskey, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McFall, Mr. Martin, Mr. Michel, Mr. Miller of Ohio, Mr. Miller of California, Mr. Mineta, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Patterson of California, Mr. Rees, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Roybal, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Schneebeli, Mr. Sisk, Mr. Stark, Mr. Steiger of Wisconsin, Mr. Ullman, Mr. Van Deerlin, Mr. Vander Jagt, Mr. Waxman and Mr. Charles H. Wilson of California; H.R. 4220, cosponsored by Mr. Moss, Mr. Anderson of California, Mr. Anderson of Illinois, Mr. Archer, Mr. Bafalis, Mr. Brown of California, Mr. Burke of Massachusetts, Mrs. Burke of California, Mr. John L. Burton, Mr. Phillip Burton, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Conable, Mr. Corman, Mr. Crane, Mr. Danielson, Mr. Dellums, Mr. Duncan of Tennessee, Mr. Edwards of California, Mr. Frenzel, Mr. Hannaford, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Johnson of California, Mr. Krebs, Mr. Leggett, and Mr. Lloyd of California; and

H.R. 9577, cosponsored by Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hammerschmidt, Mr. Teague, Mr. Satterfield, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Carney, Mr. Danielson, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Wilson of Texas, Mr. Cornell, Mr. Hefner, Mr. Hannaford, Mr. Ford of Tennessee, Mr. Edgar, Mr. Holland, Mr. McHugh, Mrs. Heckler, Mr. Wylie, Mr. Hillis, Mr. Abdnor, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Guyer, Mr. Hansen and Mr. O'Brien.

BIOGRAPHY OF JERRY L. PETTIS

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Mr. Pettis was a husband, father, churchman, businessman, pilot, farmer, educator and Congressman. He died on February 14, 1975, at the age of 58.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE BILL

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named (under Public Law 93, 79th Congress) was for Royal C. Johnson, the first chairman of the Committee on World War Veteran Legislation. That hospital is located at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. By Public Law 79-189, the hospital at Montrose, New York was designated as the "President Franklin Delano Roosevelt VA Hospital." By Public Law 91-421, the hospital and domiciliary complex at Bonham, Texas was designated as the "Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans' Center." In December, 1971, by Public Law 92-183, the new hospital at San Antonio, Texas was designated as the "Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans' Hospital." Finally, on January 2, 1975, by Public Law 93-602, the hospital at Columbia, Missouri was designated as the "Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital."

More than any other man, Mr. Pettis worked for the establishment and construction of the 550-bed Loma Linda Veterans' Administration Hospital, located near the Loma Linda Medical School and Medical Center. It is one of the Agency's most modern facilities, serving thousands of veterans throughout the region.

The committee notes that this bill represents bipartisan sponsorship of the entire California delegation.

OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(3)(A) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the committee issues the following oversight findings:

No oversight hearings have been held relative to the reported bill.

In regard to clause 2(1)(3)(D) of rule XI, no oversight findings have been submitted to the committee by the Committee on Government Operations.

In regard to clause 2(1)(3)(C) of rule XI, no cost estimate or comparison has been submitted by the Congressional Budget Office relative to the provisions of the reported bill.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

With respect to clause 2(1)(4) of rule XI, the reported bill will have no inflationary impact.

COST

There would be no additional expense to the Treasury as a result of the enactment of the first section of the bill. When implemented by the Administrator, Section 2 will perhaps involve some expense but it would be relatively insignificant.

AGENCY REPORT

The Veterans' Administration report on H.R. 4034 follows:

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C., September 9, 1975.

HON. RAY ROBERTS,
Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This will respond to your request for a report by the Veterans Administration on H.R. 4034, H.R. 4125, and H.R.

4220, identical 94th Congress bills, "to designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Loma Linda, California, as the 'Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital', and for other purposes."

Each of the subject bills would, as indicated by the title, designate the Veterans Administration Hospital in Loma Linda, California, as the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital, and authorize the Administrator to provide such memorial at that hospital as he deems suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late Jerry L. Pettis.

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In view of Mr. Pettis' distinguished Congressional service, it is quite understandable that consideration should be given to honoring him. Favorable Congressional action on any one of the subject bills would have the Veterans' Administration support.

We are advised by the Office of Management and Budget that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

RICHARD L. ROUDEBUSH, *Administrator.*

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NAMING OF VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL
AT LOMA LINDA, CALIFORNIA, FOR JERRY L. PETTIS

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS
UNITED STATES SENATE

TO ACCOMPANY

H.R. 4034



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Mr. HARTKE, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 4034]

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 4034) to designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Loma Linda, California, as the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital", and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

TEXT OF THE BILL, H.R. 4034

The text of the bill as reported is as follows:

That the Veterans' Administration hospital at Loma Linda, California, shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital". Any reference to such hospital in any law, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be deemed a reference to it as the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital.

Sec. 2. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to provide such memorial at the above-named hospital as he may deem suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late Jerry L. Pettis.

INTRODUCTION

The reported bill (H.R. 4034) would designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Loma Linda, California, as the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital". The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs would be authorized to provide a memorial at the hospital which he deems suitable to preserve the memory of the late Jerry L. Pettis, former Member of the United States House of Representatives representing the State of California.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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GUY H. MCMICHAEL III, *General Counsel*

(II)

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The House Committee favorably reported H.R. 4034 on September 18, 1975. Subsequently, on October 6, 1975, the measure was unanimously passed by the full House of Representatives. Following receipt of the views of the Veterans' Administration, the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs met in open executive session on March 10, 1976, and unanimously ordered H.R. 4034 reported favorably to the full Senate.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Jerry Lyle Pettis was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on July 18, 1916. He took his preparatory school education in the Thunderbird S.D.A. Academy in Phoenix. He attended Pacific Union College in Napa County, California, graduating with high honors. His further formal education included masters' degree and doctoral course work at the University of Denver and later at the University of Southern California. He later taught speech at Union College, Nebraska, and was Professor of Economics at Loma Linda University.

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No man worked more diligently than Mr. Pettis for the establishment and construction of the 500-bed Loma Linda Veterans' Administration hospital. The new VA hospital being constructed at Loma Linda, California will be a modern 500-bed general medical and surgical hospital located in southwestern San Bernadino County adjacent to the Loma Linda University Medical Center with which this hospital will have an active affiliation. The new hospital will employ about 1,350 employees.

The hospital will be a four-story structure of 724,000 square feet and will cost about \$56 million. The hospital's bed distribution will be: medical 190; surgical 150; neurological 40; psychiatric 60; and nursing home care 60. The hospital will also have facilities to provide the most up-to-date specialized medical programs including Alcohol Treatment, Cardiac Catheterization, Electron Microscopy, Hemodialysis, Home Dialysis Training, Hospital Based Home Care, Intensive Care, Nuclear Medicine, Orthotic Laboratory, Pulmonary Function Laboratory, Respiratory Care Center, and Speech Pathology. The hospital will also include facilities for education, training, and research activities.

The construction of this hospital is expected to be completed in the fall of 1977 with the actual hospital operations commencing in early 1978.

The Committee notes that this bill represents bipartisan sponsorship of the entire California delegation.

COST ESTIMATES

In accordance with section 252(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-510, 91st Congress), the Committee, based on information supplied by the Veterans' Administration, estimates that there will be no additional cost resulting from the enactment of the first section of the bill. Section 2 which authorizes a memorial will have an insignificant cost impact when implemented by the Administrator.

TABULATION OF VOTES CAST IN COMMITTEE

Pursuant to section 133(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, the following is a tabulation of votes cast in person or by proxy of the Members of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on a motion to report H.R. 4034, without amendment, favorably to the Senate:

Yeas—9

Vance Hartke	Clifford P. Hansen
Herman E. Talmadge	Strom Thurmond
Jennings Randolph	Robert T. Stafford
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AGENCY REPORT

The Committee requested and received a report from the Veterans' Administration on H.R. 4034, as passed by the House. That report follows:

[No. 57]

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS, U.S. SENATE

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C., November 17, 1975.

HON. VANCE HARTKE,
Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This will respond to your request for a report by the Veterans' Administration on a bill which passed the House of Representatives on October 6, 1975, H.R. 4034, 94th Congress, "To designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Loma, Linda, California, as the 'Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital', and for other purposes."

The subject bill would, as indicated by the title, designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Loma Linda, California, as the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital, and authorize the Administrator to provide such memorial at that hospital as he deems suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late Jerry L. Pettis.

Mr. Pettis served honorably and with distinction in the House of Representatives of the United States Congress since his election in 1966. He was vitally concerned with the health of all Americans, including veterans, their widows, and orphans. He served during World War II as an instructor and pilot with the Air Transport Command in the Pacific Theater. He actively supported the establishment of the VA hospital now being constructed at Loma Linda, California. He served as Professor of Economics at Loma Linda University from 1948 to 1964, Vice President of the University from 1960 to 1964, and Chairman of its Board from 1960 to 1967. He was also a rancher, businessman, and an airline pilot.

It is the usual practice of the Veterans' Administration to name its hospitals for the locality where situated, and not for individuals. This long-standing policy has been based upon the realization that a fair basis of selection would be difficult, that controversy might result in some instances, and that persons or organizations whose candidates were not chosen would be disappointed.

Veterans' Administration hospitals named by Congress are not subject to this administrative policy, and five have been so named. They are the Royal C. Johnson Veterans' Memorial Hospital at Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Public Law 93, 79th Congress, June 29, 1945), the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital at Montrose, New York (Public Law 189, 79th Congress, September 26, 1945), the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans' Center at Bonham, Texas (Public Law 91-421, September 25, 1970), the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans' Hospital at San Antonio, Texas (Public Law 92-182, December 15, 1971), and the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital at Columbia, Missouri (Public Law 93-602, January 2, 1975).

In view of Mr. Pettis' distinguished Congressional service, it is quite understandable that consideration should be given to honoring him. Favorable Congressional action on the subject bill would have the Veterans' Administration's support.

We were advised by the Office of Management and Budget in regard to a report on the subject bill to the Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, that there was no objection to the presentation of that report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

RICHARD L. ROUDEBUSH,
Administrator.

H. R. 4034

Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six*

An Act

To designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Loma Linda, California, as the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital", and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Veterans' Administration hospital at Loma Linda, California, shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital". Any reference to such hospital in any law, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be deemed a reference to it as the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital.

SEC. 2. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to provide such memorial at the above-named hospital as he may deem suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late Jerry L. Pettis.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

March 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bill was received at the White House on March 17th:

" H.R. 4034

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of this bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C.