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THE WHITE HOUSE THE PRESIDENT HAS

WASHINGTON

April 18, 1975

*Handwritten initials: MR 7*

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT *RE*

SUBJECT: Incoming Presidential Mail for  
the Week of April 14-18, 1975.

Presidential mail increased significantly this week, totalling about 35,000 pieces. Concern over the situation in South Vietnam and Cambodia dominated, accounting for 31% of the weekly total.

On the single issue of military assistance to Southeast Asia, mail was divided:

PRO: 2,925

CON: 5,583

COMMENT: 553

However, much of the above Con and Comment mail -- about 3,200 pieces -- did express support for humanitarian aid.

In addition, you have received 1,693 pieces of mail specifically addressing the question of humanitarian aid for Indochina:

PRO: 1,071

CON: 585

COMMENT: 37

Special concern was expressed for the orphans and for assistance to Vietnamese who helped in the American effort during the past decade.

Concern over the Administration's reassessment of US policy in the Middle East also continued strong (897 pieces) and heavily in support of Israel (839 pieces). In addition, American aid to Soviet Jews was encouraged (552 pieces), as was continued US diplomatic recognition of the Baltic Nations (1,228 pieces).

Domestic issues of concern were:

(1) Strip-Mining Bill:

Pro: 36; Con: 1,839;

(2) Proposed cuts in Military Commissary Program:

Con: 543;

(3) Federal gun and ammunition controls:

Pro: 2; Con: 397;

(4) Proposed Federal Agency for Consumer Advocacy:

Pro: 2; Con: 220;

(5) Enforcement of environmental regulations:

Pro: 257;

(6) Nomination of Stanley Hathaway as Interior Secretary:

Pro: 109; Con: 231.

cc: Paul Theis