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EXECUTIVE

PR13-2/Elizabeth
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January 3, 1975

Dear Mr. Dwyer:

President Ford has received the copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council of Elizabeth. He appreciates your courtesy in letting him know of this action.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. John J. Dwyer
City Clerk
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201

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FEDERAL COUNCIL ON THE AGING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

MEMORANDUM

FOR: RONALD H. NESSEN

For your information

Dick Williams

F. Richard Williams
Assistant to the Chairman

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COMMITTEE ON
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

STEWART E. MCCLURE, STAFF DIRECTOR
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December 20, 1974

Honorable Bertha S. Adkins
Chairman, Federal Council on Aging
~~Administration on Aging~~
~~Department of Health, Education, and Welfare~~
~~330 10¹ Street, S. W. 400 6th. Street, S.W.~~
Washington, D. C. 20201

Dear Miss Adkins:

We are writing concerning the provisions of section 205 of the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments of 1973 which require that certain studies be conducted by the Federal Council on Aging for submission by the President to Congress no later than eighteen months after the effective date of the legislation. Since the law became effective on May 3, 1973, the eighteen-month period would expire on or about January 3, 1975.

We can well understand the impossibility of completing and submitting these studies within the time specified in view of the long delay by the President in submitting nominations for the Federal Council on Aging and the subsequent delay in confirming those nominations by the Senate. There is no question that the Council has not had sufficient time to comply with the statutory deadline.

We want you to know that we are certainly willing to extend that time limit until December 1, 1975. We look forward to receiving your reports at that time.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

Tom Eagleton
Thomas F. Eagleton

J. Glenn Beall, Jr.
J. Glenn Beall, Jr.



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To Dennis Wood
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FEDERAL COUNCIL ON THE AGING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

December 9, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

RL

The Federal Council on the Aging wishes to convey to you its deep concern about the financial burden that would fall on the elderly as a result of the reductions you have proposed in the 1975 budget. In particular, we cite the additional costs that would have to be borne by the aged in relation to such programs as Medicare, Medicaid and food stamps.

As a body established by the Congress to advise the President on the needs of older Americans, we would have liked the opportunity of expressing our views on this matter, of such great consequence to the elderly, before it left the White House.

In the future, we would hope that the Administration might utilize the Federal Council on the Aging for advice and consultation when matters of such great impact on the lives of older Americans are still in their formative stages.

Sincerely,

Bertha S. Adkins
Chairman

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Dear Judge Payant:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter of December 6 concerning availability of travel funds for students in career training programs under Title IV of the Older Americans Act.

It is my understanding that members of Secretary Weinberger's staff at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare have discussed this matter with you and with staff at the University of Michigan where the student in question was enrolled in the career training program in gerontology.

The Secretary has indicated that he has further explored this situation and has just sent you a detailed explanation of the matter.

We thank you for your continuing interest and concern in programs benefiting older Americans.

Sincerely,

Pamela G. Needham
Staff Assistant
Domestic Council

Judge V. Robert Payant
Chairman
Office of Services to the Aging
1026 East Michigan
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE PAMELA G. NEEDHAM

Enclosed is a draft reply to Judge V. Robert Payant concerning the availability of travel funds for students in training programs supported by Title IV of the Older Americans Act. The Secretary and Commissioner on Aging, Arthur S. Flemming, have received similar letters from Judge Payant and members of the Michigan congressional delegation. Enclosed are copies of the Secretary's and Dr. Flemming's responses.

Please advise if you would like additional information on the suggested draft.

DL
David H. Lissy
Executive Secretary
to the Department

Enclosures

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DRAFT

Judge V. Robert Payant
Chairman
Office of Services to the Aging
1026 East Michigan
Lansing, Michigan 48912

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Sincerely,

RN



Prepared by: AoA/ORDMR/RSchloss 12/26/74
Ext-245-1269

JAN 9 1975

Honorable Charles E. Chamberlain
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

Thank you for your letter of December 16 concerning the availability of travel funds for students in career training programs under Title IV-A of the Older Americans Act. Please excuse the delay in responding.

The Department's Administration on Aging staff have made inquiry for further clarification of this situation. They have informed me that the student in question is enrolled in the University of Michigan career training program in gerontology supported by the Administration on Aging.

The University of Michigan's FY'74 grant application did not specifically request funds for student travel. Therefore, the grant awarded did not make funds available for this purpose. However, the Administration on Aging allows funds in an approved grant budget to support student travel in career training programs. They have discussed and clarified the matter with the University of Michigan.

Grants for short-term training, administered by the State Agency on Aging, have a different purpose than those awarded to career training institutions. They provide support for manpower development activities at the State and local levels that were necessitated by the start-up demands of implementing new programs for the elderly. Therefore, these State training grants do not allow for students in career training programs to attend conferences out-of-state.

We hope that this will clarify the situation and thank you for your interest and concern.

Sincerely,

Caspar W. Weinberger



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

December 16, 1974

The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger, Secretary
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

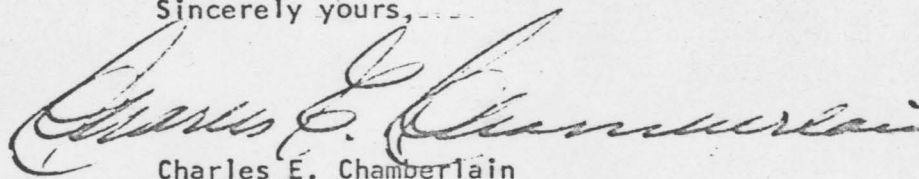
Dear Mr. Secretary:

May I bring to your attention the comments of Judge V.
Robert Payant, Chairman of the Office of Services to the
Aging, State of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan, in his letter
to me of December 6, 1974, copy attached.

It will be appreciated if Judge Payant's comments can be
made available to the proper official as further consider-
ation may be given to further proposals of assistance to
Older Americans.

Thanking you, and with my kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,-----


Charles E. Chamberlain

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OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING

December 6, 1974

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The Honorable Charles E. Chamberlain
Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

CHARLES E. CHAMBERLAIN

Dear Representative Chamberlain:

The Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging recently received a request from a student for funds to attend a gerontological conference to present a paper. We had to refuse the request, of course; due to the lack of a budget item for such funds, the specificity of Title IV awards and the lack of any distribution system for such awards. In addition, to supply funds from the state allocation was equally difficult since there is no policy for granting funds to non-staff members and the policy on out-of-state travel is designed to be restrictive.

In the past travel was permitted under Title IV of the Older Americans Act, but we understand that for the last 18 months there has been a prohibition on spending for travel expenses. We feel this Title is an appropriate one to cover such expenditures.

We urge that you give strong consideration to reinstating the availability of travel funds for students under Title IV allocations.

Sincerely,

Judge V. Robert Payant
Chairman

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Office of Human Development
Administration on Aging

DEC 27 1974

Judge V. Robert Payant
Chairman
Office of Services to the Aging
1026 East Michigan
Lansing, Michigan 48912

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We hope that this will clarify the situation and thank you for your interest and concern on behalf of older Americans.

Very sincerely and cordially yours,

/s/ Arthur S. Flemming

OS/OHD/ORDMR/AoA/RSchloss/smw/12/27/74
Arthur S. Flemming
Commissioner on Aging



Judge V. Robert Payant, Chairman			DATE REC'D. 12-16
SUBJECT AND DATE: 12-6-74			DUE DATE 12-26
Availability of travel funds for students under Title IV Allocation			
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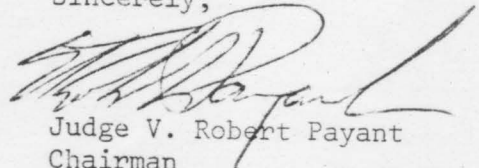
Arthur S. Flemming
Commissioner on Aging
Administration on Aging
400 6th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Commissioner Flemming:

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In the past travel was permitted under Title IV of the Older Americans Act, but we understand that for the last 18 months there has been a prohibition on spending for travel expenses. We feel this Title is an appropriate one to cover such expenditures.

We urge that you give strong consideration to reinstating the availability of travel funds for students under Title IV allocations.

Sincerely,

Judge V. Robert Payant
Chairman



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Office of Human Development
Administration on Aging

JAN 3 1975

Honorable Garry Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter concerning Judge V. Robert Payant's request that travel funds be reinstated for students in training programs supported under Title IV of the Older Americans Act.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I recently sent to Judge Payant explaining this matter.

Thank you for your interest and concern of programs benefiting older Americans.

Very sincerely and cordially yours,

/s/ Arthur S. Flemming

Arthur S. Flemming
Commissioner on Aging

Enclosure (12/27/74 letter)

OHD/AoA/ORDMR/DMR RSchloss/cvj 1/2/75



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Washington, D.C. 20515

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December 18, 1974

copy
Thomas
Congressional Liaison Office
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Sir:

RE: Inquiry of a constituent of mine regarding the policy
granting travel funds under Title IV of the Older Americans
Act.

I forward to you herewith a communication received by me
regarding a constituent.

I would appreciate your careful review of its contents and
the taking of appropriate action or the furnishing to me of
your comments so that I may furnish an appropriate reply to
my constituent.

Thanks in advance for your prompt consideration of this
matter.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

GARRY BROWN

Enclosure
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Office of Human Development
Administration on Aging

Honorable Philip E. Ruppe
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ruppe:

Thank you for your letter concerning Judge V. Robert Payant's request that travel funds be reinstated for students in training programs supported under Title IV of the Older Americans Act.

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~~Arthur S. Fleming~~

Arthur S. Fleming
Commissioner on Aging

Enclosure (12/27/74 letter)



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1026 East Michigan
Lansing, Michigan 48912

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OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING

December 6, 1974

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The Honorable Philip E. Ruppe
Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Ruppe:

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Sincerely,

Judge V. Robert Payant
Chairman



*to file:
1114 Carpenter St.
from Mr. Swartz
49801*

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: David Lissy
Executive Secretariat
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Date: 12/17/74

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.

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REMARKS:

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Description:

Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President

From: Judge V. Robert Payant, Michigan Commission on Services to the/ Aging

Date: 12/6/74

Subject: urges reinstating availability of travel funds for students under Title IV of the Older Americans Act

By direction of the President:

PH

Pamela G. Needham
Staff Assistant
Domestic Council



(Copy to remain with correspondence)

STATE OF MICHIGAN



1026 East Michigan
Lansing, Michigan 48912

Phone: 373-8230

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OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING

December 6, 1974

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Judge V. Robert Payant
Chairman

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WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN, Governor

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING

December 6, 1974

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Washington, D.C. 20500

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Chairman

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EXECUTIVE

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January 14, 1975

Your comments, along with others received, will be given careful consideration before the amendment is put in final form.

Sincerely,

Dear Mrs. ^XBrown, ANNA V.

Thank you for your recent letter expressing opposition to the recently announced proposal to increase food stamp purchase prices.

Assistant Director
Domestic Council

Under a proposed amendment to the Food Stamp Regulations, effective March 1, purchase requirements would increase for all households except certain households of eight or more persons, which have already been paying 30 percent of income, and those entitled to free food stamps under the law (one- and two-person households with net monthly income of less than \$20 and all other households with income of less than \$30).

This proposal is in line with the provision of the Food Stamp Act, as amended, which specifies that the amount a household pays for its food stamps would represent a reasonable investment on the part of the household, not to exceed 30 percent of the household's income. Income, under the Food Stamp Program, is net monthly income after allowable deductions (for example, taxes withheld, medical expenses over \$50, child care expenses, and shelter costs over 30 percent of income). Current purchase requirements vary widely in percentage of income by household size and income. The proposed amendment is designed to remove the differentials in percentage of income paid for the food stamp allotment by providing that every household with the same income pays the same purchase requirement.

This proposed amendment, published in the December 6 Federal Register was open for public comment until December 27, 1974.



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January 21, 1975

Dear Mrs. Hicks:

Louise Day

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: The Honorable Frank Zarb
Administrator
Federal Energy Administration

Date: February 10, 1975

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.

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REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Francis E. O'Conner, Commissioner & Energy Director, Department of General Services, Bureau of Energy Conservation
Date: 12/24/74
1505 Kellum Place, Mineola, New York 11501

Subject: Encourage consideration be given to possible amendment of the Mandatory program and the State Emergency Set-Aside procedure (Mandatory Petroleum Allocation Regulations) on behalf of the aged and the handicapped.

By direction of the President:

Michael Raoul-Duval
Associate Director
Domestic Council



EXECUTIVE

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February 11, 1975

Dear Mayor Petruska:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter regarding the appropriation of funds for the older Americans nutrition program.

Please be assured that the President shares your enthusiasm for the program and thinks it makes an important contribution toward helping to meet the needs of our elderly. Should he have the opportunity, he would certainly like to visit a nutrition center at some point in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to communicate your views to the President on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela G. Needham
Staff Assistant
Domestic Council

The Honorable John Petruska
Mayor
City of Parma
Ohio 44129



EXECUTIVE

WES

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Roland

February 13, 1975

Memorandum to: Pam Needham
From: Roland Elliott

Attached are several telegrams protesting the Administration's policy concerning the elderly. Although most of the telegrams do not indicate opposition to a specific policy, we assume the concern is due to the proposed increase in the cost of food stamps, the one-year 5% ceiling on social security and veterans benefit increases, and the like.

Do you have any suggestions for handling? For example, do you have a fact sheet on various Administration-supported programs for the elderly, so that we can demonstrate the Administration's concern for the aged?

Thanks.

Attachments: 8 1/2 telegrams

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February 25, 1975

Dear Mr. Sheaa:

President Ford has received your letter enclosing the copy of the resolution adopted by the Newport City Council. He appreciates your courtesy in bringing this expression of views to his attention.

The White House

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. President:

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

add February 17, 1975, the Council...

protesting outbreaks of the Federal...

reduce in services to our senior citizens and low...

Mr. Robert A. Shea
City Clerk
City of Newport
City Hall
Newport, Rhode Island 20840

Very truly yours,

Roland L. Elliott

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EXECUTIVE

February 27, 1975

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Dear Mr. Fascell:

Thank you for your February 24 letter to the President asking that he reconsider Rescission Proposal No. R75-79, which would rescind \$25.4 million appropriated for the Nutrition Program for the Elderly.

You may be assured your letter will be called to the attention of the President and the appropriate members of the staff at the earliest opportunity.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Dante B. Fascell
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to David Lissey, Executive Assistant to the Secretary,
Dept. HEW, for DIRECT REPLY. Please provide this office
with copy of response.

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March 4, 1975

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Dear Don:

Thank you for your February 26 letter to the President concerning your interest in the continuation of adequate funding for the Senior Opportunity Services program.

Please be assured that your letter will be called to the attention of the President and the appropriate members of the staff at the earliest opportunity. You will hear further as soon as possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President

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The Honorable Don H. Clausen
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

I want to take this opportunity to express to you my personal interest and concern in the matter of continued funding for the Senior Opportunity Services program.

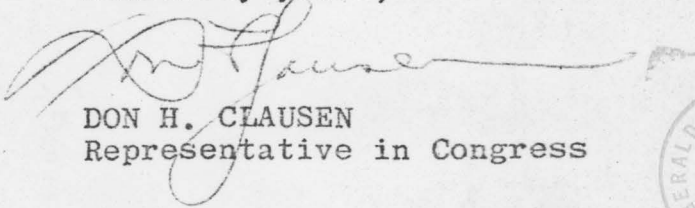
As I understand it, funding for this program will end on March 31, 1975 and no funding has been requested for Fiscal Year 1976. Yet the continued operation of this program, which has been highly effective in meeting the special needs of senior citizens in my area of Northern California, seems particularly important at this time, in view of the added burden the current economic "crunch" is placing on our seniors.

With this background in mind, I would appreciate your answering the following questions:

- (1) In view of the fact that funding for Senior Opportunity Services ends prior to June 30, 1975 and no funding has been requested for FY 1976, have provisions been made and separate funding levels requested, to continue to meet the program objectives of Senior Opportunity Services through other federal programs, such as those carried out by the Administration on Aging?
- (2) Will the recently-established Community Services Administration be developing new programs to provide for the special needs of senior citizens?

Thanking you in advance for your answers to these questions and any other information you can provide, I am

Sincerely yours,


DON H. CLAUSEN
Representative in Congress

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March 4, 1975

Dear Marv:

Thank you for your February 28 letter to the President urging that regulations to implement Section 202 and Section 6 of the Community Development Act, both dealing with senior citizen housing programs, be finalized as soon as possible.

You may be assured I shall call your letter to the attention of the President and the appropriate Presidential advisers as soon as possible. I am certain your views will be given full consideration.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Marvin L. Esch
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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PA13-2/Boston
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March 5, 1975

Dear Mr. Dunlea:

President Ford has received the copy of the resolution adopted by the Boston City Council. He appreciates your courtesy in letting him know of this action.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Joseph M. Dunlea
City Clerk
City Hall
Boston, Massachusetts 02201

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cc and incoming to James Falk

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March 11, 1975

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Dear Mrs. Rapp:

Thank you for enclosing a copy of the January issue of The Golden Days Reporter along with your thoughtful letter of February 11. I am particularly heartened by the staunch support of concerned citizens like you who continue to be so actively involved in the affairs of our Nation.

Your friendship reminds me once more how much America needs the resources which your generation can offer -- your skills, your wisdom, your values, and your faith. I admire your spirit and hope that you will continue to know the peace and fulfillment you so richly deserve. I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mrs. Mary P. Rapp
507 West Fifth
Spokane, Washington 99204

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March 12, 1975

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Dear Mr. Hennessy:

President Ford has received the copy of the resolution adopted by the Erie County Legislature. He appreciates your courtesy in letting him know of this action.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. James E. Hennessy
Clerk
Erie County Legislature
25 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202

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MAR 22 1975

Honorable Lawrence D. Cohen
Mayor of St. Paul
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103

Dear Mayor Cohen:

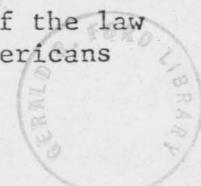
Your letter of February 28 addressed to the President relating to the funding of programs for older Americans has been referred to me. The President shares your concern and interest in the needs of older persons, and appreciates your sending a copy of the proceedings of the forum for senior citizens which you conducted.

Recent Congressional action restored all funds appropriated by the Congress for programs under Titles III, IV, and VII of the Older Americans Act, as amended. The total amounts originally appropriated by Congress for Fiscal Year 1975 for these programs are now available for allocation by the Administration on Aging. Funds for programs under Titles III and VII have already been released to the States.

The President's request for rescission of the funds appropriated for the Older American Community Service Employment Act is under consideration by the Congress at this time.

While the President has recommended a five percent ceiling on an increase in Social Security benefits, in fact in all Government programs tied to the Consumer Price Index, in 1975, any increase in Social Security benefits must be legislated by Congress and enacted into law.

As the agency responsible for the administration of the Older Americans Act, we have endeavored to carry out the intent of the law by concentrating the resources available under the Older Americans



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Office of Human Development
Administration on Aging

MAR 27 1975

Dear reply for
President's signature
Undersecretary's signature

Mr. Wendell E. Streeter
Chairman, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of County Commissioners
Franklin County
Court House
Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301

Dear Mr. Streeter:

Your letter of March 11 addressed to the President concerning the funding of services for older persons provided under the Older Americans Act, as amended, has been referred to me.

Recent Congressional action restored all funds appropriated by the Congress for programs under Title III and Title VII of the Older Americans Act. The amounts originally appropriated by the Congress are now available for allocation by the Administration on Aging. Funds appropriated for the Title VII Nutrition Program for the Elderly have already been released to the States.

The President appreciates receiving your views on programs that benefit older persons. Thank you for writing.

Very sincerely and cordially yours,

/s/ Arthur S. Flemming

Arthur S. Flemming
Commissioner on Aging

cc: Pamela Needham
F. Ollivierre
Rose Claffey

Pamela Needham
Staff Assistant
Domestic Council



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(Copy to remain with correspondence)

March 28, 1975

EXECUTIVE

PA13-2/Stanislaus
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Dear Mr. Brouillard:

President Ford has received the copy of the resolution adopted by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. He appreciates your courtesy in letting him know of this action.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Lloyd E. Brouillard
Deputy Clerk
Board of Supervisors
Stanislaus County
Room 123
1100 Eye Street
Modesto, California 95354

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cc: w/original incoming to James Falk

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FEDERAL COUNCIL ON THE AGING
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

March 31, 1975

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20025

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to present to you the first annual report of the Federal Council on the Aging.

The 1973 amendments to the Older Americans Act require the Council to transmit our "findings and recommendations to the President not later than March 31 of each year. The President shall transmit each such report to the Congress together with his comments and recommendations."

Since our appointment on June 5, 1974 as the first Federal Council on the Aging, we have spent considerable time in organizing ourselves to carry out the responsibilities given us by the Congress. We have also spoken out on some of the major issues affecting older Americans in these times.

In these few months of our existence, we have not been able to produce extensive recommendations for this annual report. However, we have become increasingly aware that the economic plight of the elderly is of crisis proportions. Their urgent humanitarian needs require special attention in strategies by both the Executive and Legislative branches of government of offset the effects of recession and inflation.

As the year proceeds, we shall be submitting reports to you, the Congress, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare and the Commissioner on Aging on various national actions which we believe should be taken in behalf of older persons. We anticipate that we shall be called upon when issues affecting the elderly are being considered.

Sincerely,

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Bertha S. Adkins
Chairman



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MAR 31 1975

Honorable Richard W. Riley
Chairman, Legislative Study
Committee on Aging
Senatorial District No. 2
Box 10084
Greenville, South Carolina 29603-1450.

Dear Senator Riley:

Your recent letter addressed to the President concerning the Nutrition Program for the Elderly under Title VII of the Older Americans Act, as amended, has been referred to me.

As you may know, the funding level of this Program is determined by law. The Congress enacted an appropriation of \$125,000,000 for fiscal year 1975 for the Title VII Program. This represents an increase of \$25,000,000 over the fiscal year 1974 funding level for this Program. These funds have been released to the State Agencies on Aging.

We have endeavored to carry out the intent of the law by concentrating the resources available under the Act on services to those older persons in greatest need, and have urged the States to do so. We hope that the progress already made will continue and that more older Americans will have the opportunity to share in a healthier and more satisfying life.

The President appreciates receiving your views on programs under the Older Americans Act and shares your concern and interest in programs that benefit older persons. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,
Stanley B. Thomas, Jr.

cc: F. Nicholson
Harry Bryan
Pamela Needham

Stanley B. Thomas, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
for Human Development

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 2, 1975

Dear Mr. Ahrens:

This is to thank you for your letter to the President and enclosed resolution on behalf of the participants of the National Research Utilization Conference. X

Please be assured that the Conference resolution will be brought to the attention of the President at the earliest opportunity. As you may know, the President is strongly supportive of the Older Americans Act and the programs of the Administration on Aging and has already submitted legislation to the Congress to renew the Older Americans Act.

Sincerely,

Pamela G. Needham
Staff Assistant
Domestic Council

Mr. Robert J. Ahrens
Director
Mayor's Office for Senior
Citizens
330 South Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606



Handwritten initials and a large 'U' mark.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
April 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JERRY JONES
FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

Bill Prendergast called the other day to make inquiry concerning the lack of response to the attached letter to the President from Frank Stella. I suggested he call your Office to determine the status (where it was routed, etc.). He apparently thought better of calling, and sent the attached instead.

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April 16, 1975

Dear Keith:

Thank you for sharing with me the Staff Report prepared by the Senate Special Committee on Aging. I would agree with you that its emphasis is on the negative with no recognition of the very positive programs of the Administration.

I shall certainly pass the report along to the appropriate members of the staff in the event it has not been called to their attention.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Keith G. Sebelius
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Pamela Needham for appropriate handling

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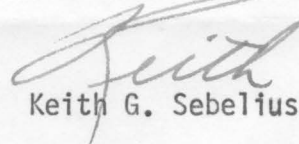
Mr. Max Friedersdorf
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Max:

I am enclosing a copy of the Staff Report prepared by the Special Committee on Aging of the United States Senate. If you haven't seen a copy of this report prior to this time, I thought you should be aware that it represents a diatribe against the Ford Administration and how the President is slashing funds at the expense of our senior citizens. Under the circumstances, I thought you might like to be aware what these folks are selling and what a great many folks in my district are buying.

With every best wish,

Sincerely yours,


Keith G. Sebelius

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A STAFF REPORT

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THE PROPOSED FISCAL 1976 BUDGET:
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A STAFF REPORT

President Ford submitted the Administration's proposed budget for fiscal 1976 to the Congress on February 3, 1975.

The new budget recommends \$349.4 billion in Federal spending and a \$51.9 billion deficit, a peacetime record.

To summarize the impact of the fiscal 1976 unified budget on older Americans¹—in terms of trust fund items and discretionary spending—the Committee staff has prepared the following analysis.

AoA FUNDING SLASH

A \$42.4 million cutback in funding (compared with the fiscal 1975 appropriation levels) is proposed for the Administration's fiscal 1976 budget for programs under the Older Americans Act. The new budget, which calls for \$202.6 million in funding for AoA programs, represents a 17-percent reduction compared with the fiscal 1975 appropriation of \$245 million. It would also constitute the largest dollar and percentage reduction in the entire history of the Older Americans Act.

The fiscal 1976 budget proposed for AoA programs is identical to the Administration's fiscal 1975 request. It recommends \$96 million for Title III Community Programs on Aging, \$7 million for Title IV Research, and \$99.6 million for the Title VII Nutrition Program. For Title III, the Administration proposes \$76 million for Area Planning and Social Services, \$15 million for Administration and \$5 million for Model Projects. This level of funding would maintain the current amount of assistance to States and would support at least 412 Area Agencies on Aging. It would also fund approximately 40 Model Projects grants, nearly the same as for fiscal 1975. For fiscal 1976 the nutrition program is projected to provide 200,000 meals, five days per week, in 665 areas. During the first quarter of fiscal 1975 the average daily participation for Title VII was about 212,000. Nearly 705,000 elderly persons participated in the program during this period.

Again, no earmarked funding is requested for training, a special transportation study mandated in the 1973 amendments, multidisciplinary centers of gerontology, and multipurpose senior centers. The Congress, however, appropriated \$8 million for Title IV Training in fiscal 1975.

¹As well as rescissions proposed for fiscal year 1975 appropriations. See p. 12 for discussion.

Additionally, \$10.2 million is projected for salaries and expenses for 128 persons at AoA and 179 aging specialists in the HEW regional offices. This sum would also fund the National Information and Resource Clearing House and the staff of the Federal Council on the Aging. Approximately \$500,000 is projected for the Federal Council on the Aging.

PROPOSED FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS UNDER OLDER AMERICANS ACT

(In millions of dollars)

	Budget request, fiscal 1976	Fiscal 1975 appropriation	Proposed rescission for fiscal 1975 ¹
Title III: State and community programs on aging.....	\$96.0	\$105	\$96.0
Title IV:			
Training.....	0	8	0
Research.....	7.0	7	7.0
Special transportation study.....	0	0	0
Multidisciplinary centers of gerontology.....	0	0	0
Title V:			
Multipurpose senior centers.....	0	0	0
Annual interest grants.....	0	0	0
Personnel staffing grants.....	0	0	0
Title VII: Nutrition program.....	99.6	125	99.6
Total.....	202.6	245	202.6

¹ See p. 12 for additional discussion of rescission.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

The new budget projects that 29.1 million persons will receive almost \$62.9 billion in Old Age and Survivors Insurance benefits for fiscal 1976, compared with an estimated \$54.7 billion in payments for 28.3 million beneficiaries for 1975. Disability outlays are projected to increase from \$7.6 billion in 1975 to \$9.1 billion in 1976. And, the number of disability beneficiaries is estimated to rise from 4 million in 1975 to 4.4 million in 1976. Benefit payments are expected to increase because of the enactment of the two-step, 11-percent Social Security raise (which became fully effective for checks delivered in fiscal 1975) and the automatic cost-of-living adjustment in July 1975.

The Administration has also called for the enactment of several legislative proposals to reduce Social Security outlays: Among the major recommendations (which are incorporated into the budget allocations):

1. Prohibit entitlement to retroactive benefits if future monthly payments would be permanently reduced as a result. Under present law, a person who has just become entitled to Social Security benefits may receive up to 12 months retroactive payments. However, future benefits are actuarially reduced if the individual receives payments for any month before age 65. (Projected outlay reductions: \$45 million in 1975 and \$443 million in 1976.)

2. Eliminate the monthly test of the Social Security earnings ceiling except for the first year that an individual receives a cash benefit. Under present law, a beneficiary under age 72 who earns more than \$2,520 in 1975 has \$1 in benefits withheld for each \$2

of earnings above this amount. But regardless of an individual's annual earnings, he or she may still receive full benefits for any month in which his or her earnings do not exceed the monthly exempt amount: \$210. (Projected outlay reductions: \$15 million in 1975 and \$205 million in 1976.)

3. Place a 5-percent ceiling on the cost-of-living increase scheduled for July 1975. (Projected outlay reduction: \$2.5 billion in 1976.) Present projections place the cost-of-living raise at 8.7 percent. Senators Frank Church, Edward Kennedy, Walter Mondale, and Harrison Williams have sponsored legislation (S. Con. Res. 2),² which is cosponsored by 50 other Senators (making a total of 54 sponsors), to express opposition to any proposed reduction in the cost-of-living increase.

MEDICARE OUTLAYS PROJECTED AT \$15.5 BILLION

Medicare outlays in fiscal 1976 for hospital and medical services for the aged and disabled are projected at \$15.5 billion (\$11.4 billion for Hospital Insurance and \$4.1 billion for Supplementary Medical Insurance), approximately \$2 billion above the fiscal 1975 estimate. The budget attributed the projected rise in benefit payments to "increases in the size of the covered population and increases in the cost of medical services." Approximately 24 million persons (22 million aged and 2 million disabled beneficiaries) will be enrolled in the Part A Hospital Insurance program for fiscal 1976, and 23.8 million for Part B Supplementary Medical Insurance. Nearly 5.6 million beneficiaries are expected to receive reimbursed services under Part A and 13.3 million under Part B.

The Administration is also recommending legislation to reduce Medicare outlays, including:

1. Modify Medicare's cost-sharing structure to provide: (a) A coinsurance charge under Part A equal to 10 percent of all charges above the deductible amount on all covered services (now the elderly pay a \$92 deductible and nothing thereafter for covered hospital services until the 61st day of hospitalization); (b) an increase in the Part B deductible (effective in calendar year 1976) from \$60 to \$70, and rising thereafter in proportion to the percentage increase in Social Security benefits; (c) a 10-percent coinsurance charge on hospital-based physician services and home health services, and (d) a ceiling of \$750 per benefit period for a patient's payments under Part A and a \$750 limitation per calendar year for Part B. These amounts would rise proportionately as Social Security benefits increase. (Outlay reductions: \$225 million in 1975 and \$1.279 billion in 1976.)

2. Place limits on the rates of yearly increases in provider (e.g., doctors and hospitals) costs recognized as reasonable under Medicare. (Outlay reduction: \$100 million in 1976.)

² For additional information, see statements by Senators Church and Kennedy, pp. S. 574-5, Congressional Record, January 21, 1975; statement by Senator Williams, p. S. 829, Congressional Record, January 23, 1975; and statement by Senator Mondale, p. S. 933, Congressional Record, January 27, 1975.

PROJECTED MEDICARE BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL 1976

[In millions of dollars]

	Part A—	Part B—
	Inpatient hospital services	Physicians' services
Aged.....	\$9,938	\$2,900
Disabled.....	1,060	408
	Skilled nursing facility services	Outpatient services
Aged.....	260	358
Disabled.....	11	322
	Home health services	Home health services
Aged.....	107	44
Disabled.....	4	6
	Other medical and health services	
Aged.....	78	
Disabled.....	29	
	Total benefit payments	Total benefit payments
Aged.....	10,305	3,380
Disabled.....	1,075	765
Total.....	11,380	4,145

PROJECTED INCREASES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program's projected expenditures for fiscal year 1976 total approximately \$5.5 billion. This includes \$4.63 billion³ for benefit payments, \$275 million for Federal contributions toward State supplementation, \$55 million for vocational rehabilitation, and \$499 million for administration. These figures represent substantial increases when compared with \$4.86 billion expenditure level for fiscal year 1975: \$4.08 billion⁴ for benefit payments, \$255 million for Federal contributions toward State supplementation, \$49 million for vocational rehabilitation, and \$473 million for administration. The number of recipients is expected to reach 4.47 million in fiscal year 1975 (2.53 million aged and 1.94 million blind and disabled). The Social Security Administration will also make a supplemental request for \$121 million for fiscal year 1975 for 11,500 new

³ Based on President's proposal to put a 5-percent ceiling on benefit programs such as SSI. If SSI is exempted from the ceiling, benefit payments will increase by \$85 million, estimated on an 8.7-percent cost-of-living rise.

⁴ Includes a proposed supplemental appropriation of \$83.1 million.

staffing positions for the agency, with approximately 7,000 positions earmarked for SSI.

SSI BENEFIT PAYMENTS AND BENEFICIARIES

	1974	1975	1976
Payments (in billions).....	\$1.83	¹ \$4.08	² \$4.63
Beneficiaries (in millions).....	3.60	4.47	5.07

¹ Includes a proposed supplemental appropriation of \$83,100,000.

² Based on President's proposal to put a 5-percent ceiling on benefit programs such as SSI. If SSI is exempted from the ceiling, benefit payments will increase by \$85,000,000, estimated on an 8.7-percent cost-of-living rise.

HUD EMPHASIZES SECTION 8

Section 202.—One major disappointment of the President's new budget is the lack of any request for increased funding for the popular Section 202 program. The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 authorized a borrowing level of \$800 million. To date, the Administration has yet to request that any of this amount be approved. In spite of this reluctance, Congress last November approved a borrowing level of \$100 million for fiscal year 1975, plus the unobligated balance of the monies accumulated in the old 202 "revolving fund" as of December 31, 1974 (representing another \$115 million).

The new authority combined with the unobligated balance in the old fund, provides \$215 million. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that the following amounts will be reserved:

	Estimated reservations
Fiscal year:	
1975.....	\$34,000,000
1976.....	175,000,000
Transition period.....	40,000,000
Total.....	249,000,000

The excess over \$215 million is an estimate of the amounts that will be received by HUD before the end of fiscal year 1976 from loan repayments under the original 202 program. The transition period is from July 1, 1976, to September 30, 1976, when the budget will go on a new fiscal year.

Section 8 (housing assistance payments program).—The fiscal 1976 budget states that the new Section 8 program "will be used as the primary vehicle for providing housing assistance to lower income families in 1975 and 1976." Authority is available for HUD to process 400,000 units in both fiscal years, 1975 and 1976. However, because the program will not be available for all of fiscal year 1975, it is estimated that only 200,000 units will actually be processed. The budget requests an additional \$662.3 million in contract authority, which, when added to contract authority expected to be available in 1976, will support 400,000 units.

Conventional public housing.—As required in the 1974 Act, HUD will continue to provide a limited amount of housing assistance under the conventional public housing program. The estimate is for 38,000 units in fiscal year 1975 and 6,000 units (Indian housing) for 1976.

There is no request for additional authority for this program, as HUD wishes to use the Section 8 program instead.

Operating subsidies for public housing will be budgeted at \$450 million in 1975 and \$525 million in 1976. Additional assistance for existing public housing projects will be provided under the modernization program with contract authority of \$40 million for 1975 and \$20 million for 1976.

Section 236 multifamily housing and rent supplement.—Very few, if any, new units will be approved under these programs; no new request is made. The budget will reflect obligations for commitments made prior to January 5, 1973 (the start of the housing freeze), and amendments to existing projects. Projects under these programs will be approved on a limited basis but only where bona fide commitments cannot be met under the lower income housing assistance program (Section 8).

Direct cash assistance.—The direct cash assistance experimental program will continue during fiscal year 1976, but no additional funds are requested.

Nonprofit sponsor assistance.—Assistance to nonprofit sponsors of low- and moderate-income housing was authorized by section 106 of the Housing Act of 1968. Activity under this program was discontinued in 1973, and no request is made to revive it.

Community development block grant program.—Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 authorizes HUD to make grants to units of general local government and States for the funding of local community development programs (replacing such programs as urban renewal and model cities).

In 1976, it is estimated that assistance will be provided to 2,500 communities, including about 600 metropolitan cities and urban counties. Outlays are projected at \$225 million for 1975 and \$1.3 billion for 1976. The program began operation on January 1, 1975.

PROPOSED ACTION BUDGET FOR AGING IS DOWN \$1.8 MILLION

ACTION's aging programs would be reduced by approximately \$1.8 million under the Administration's budget recommendations for fiscal year 1976. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Foster Grandparents, Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), Active Corps of Executives (ACE), and Senior Companions have a total budget request of \$45.47 million. The proposed fiscal year 1976 budget recommends an increase of approximately \$1.5 million for RSVP, from \$15.98 million to \$17.50 million. This would enable RSVP to increase its volunteers from 140,000 in fiscal year 1975 to 185,000 for fiscal year 1976. Funding for Foster Grandparents would be reduced by \$2.4 million, from \$28.29 million to \$25.93 million. This would cause a reduction in participation, from 12,200 for 1975 to 11,900 for 1976. The number of children served by the Foster Grandparents would decrease, from 24,400 served per day in fiscal year 1975 to 23,800 children in fiscal year 1976. The SCORE/ACE budget for fiscal year 1976 is identical to the 1975 appropriations level: \$400,000. However, it is estimated that the number of volunteers would increase from 5,221 to 6,000 for SCORE and from 2,532 to 3,000 for ACE.

Funding for Senior Companions would be cut back by almost \$900,000, from an appropriation of \$2.56 million in fiscal year 1975 to \$1.64 million in fiscal year 1976. The number of volunteers would, though, remain constant at 1,000 for 1976. And, 2,000 persons again are projected to be served.

ACTION'S AGING PROGRAMS

[In millions of dollars]

	Authorization, fiscal 1976	Budget request, fiscal 1976	Appropriations, fiscal 1975
RSVP	\$20.0	\$17.5	\$15.98
Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions	40.0	127.57	230.84
SCORE/ACE	(³)	.4	.4
Total		45.47	47.22

¹ This includes a breakdown of \$25,930,000 for Foster Grandparents and \$1,640,000 for Senior Companions.

² This includes a breakdown of \$28,280,000 for Foster Grandparents and \$2,560,000 for Senior Companions.

³ Amount as necessary.

ADMINISTRATION PROPOSES INCREASE IN COST OF FOOD STAMPS

The Administration proposes an increase in the cost of food stamps (effective March 1, 1975), raising the average price of stamps from approximately 23 percent of one's net income to 30 percent in nearly all cases.

This increase, if implemented, would force many low-income recipients, especially the elderly,⁵ to quit the program because the purchase requirement would exceed the bonus value in stamps. With a 30-percent purchase requirement, the Administration is requesting \$3.7 billion for fiscal year 1975 and \$3.85 billion for fiscal year 1976. Otherwise, the Administration would request \$3.9 billion for fiscal year 1975 and \$4.5 billion for fiscal year 1976. It is estimated that there would be approximately 15.8 million participants in the program for each year. Approximately 14 percent of the participants are 60 years of age and over, and about 10 percent are in the 65-plus age category.

However, the House of Representatives (on February 4) and the Senate (on February 5) overwhelmingly passed legislation (H.R. 1589) to prohibit an increase in charges for food stamps for 1975. President Ford announced on February 13 that he would allow H.R. 1589 to become law without his signature.

NURSING HOME EXPENDITURES

Expenditures for nursing home care would increase only slightly in fiscal year 1976 under the President's budget. Expenditures in 1974 reached \$7.5 billion, of which \$4 billion represented public funds.

Medicare's contribution in 1974 was only \$204 million. It is expected to increase to \$232 million this year and is projected at \$239 million in the new budget. Medicaid's contribution will remain more substantial. In 1974 Medicaid contributed some \$3.7 billion, approximately \$2 billion in Federal funds and about \$1.7 billion in State and local funds.

⁵ For additional discussion, see *The Impact of the Ford Administration's Proposal to Raise Food Stamp Prices*, published by the Community Nutrition Institute, December 1974. Special attention is paid to older food stamp recipients.

The Federal share of Medicaid funds is projected to increase from \$2 billion to \$2.4 billion in the 1976 budget. Expenditures for nursing home care comprise 35 percent of total Medicaid expenditures, compared to 26 percent paid to hospitals.

HOME HEALTH EXPENDITURES

Expenditures for home health care would increase very modestly under the President's new budget. Nearly \$64 million was spent in fiscal 1974 under Medicare's Part A (Hospital Insurance) program, increasing to \$94 million for the current fiscal year. Reimbursements are expected to reach \$98 million in fiscal year 1976. Under Part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) of Medicare, home health services were funded at \$36 million in 1974, increasing to \$43 million this year. Reimbursements are estimated at \$50 million for fiscal 1976. In short, the projected figure for Medicare home health services for 1976 is \$148 million or less than 1 percent of Medicare's estimated \$15.5 billion outlays in that year.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING

For fiscal 1976 the Administration is recommending \$16.19 million for the new National Institute on Aging. The budgeted amount for fiscal 1975 stands at approximately \$15.74 million, \$14.95 million in transferred funds from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and an additional amount to cover prorated management costs. However, the Administration's proposed rescission for fiscal 1975 would reduce the NIA budget to \$14.1 million.⁶ The fiscal 1976 request is expected to support 157 grants and projects, up slightly from the projected level of 147 for fiscal 1975.

AGING RESEARCH AT NIMH

The Administration has requested a \$306 million funding level for the National Institute of Mental Health for fiscal 1976, nearly \$100 million below the fiscal 1975 appropriation (\$405.35 million). The Administration has also proposed a rescission which would reduce funding for 1975 to \$363.44 million.⁷ Only about 0.4 percent of the NIMH funding request for fiscal 1976 would be specifically targeted for aging research (\$1.32 million). This figure, however, is \$362,000 more than the projected amount allocated for fiscal 1975.

ADEA REQUEST AT NEARLY \$2.2 MILLION

A \$2,168,000 funding level is sought by the Administration for fiscal 1976 to enforce the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. This amount would support 81 positions, the same number projected for fiscal 1975. The authorization for the Age Discrimination in Employ-

⁶ See p. 12 for information about rescission.

⁷ See p. 12 for additional discussion of rescissions.

ment Act was increased from \$3 million to \$5 million under amendments (Public Law 93-259) to the law approved in 1974.

FUNDING REQUEST FOR CETA UNCHANGED

Proposed funding for the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act in fiscal 1976 is identical with the fiscal 1975 appropriation: \$1.58 billion for the Title I State and local manpower revenue sharing, \$400 million for Title II public service jobs (in areas with at least 6.5-percent unemployment for three consecutive months), and \$414.4 million for Titles III and IV national programs. The number of participants is projected at almost 2 million for Title I and 156,000 for Title II in 1976.

Congress has also appropriated \$1 billion for the Emergency Jobs and Unemployment Assistance Act: \$875 million for public service jobs (distributed under a nationwide formula) and \$125 million for labor intensive public works. The Administration, however, has asked that the \$125 million for labor intensive public works be rescinded and transferred to public service jobs. Present estimates call for \$350 million of the \$1 billion appropriation to be expended for fiscal 1975 and \$650 million for fiscal 1976.

LEGAL SERVICES REQUEST AT \$71.5 MILLION

A \$71.5 million funding level is requested in the fiscal 1976 budget for legal services. The program is now operated under a continuing resolution. The Administration, however, plans to request a supplemental appropriation of \$71.5 million for this fiscal year. This appropriation is projected to continue 734 legal services offices into fiscal 1976. Under the fiscal 1976 budget there would be about 2,000 attorneys, nearly 200 below the fiscal 1971 level.

A \$100 million spending level is authorized for legal services under the Legal Services Corporation Act. The Community Services Administration (formerly the Office of Economic Opportunity) will be responsible for administering the legal services program until the Legal Services Corporation officially comes into existence, soon after a Board of Directors is confirmed.

Major earmarked activities for the elderly now include:

1. \$366,100 (through June 30, 1975) for the National Senior Citizens Law Center (Los Angeles, California, and Washington, D.C.) which provides legal research and other assistance for legal services attorneys representing older Americans.
2. \$175,000 (through June 30, 1975) for California Rural Legal Assistance (San Francisco, California) to provide legal research and community education for legal services lawyers and to serve as a contact point with State agencies in California concerning problems of elderly clients.
3. \$87,000 (through November 30, 1975) for the Council of Elders (Roxbury, Massachusetts) lay advocates demonstration program.

4. \$160,000 (through June 30, 1975) for the Presbyterian Senior Citizens Center in New York City to represent aged clients.

ADMINISTRATION CALLS FOR TERMINATION OF SOS

For the third consecutive year, the Administration has requested no funds for the Senior Opportunities and Services program. SOS, however, has been continued through Congressional appropriations and continuing resolutions. SOS is now operating under a continuing resolution through February 28. For fiscal 1975, \$7.5 million has been allocated for SOS. This amount of funding is sufficient to continue SOS operations through March 31, 1975. The fiscal 1976 Budget Appendix states "Administratively phase-out costs are expected to be minimal and no additional funds have been provided."

More than 1 million elderly persons are now served under 300 SOS programs (200 receiving earmarked funding and 100 community action agencies funded out of local initiative efforts).

The Administration gave this rationale for discontinuing SOS:

This program was designed, according to the Act, "to identify and meet the needs of older, poor persons above the age of 60." This authority duplicates similar programs, especially the Administration on Aging, a much larger program within HEW.

SOCIAL SERVICES—TITLE XX

Federal costs for Title XX social services under the Social Security Act are projected at \$1.95 billion in fiscal year 1976, compared with \$1.9 billion in fiscal year 1975. This amount will decrease by \$488 million if the Administration's proposal to decrease the Federal matching share of 75 percent to 65 percent for fiscal year 1976 and 50 percent for fiscal year 1977 is adopted. However, both estimates are still below the \$2.5 billion ceiling placed on social services expenditures. Outlays for the aged, blind and disabled (adult) categories for fiscal year 1976 are expected to be about one-third of the total or approximately \$608 million (compared with \$556 million for fiscal year 1975). Nearly 2.7 million aged, blind and disabled persons are expected to receive services under Title XX.

VETERANS' PENSION AND COMPENSATION PAYMENTS

More than 2.7 million veterans (1.563 million) and survivors (1.155 million) are expected to receive non-service-connected disability pensions in fiscal 1976, including nearly 1 million veterans and survivors from World War I and prior conflicts. The average payment per case is projected at \$1,580 a year for veterans and \$942 for survivors. Compensation payments for service-connected disabilities or death will be made to nearly 4.5 million veterans (3.744 million) and survivors (873,000) in 1976. This projection is identical with the fiscal 1975 estimate. The average annual payment per case is estimated at \$1,693 for veterans and \$2,385 for survivors.

RURAL HIGHWAY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

For fiscal 1976 the Administration's budget requests \$20.35 million for the Rural Highway Public Transportation Demonstration program. A \$9.65 million funding level is provided for fiscal 1975.

NO FUNDING REQUESTED FOR SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

For the third consecutive year, the Administration has failed to seek appropriations for the Title IX Older American Community Service Employment Act. During the past two years, the Congress has approved \$10 million for fiscal 1974 and \$12 million for fiscal 1975. Title IX now provides 2,970 jobs in a wide range of community service activities for low-income persons 55 and above with poor employment prospects. Senator Edward Kennedy, the author of the Older American Community Service Employment Act, plans to introduce legislation to continue the program for at least three years.

Mainstream.—Older worker national contractor programs will be funded through June 30, 1975. Under the Administration's proposal, national contractors would then apply for funding with State and local governments under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

Payments for retirement, disability, spouse, and survivor benefits are projected at \$3.3 billion in fiscal 1976, approximately \$300 million above the fiscal 1975 estimate (\$3 billion). More than 1 million persons are expected to receive benefits. And 130,000 individuals will receive supplemental annuities.

\$4 MILLION REQUESTED FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Administration's budget request of \$4 million for community education is \$13 million below the \$17 million authorization level for fiscal year 1976 (\$12 million for program grants and \$5 million for training). A decision concerning the distribution of the \$4 million has not yet been made. The Commissioner on Education will make this decision with the advice of the Community Education Advisory Council.

NO FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The fiscal 1976 budget makes no request for three educational programs for the elderly under Title VIII of the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments: (1) An Older Reader Services program (including training of librarians to work with the aged and providing in-home visits by librarians); (2) assistance for utilizing the resources of higher education for developing programs concerning transportation and housing problems of the elderly in rural and isolated areas; and (3) special programs for persons with limited English-speaking ability.

RESCISSIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975 EXPENDITURES

All budget proposals discussed thus far would apply to expenditures for fiscal year 1976, that is, the year beginning July 1, 1975.

But the Administration, in another action taken on January 30, has proposed cutbacks in funding for appropriations already made by the Congress for expenditures for fiscal year 1975.

This would be done through a "rescission" process now authorized, should the Congress concur.

Among the major rescissions for aging programs:

1. A \$9 million cutback for the Title III State and community programs under the Older Americans Act, from the Congressional appropriation of \$105 million to the Administration's budget request of \$96 million.

2. Elimination of funding for Title IV Training. The Congress had approved \$8 million in the Labor-HEW Appropriations Act for fiscal 1975.

3. A \$25.4 million reduction in funding for the nutrition program for the elderly, from \$125 million to \$99.6 million.

4. Impoundment of the entire Congressional appropriation for the Older American Community Service Employment Act.

5. A reduction in the budgeted amount for the National Institute on Aging, from \$15.74 million to \$14.1 million.

Under the new Budget and Impoundment Control Act, Congress must give its approval to all executive actions which seek to withhold funds. If a President proposes a rescission of spending authority in order to terminate programs or cut funding, both the House and Senate must pass a rescission bill within 45 days of the President's proposal. Otherwise, the funds must be spent by the Administration. If the President fails to spend the money under these circumstances, the General Accounting Office is authorized to bring suit on an expedited basis in Federal District Court to release the funds.



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APR 7 1975

Mr. Robert L. Whitfield, Director
Office of Economic Opportunity
Capitol Hill Building
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Whitfield:

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your March 11 letter to President Ford, which was referred to the Administration on Aging for response.

The Administration and Congress have recognized the need for both a National Health Insurance Program and welfare reform in order to improve the status of low-income older persons, and steps have been taken to try to bring about such reforms. Several bills on National Health Insurance, including CHIP, the Administration's Comprehensive Health Insurance Program, were introduced in the last Congress, and will be considered again in this Congress. In addition, a number of actions have been taken to improve the income position of older persons, including increases in social security benefits, liberalization of the retirement earnings test under social security, increases in the amount of a spouse's benefit that widows and widowers can collect, and implementation of the new Supplemental Security Income program of cash assistance to aged, blind, and disabled persons, which guarantees aged, blind, and disabled persons a payment from the Federal government that, when combined with their other income, will guarantee \$146 a month to individuals and \$219 a month to couples. While we recognize that these programs fall short of meeting the income needs of older people, they do provide some assistance, and the principle of a guaranteed income floor, inadequate though it may be right now, has been established.

In addition to actions which can be taken by the Federal government, there are actions which States can undertake to improve the health care and welfare status of older persons, and I would encourage you to try to initiate such activities, either through the Office of Economic Opportunity or in cooperation with the Arkansas Office on Aging and Adult Services, in your State. Among the most important steps that could be taken in this regard would be the



extension of coverage under the State's Title XIX Medicaid program, and State supplementation of Federal payments under the Supplemental Security Income program. Under Medicaid, as I am sure you are aware, each State decides on how extensive its program will be both in terms of what services it will offer beyond the seven services which are mandatory, and in terms of whether it will serve "medically needy" persons---persons who do not meet the general income criteria for the program but who have high medical expenses. A decision by the Arkansas State officials to broaden the scope and eligibility requirements under this program would have significant impact on the elderly. Similarly, a decision by Arkansas's State legislators to supplement Federal payments to aged, blind, and disabled persons eligible for Supplemental Security Income would be extremely helpful to older persons. Thirty-six States now supplement the Federal payment to individuals and couples; Arkansas pays a supplement of only \$10 a month to older couples, and does not supplement individuals at all.

In addition to possible efforts to increase assistance to individuals under these two programs, you might also want to consider working to increase the State's match for funds available for social services under Title XX of the Social Security Act. Of \$23,747,250 of Federal funds allocated to Arkansas under the public assistance programs in the Social Security Act, only about \$6,000,000 was actually used by Arkansas in each of Fiscal Years 1973 and 1974, as the allocated funds were available on a 75% Federal - 25% matching basis and the State provided only about one-fourth of the match that would have been required to receive the total allocation of Federal funds for social services. If more matching were available to enable the State to spend more of its allotment of Federal funding for social services, these funds could support much-needed services for older persons, including homemaker services, transportation, protective services, and food programs such as meals-on-wheels.

I hope that this information, and ideas on possible actions you might want to take to improve the status of older persons in Arkansas, has been helpful. If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me.

Very sincerely and cordially yours,

/s/ Arthur S. Flemming

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Commissioner on Aging



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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Dr. Arthur Flemming
Commissioner on Aging

Date:

3/20/75

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To: The President

From: Robert L. Whitfield, Director, OEO, Little Rock, Arkansas

Date: 3/11/75

Subject: urges solution to problems of nation's senior citizens through national health insurance and welfare reform

By direction of the President:

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Pamela G. Needham
Staff Assistant
Domestic Council



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March 11, 1975

Robert L. Whitfield
Director

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford:

Many low-income senior citizens have expressed extreme concern and dismay at the reluctance of the Federal government to provide relief to the ever increasing cost of food, clothing, shelter and particularly, medical services.

Many Arkansas senior citizens are spending a disproportionate amount of their meager income on medical service or else they are spending it on food and not getting the greatly needed medical services.

I urge you to act to solve the problems of the nation's senior citizens through National Health Insurance and Welfare Reform.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Whitfield
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Office of Human Development
Administration on Aging

Mr. Max Wolf
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Dear Mr. Wolf:

Your letter of March 17 to President Ford concerning use of an income tax cut to benefit low-income senior citizens has been referred to the Administration on Aging for response.

I can assure you that both the Administration and the Congress are deeply concerned about the impact of the current economic situation on older Americans. We are acutely aware of the financial difficulties faced by many older persons who have inadequate incomes and who cannot find suitable employment and those who are retired or unable to work.

The President has recently signed a \$22.8 billion anti-recession tax-cut bill that carries a number of provisions favorable to older persons, including payment of \$50 each to some 34 million individuals receiving Social Security, Railroad Retirement, or Supplemental Security Income benefits. Unemployment compensation benefits are being extended for an additional 13 weeks. Most persons with taxable income will receive tax rebates for 1974 and tax reductions for 1975. The income tax burden of all persons, elderly and non-elderly, will be lightened. Another beneficial feature is liberalization of rules on tax deductions for expenses of caring for an elderly relative. Additionally, social security beneficiaries are due for a cost-of-living increase in July.

I know that you are aware of the various federal programs set up in recent years that benefit the elderly: food stamps, the national Nutrition Program for the Elderly, elderly housing, Medicare, and Medicaid. Under the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, there have been set up agencies on aging in every State and in more than 400 communities around the country to act as advocates for the elderly, coordinate activities on their behalf, and provide information on programs and benefits.



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Thank you for writing to share your views on this important subject.
If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Very sincerely and cordially yours,

/s/ Arthur S. Fleming

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cc: Ms. Pamela G. Needham



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 From: Max Wolf, Welfare Director, Knoxville, Tennessee
 Date: 3/17/75
 Subject: concern for the economic status of senior citizens

By direction of the President:

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WELFARE DIRECTOR

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March 17, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
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Although I oppose our country going into a welfare state, I do feel this is a positive approach to pump up the economy immediately because I am sure these people would spend their money immediately upon receiving any amount, particularly if they did not have a bureaucracy restriction attached to same.

I would appreciate hearing from you as to your thinking on this most important matter. It is my hope that we can help the senior citizens who have made it possible for America to continue to grow, who have paid their way for years, and now seem to be the forgotten people of the United States and the World.

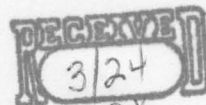
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April 12, 1975

Dear Peter:

Thank you for your April 8 letter to the President concerning the Congressional Senior Intern Program participants who will be in Washington from May 5-16.

I will be pleased to see if the President's schedule is such that he can meet briefly with them this year when they visit the White House. In any event, I will make every effort to make certain they are greeted by a member of the Congressional Affairs Staff. I will be back in touch with you as soon as possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
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The Honorable Edward G. Biestar, Jr.
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Washington, D. C. 20515

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April 22, 1975

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Dear Mr. Wolf:

This is in response to your recent letter which was addressed to President Ford and which concerned the Senior AIDES project now operating in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Within the framework of existing legislative authority, the Department of Labor is reviewing alternatives for the continued funding of ongoing older worker employment programs, including the one you brought to our attention. We feel confident at this time that arrangements can be made to ensure that program operations are maintained in the coming fiscal year. One alternative being considered would use funds appropriated under Title IX of the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-29), but other contingencies are also being studied.

Your interest in this program is appreciated. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Max Wolf
Welfare Director
Department of Public Welfare
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Knoxville, Tennessee 37902



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MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER D. SEMERAD
Staff Assistant to the President
Domestic Council

Per your request of March 24, 1975, to Mr. Tom Phelan,
attached is a draft response to Mr. Max Wolf's letter of
February 24, 1975.

William H. Kolberg
WILLIAM H. KOLBERG
Assistant Secretary for Manpower

Attachment



DRAFT

This is in response to your recent letter which was addressed to President Ford and which concerned the Senior AIDES project now operating in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Within the framework of existing legislative authority, the Department of Labor is reviewing alternatives for the continued funding of ongoing older worker employment programs, including the one you brought to our attention. We feel confident at this time that arrangements can be made to ensure that program operations are maintained in the coming fiscal year. One alternative being considered would use funds appropriated under Title IX of the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-29) but other contingencies are also being studied.

Your interest in this program is appreciated. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Thomas Phelan
Exec. Asst. to the Secretary
New Labor Bldg., S. 2203

Date: March 24, 1975

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- 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.

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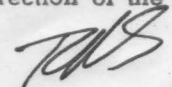
REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: Telegram: Other:

To: The President
From: Max Wolf, Welfare Director, Knoxville, Tenn.
Date: Feb. 24, 1975
Subject: Release of all funds as they pertain to Mainstream and Senior Citizen Programs under Title IX

By direction of the President:


Roger D. Semerad
Staff Assistant to the President
Domestic Council



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ~~PAMELA G. NEEDHAM~~

Title IX of the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments of 1973 is the responsibility of the Secretary of Labor. I would suggest that the attached letter from Max Wolf be referred to DOL for appropriate response.

[Signature]
David H. Lissy
Executive Secretary

Attachment

recd. 3/7/75



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REFERRAL

To: David Lissy
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Date: 3/3/75

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REMARKS:

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Description:

Letter: Telegram: Other:

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To: The President
 From: Max Wolf, Welfare Director, Knoxville, Tennessee
 Date: 2/24/75
 Subject: urges release of funds under Title IX, Mainstream and Senior Citizen Programs

By direction of the President:

Pamela G. Needham
Staff Assistant
Domestic Council



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CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
CITY HALL PARK 37902
TELEPHONE 523-1621

WELFARE DIRECTOR
MAX WOLF

PN

February 24, 1975

The Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you to express the needs of the Senior Citizens in our city. I am taking the liberty of urging you to release all funds as they pertain to Mainstream and Senior Citizen Programs under Title IX.

Most of our Senior Citizen programs were implemented in the year 1972 and have been most successful in elevating the low-income Senior Citizens to a bit higher social level because of their added income in the Senior AIDE Program. I might add that our program is considered a model for the entire country, which we will be forced to discontinue unless these funds are forthcoming.

May I repeat myself and urge you to seriously consider releasing these funds immediately.

We appreciate very much past courtesies extended us from the White House.

Very sincerely,

Max Wolf
Max Wolf
Welfare Director



- cc: Senator Baker
- Senator Brock
- Senator Hartke
- Senator Humphrey
- Senator Muskie
- Congressman Duncan



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CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



WELFARE DIRECTOR
MAX WOLF

February 26, 1975

The Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

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Very sincerely,

Max Wolf
Max Wolf
Welfare Director

- cc: Senator Baker
- Senator Brock
- Senator Harbo
- Senator Humphrey
- Senator Ingle
- Congressman Duncan

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April 23, 1975

Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter to the President of February 26, 1975, regarding the Senior Opportunities and Services (SOS) program administered by the Community Services Administration.

Let me assure you, first of all, that the Administration continues to be quite concerned to improve the well-being of this country's senior citizens. In the budget submitted by the President on February 4, 1975, Social Security cash outlays will expand from \$55 billion in 1974 to \$78 billion in 1976, a 27 percent increase in the average benefit. More than 5 million aged or handicapped persons are expected to receive Supplemental Security Income benefits in 1976, compared with 3.6 million recipients in 1974.

In addition, Medicaid and Medicare expenditures will rise from \$17 billion in 1974 to \$22 billion in 1976, expanding coverage from 43 million to 45 million aged, disabled, and low-income Americans.

The SOS program will be funded at the current operating level of \$10 million for 1975. The Administration is proposing that it would be more appropriate for the states and localities to take over responsibility for this program in 1976 since it is of a particularly local nature responding to particular local needs. Moreover, the Federal Government conducts other and more comprehensive programs which duplicate the SOS program with far greater resources. Especially important in this regard is the Older Americans program in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare which will spend over \$200 million in 1976 for the elderly. SOS projects will be fully able to apply for such funds.

Sincerely,

Vern

Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Don H. Clausen
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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DON H. CLAUSEN
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
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"THE REDWOOD EMPIRE DISTRICT"

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306 MENDOCINO AVENUE
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PHONE: 545-3844

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

February 26, 1975

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

ME
Dear Mr. President:

I want to take this opportunity to express to you my personal interest and concern in the matter of continued funding for the Senior Opportunity Services program.

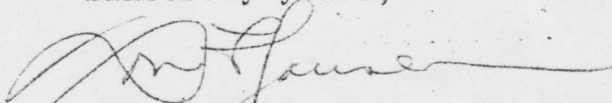
As I understand it, funding for this program will end on March 31, 1975 and no funding has been requested for Fiscal Year 1976. Yet the continued operation of this program, which has been highly effective in meeting the special needs of senior citizens in my area of Northern California, seems particularly important at this time, in view of the added burden the current economic "crunch" is placing on our seniors.

With this background in mind, I would appreciate your answering the following questions:

- (1) In view of the fact that funding for Senior Opportunity Services ends prior to June 30, 1975 and no funding has been requested for FY 1976, have provisions been made and separate funding levels requested, to continue to meet the program objectives of Senior Opportunity Services through other federal programs, such as those carried out by the Administration on Aging?
- (2) Will the recently-established Community Services Administration be developing new programs to provide for the special needs of senior citizens?

Thanking you in advance for your answers to these questions and any other information you can provide, I am

Sincerely yours,


DON H. CLAUSEN
Representative in Congress



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Office of Human Development
Administration on Aging

Mr. Richard H. Stoddard
Director, ~~Marquette County~~
Commission on Aging
Box 987
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

Your letter of April 9 addressed to the President and enclosing the Resolution of the Marquette County Commission on Aging concerning the funding of programs under Title III and Title VII of the Older Americans Act has been referred to me.

As you know, the funding level of these programs is determined by law. Congressional action restored all funds appropriated by the Congress for programs under Title III of the Older Americans Act (\$105,000,000) and Title VII (\$125,000,000). These funds have already been released to the State Agencies on Aging.

The President appreciates and shares your concern and interest in programs that benefit our older citizens. Thank you for writing.

Very sincerely and cordially yours,

/s/ Arthur S. Flemming

Arthur S. Flemming
Commissioner on Aging

cc: Pamela Needham



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To for William
H. Halberg to
Thomas Brown



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May 2, 1975

Dear Miss Davis:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for writing to him about the special edition of the local paper which members of the Harrison County Council on Aging are preparing in recognition of Older Americans Month in May.

Older Americans have played a vital role in the growth and development of our Nation, and the President is confident that their collective experience and spirit of determination will continue to be of great value to future generations. With the enclosed copy of his proclamation for Older Americans Month, the President sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Eliska Hasek
Director
Office of Presidential Messages

Miss Bina S. Davis
Program Director
Harrison County Council
on Aging
Bethany, Missouri 64424

Enclosure: P's proclamation for Senior Citizens Month

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May 8, 1975

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter to President Ford concerning the next issue of the Nebraska Commission on Aging's magazine, The Older Nebraskan's Voice. The President appreciates your interest in writing, and he asked me to send you the enclosed copy of the Older Americans Month proclamation. It comes with his kind regards to you and your associates.

Sincerely,

Eliska Hasek

Director

Office of Presidential Messages

Mr. Joel C. Davis
Public Information Officer
State of Nebraska
Commission on Aging
State House Station 94734
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1975

MEETING
WITH THE
FEDERAL COUNCIL ON THE AGING

Friday, May 16, 1975
12:15 - 12:30 p.m. (15 minutes)
The Cabinet Room

From: William J. Baroody, Jr. *WJ*
Theodore C. Marrs *TCM*

I. PURPOSE

To meet and be photographed with the Federal Council on the Aging during their convention, and to briefly discuss major issues concerning the aging citizens.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The Federal Council on the Aging was established by Public Law 93-29, May 3, 1973. It is composed of fifteen members appointed by the President for terms of three years. Members are appointed so as to be representative of older Americans, national organizations with an interest in the aging, business, labor, and the general public. At least five of the members must be older persons. The current membership includes nine who are older persons.

The Council officially got underway with Senate approval on June 5, 1974 of the fourteen persons nominated by the President on March 27, 1974. A fifteenth member has been added to complete the number called for by Public Law.

The Secretary of HEW and the Commissioner on Aging serve as ex-officio members of the Council.



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22 MAY 1975

Honorable Thomas W. Brown
Assembly of New York
Albany, New York 12203

Dear Mr. Brown:

This is in response to your letter of April 28, 1975, addressed to the President, which concerned the Green Thumb program.

Green Thumb, Inc., a subsidiary of the National Farmers Union, presently conducts two older worker programs through prime contracts with the Department of Labor's Manpower Administration. They are the National Older Worker Program-Operation Mainstream (NOWP-OM), which is funded under title III of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) of 1973, and the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), which is funded under title IX of the Older Americans Act. In terms of purpose and design, the two programs parallel each other closely. Both programs are currently funded through June 30, 1975.

The Department of Labor intends to provide continued direct support for both Green Thumb programs with funds available under title IX of the Older Americans Act. Negotiations are currently underway with the Green Thumb organization for the award of a portion of the \$12 million appropriation for title IX in Fiscal Year 1975. The amount awarded to Green Thumb will be sufficient to finance all of their existing projects, including the projects in the State of New York, until mid-October 1975. We anticipate that additional funds will be made available by the Congress to provide continued support past that time.



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We hope that the above information will be helpful to you.
If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. KOLBERG
Assistant Secretary for Manpower

bcc: Roger Semerad



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To: Honorable William H. Kolberg
Assistant Secretary for Manpower
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Date: May 7, 1975

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REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President
 From: Thomas W. Brown, Member of Assembly, State of New York, Albany
 Date: April 28, 1975
 Subject: Title IX of the Older Americans Act . . . "Green Thumb" employment program

By direction of the President:

RDS
 Roger D. Semerad
 Staff Assistant to the President
 Domestic Council



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THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

THOMAS W. BROWN
104TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
ALBANY AND RENSSELAER COUNTIES
5 HOLMES DALE
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12203

CHAIRMAN
DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE

*Pamela
Friedman*

April 28, 1975

Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter on behalf of some 48,000 senior citizens who reside in the County of Albany which I represent in the New York State Legislature.

It has been brought to my attention that refunding under Title IX of the Older Americans Act and reinstatement of the State sponsored "Green Thumb" employment program are both in jeopardy.

Roger

I am advised that the anticipated losses from the termination of these projects is:

Title IX Projects	\$893,000
CETA III (via Operation Mainstream)	907,512
Green Thumb (State funded but eliminated from FY75-76 \$600,000 budget)	<u>600,000</u>
	\$2,400,512



I am also advised that there will be a potential loss of some 1200 part-time jobs for the elderly in New York State. One need not count the devastation to the elderly brought by inflation and unemployment.

THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY



THOMAS W. BROWN
ALBANY AND RESEMBLER COURTES
2 HOMER GALL
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12242

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President of the United States
The White House
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I am advised that the anticipated losses from the termination of these projects is:

These 2X projects	\$235,000
CETA III (via Operation Mainstream)	907,512
Green Thumb (State funded but eliminated from FY75-76 \$500,000 budget)	600,000
	\$2,400,512

I am also advised that there will be a potential loss of some 1200 part-time jobs for the elderly in New York State. One need not count the devastation to the elderly brought by inflation and unemployment.

Prager


Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States

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April 28, 1975

In the light of the foregoing, I respectfully request that
these programs be reinstated.

Sincerely,



THOMAS W. BROWN
Member of Assembly

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Member of Assembly
JAMES A. BROWN

Sincerely,

These programs are retracted.

In the light of the foregoing, I respectfully request that

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President of the United States
Honorable Gerald R. Ford

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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Section 208 of the 1973 Amendments to the Older Americans Act (Public Law 89-73) provides that the Commissioner on Aging shall prepare and submit to the President for transmittal to the Congress a full and complete report on the activities carried out under this Act, not later than one hundred and twenty days after the close of each fiscal year.

Secretary Weinberger has forwarded the Annual Report of the Administration on Aging for the fiscal year 1974 to me, and I am pleased to transmit this document to the Congress.

Ronald R. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE,

MAY 27 1975

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June 2, 1975

Dear Mrs. Conway:

President Ford was pleased to receive your letter concerning the Little Red Schoolhouse of Van Cortlandt and the many activities of the Historical Society. Your efforts are certainly appreciated, and the President asked me to send you the enclosed copy of his official statement for America's 200th birthday. It comes with the President's warm regards to you and your associates.

Sincerely,

Erlank Hasek
Director

Office of Presidential Messages

Mrs. Clifford Conway
10 Putnam Park Road
Peekskill, New York 10566

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June 2, 1975

Dear Miss Dial:

President Ford was pleased to learn about the special luncheon to be held in honor of the Sterling Community's senior citizens, and he asked me to extend his congratulations and warm greetings to all who will be gathered on this occasion.

Older Americans have contributed much to our Nation's proud heritage, and the President is confident that, with their continued counsel, we can move forward in raising the quality of life for all our people. With the enclosed proclamation for Senior Citizens Month, 1975, the President sends his best wishes for a most enjoyable luncheon.

Sincerely,

Eliska Hasek
Director
Office of Presidential Messages

Miss Lillie B. Dial
Post Office Box 667
Pineville, North Carolina 28134

Enclosure: P's proclamation for Senior Citizens Month, 1975

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June 9, 1975

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

President Ford has received your letter about the resolution adopted by the Philadelphia City Council. Your courtesy in bringing this expression of views to his attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. George X. Schwartz
President
City Council
Room 490
City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

cc: w/original incoming to James Falk

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June 11, 1975

Washington, D.C. 20515

June 9, 1975

Dear Mr. Biaggi:

Thank you for your June 9 letter to the President recommending that an Executive Order be issued to establish a Cabinet level Department of the Aging.

I will be pleased to call your letter to the attention of the President and the appropriate Presidential advisers at the earliest opportunity. I am certain your views will be given careful consideration.

I would consider this action to be an important first step in the establishment of a national policy to deal with the multifaceted problems of our older Americans. With the senior population of this nation expected to reach 30 million by the year 2000, it is becoming increasingly obvious that we must direct the full resources of this nation to solving present elderly problems as well as devise future plans. Presently the federal government's programs for senior citizens are fragmented in several different agencies. The establishment of this Cabinet level Department to the President would combine the existing talents and expertise of these agencies into an effective single agency exclusively devoted to senior citizens.

Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Mario Biaggi
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

There is a need to address itself to the future of the Social Security system as well as mechanisms to prevent loss of living standards in other senior programs.

bcc: w/incoming to James Cannon for appropriate handling and reply.

I feel this situation merits your immediate and favorable consideration and I look forward to your comments.

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With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARIO BIAGGI, D.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
June 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM: TED MARRS *TM*

In answer to your inquiry, a reply was not deemed necessary.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1975

TO: THEODORE MARRS

FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT



Attached is the file on the Federal Council on Aging. You will note on page 3 of the May 15 memo to the President from you and Bill Baroody there is mention of a December 9 letter from this Council concerning cutbacks in programs for the elderly. Since my office also receives letters of this type, it would be most helpful if I could see a copy of the reply to that letter. Files does not have a copy, and I thought you might.

Many thanks.

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GLENN J. SEDAM, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1701 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006
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June 18, 1975

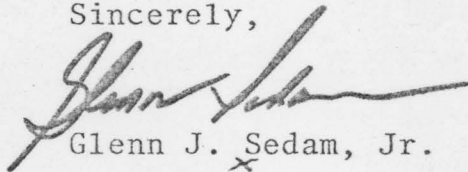
Mr. Todd Hullin
The White House
Old Executive Office Building
Room 228
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Todd:

This is just a short note to thank you for taking the time to visit with me and my clients to discuss their concept for construction of new housing for the elderly.

Thank you very much. I appreciate your seeing us.

Sincerely,


Glenn J. Sedam, Jr.

c.c.: A. G. ^XSmith
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June 19, 1975

NATIVO, John A.

Dear Bill: I was surprised to receive your letter of May 20, and I was happy to be able to send a letter of recognition.

It is a special pleasure for me to have this opportunity to pay tribute to the achievements of a dedicated Representative of the people of New Jersey, a long-time colleague in the Congress, and a close personal friend.

As the former ranking Minority Member of the House Banking and Currency Committee, you are recognized as the originator of the housing assistance program for our handicapped and elderly citizens, including the senior citizens' housing which is so appropriately evidenced by "The William B. Widnall Towers." Each of its residents can take pride, not only in their beautiful building, but also in the central role you, as their Congressman, played in assuring decent housing for our citizens.

I congratulate you for your united efforts over the years in their behalf, and I extend my very best wishes for your good health and continued happiness in the years ahead.

Richard M. Wilcox
Director of Correspondence

Warmest personal regards,

Mr. Jerry A. Nathan
Director
Housing and Redevelopment
Housing Authority of the City of Newark

The Honorable William B. Widnall
214 West Saddle River Road
Saddle River, New Jersey 07458

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July 1, 1975

Dear Robin:

Thank you for your June 20 letter to the President requesting comments on the demonstration vacation residential exchange program being conducted by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Please be assured that your letter will be called to the attention of the President and the appropriate members of the staff. You will hear further as soon as possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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Vernon C. Loen
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
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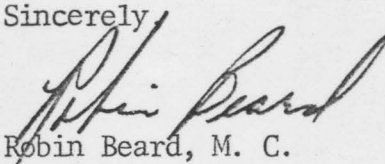
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Sincerely


Robin Beard, M. C.

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July 11, 1975

Dear Mr. Hennessey:

President Ford has received the copy of the resolution adopted by the Erie County Legislature. He appreciates your courtesy in letting him know of this action.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. James E. Hennessey
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie
County
25 Delaware Avenue
Burrato, New York 18202

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July 21, 1975

America owes much to its senior citizens. Their contribution to our Nation's heritage must never be forgotten. Therefore, I was pleased to learn that members of the American Society for Geriatric Dentistry are taking time from their private practices to provide oral health services for many residents of nursing homes, clinics and day care centers. This regard for the well-being of the elderly is greatly appreciated by all Americans concerned with the welfare of our senior citizens.

STATEMENT SENT AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY TO:

Mr. S. I. Neiman
Executive Director
* The American Society for Geriatric Dentistry
Eleven East Adams
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Enclosure: 8x10 glossy photo of the President

GRF:R.ROUSEK:jmc
cc: D. E. Downton/R. Nessen/E. Hasek/CF
DUE: ASAP
Requested by Mr. Neiman



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July 23, 1975

Earlier this year, I issued a proclamation designating May as Older Americans Month. In it I called for an updating of the Senior Citizens Charter of Rights and Obligations which was adopted by the first White House Conference on Aging in 1961. I urged Americans of all ages to join in the development of a new Declaration of Rights and Obligations of Older Persons to be proclaimed as a part of our national Bicentennial celebration.

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I am delighted to learn that the National Retired Teachers Association and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, in cooperation with the National Honor Society and the National Association of Student Councils, are organizing a series of Youth Conferences on Older Americans at the community level to involve young people in the process of making recommendations relative to the rights and obligations of older Americans.

I know that the recommendations received from these conferences will contribute greatly to the development of a significant new declaration. The concentration by young Americans on issues related to the development of such a declaration will, I am convinced, also ensure increasing support for action programs in both the private and public sectors to replace despair with hope in the lives of older Americans.

I look forward to receiving a report on the results of these sessions.

TO DR. MARRS FOR DISPATCH

Youth Conferences on older Americans
TO: *Dr. Marris for dispatch*
ON: *7/23* AT *11:00 a.m.*

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July 18, 1975

Dear Colonel Cody:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter. I want to assure you that I fully understand the frank concern you expressed, and I certainly share your view that we need to build a stable economy in which the needs of all our citizens will be served.

It is particularly heartening to me when citizens such as you, who have always encouraged a deep awareness and love of our country's heritage, continue to be so actively involved in the affairs of our Nation. America needs the wisdom, values and faith which your generation can offer.

I appreciate having your views, and I will certainly do everything within my power to insure equity to all our people.

Sincerely,



Colonel Wild Bill Cody
Cowboy Movie Hall of Fame
Rural Route 5, Box 237
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

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July 24, 1975

Dear Congressman Beard:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of June 20 concerning the Vacation Residential Exchange Program supported by the Administration on Aging within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

It is my understanding that the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, in his letter to you regarding this program, detailed much of the rationale for the decision to support this undertaking. We, too, are quite concerned about the appropriate and efficient use of Federal monies, but we believe that Federal efforts to find efficient ways to improve the well-being of the older low-income citizens are justified Federal expenditures.

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Thank you for writing to share your concerns with us. I hope that this has been helpful. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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July 18, 1975

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE SARAH C. MASSENGALE

In accordance with our telephone conversation today I am forwarding a second draft reply to Representative Robin Beard's letter to President Ford concerning the vacation residential exchange program. This draft should be used in place of that draft previously sent to you as a suggested response for the signature of James Cannon. I am also enclosing a copy of Secretary Weinberger's response to Representative Beard.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stewart Tinsman", is written above the typed name.

Stewart Tinsman
Acting Executive Secretary
to the Department

Enclosure



DRAFT LETTER

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James M. Cannon

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House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Beard:

Thank you for your letter of April 8 commenting on the vacation residential exchange program being conducted as a demonstration project with funding by the Administration on Aging. Please forgive the delay in responding.

This program is funded under Section 308 of the Older Americans Act, which provides that the Commissioner on Aging may "make grants for paying part or all of the cost of developing or operating...model projects which will expand or improve social services or otherwise promote the well-being of older persons." One of four special categories of need cited was services "to assist in meeting the particular needs of the physically and mentally impaired older persons in leading a more independent life."

Various programs, such as Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, elderly housing, and Medicare have been established to help older persons meet their basic needs and remain independent as long as possible. But even these do not insure that everyone can be financially secure and healthy in their old age. There are many persons who did not work long enough in social security covered jobs to draw more than minimal benefits. Many women who were housewives and now widowed were never employed in paying jobs. Some people have had misfortunes that deprived them of the opportunity to count themselves among the 67 percent of older people who own their homes and are able to manage for themselves.

For this reason, the government seeks, through grants for medical and other types of studies, to improve the well being of all its older citizens. The vacation residential exchange program is one of those studies. The International Center for Social Gerontology had learned of the health benefits of such programs being carried out in several countries in Europe. Participation in the plan helped the older people avoid the onset of mental apathy which so often accompanies the monotonous existence of the poor elderly. In order to test the program in this country, a grant was made to the Center to demonstrate it in selected American cities.



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I am enclosing a reprint from AGING magazine that describes the residential exchange study. As the article states, costs are shared by the residents, various private agencies and business organizations in the host communities, and the International Center for Social Gerontology, which is conducting the demonstration-study.

The vacation residential exchange is attracting a good deal of interest across the country. It is our expectation that the demonstration will result in widespread acceptance and enrichment of the lives of low-income older people without continued financial support from public funds.

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Sincerely,

/s/Caspar W. Weinberger

Secretary

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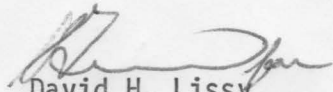


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JUL 18 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE SARAH C. MASSENGALE

In response to your request of July 7 for a draft reply to Representative Robin Beard's letter to the President concerning the vacation residential exchange program, enclosed is a suggested response for the signature of James Cannon.


David H. Lissy
Executive Secretary
to the Department

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Prepared by: Hertz, AOA, 7/10/75, 50669



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: DAVID LISSY

Date: July 7, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply for: James Cannon's sign.
- 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

Prompt action is essential.
If more than 72 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

David: We would appreciate getting this back as soon as possible. Thanks.

Description:

Letter: Telegram: Other:
 To: The President
 From: Congressman Robin Beard
 Date: June 20, 1975
 Subject: HEW's vacation residential exchange program

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By direction of the President:

SM
 Sarah C. Massengale
 Assistant Director
 Domestic Council



(Copy to remain with correspondence)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: July 3, 1975

TO: ART QUERN

FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH ~~JP~~

SUBJ: Congressman Beard Letter
Re. HEW Program

FYI _____

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Please draft reply for
Cannon's signature.
Thanks.

Sarah
Would you check
this out right away

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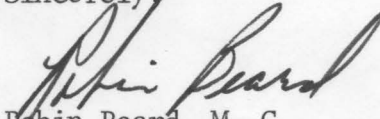
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Mrs. Theodus Williamson, left, of Durham, N.C., embraces Mrs. Erma McGlashan of Flint, Mich., at Raleigh-Durham airport at end of 10-day vacation residential exchange program. Mrs. Williamson stayed in Mrs. McGlashan's apartment while visiting in Flint.

New Program Offers Travel Vacations, to Low Income Elderly

By JAMES CURREN
International Center for Social Gerontology
Washington, D.C.

ing environment as the special guests of other older people and local hosts.

Under the program, tenants from public housing for the elderly in one city exchange apartments with tenants from comparable public housing in another city.

During visits to each other's cities both groups sample a wide variety of social, recreational, and leisure activities; tours, outings, and excursions; and special luncheons, dinners, and entertainments.

Program activities in each city are sponsored by the local housing authority. Under its direction, local travel arrangements and vacation activities are planned, coordinated, and carried out by cooperating public and private agencies; business, civic, and church groups; service clubs and labor unions; and public housing residents who are hosts, neighbors, and companions to the vacationers staying in their developments.

Two vacation residential exchanges, involving 33 senior travelers, have been completed. The first was held Oct. 7-18 between Newport, R.I., and Silver Spring, Md. (in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area); the second, between Durham, N.C., and Flint, Mich., from Nov. 4-15.

Others are scheduled this spring between Minneapolis and Denver; Seattle and Las Vegas, Nev.; and Huntsville, Ala., and Richmond, Va. Additional exchanges between other cities are in the planning stage.

VRE Program Concept

The VRE program, first of its kind in this country for low income elderly, is directed nationwide by the International Center for Social Gerontology (ICSG).

Partial support for developing and testing it as a new service with potential to enrich the lives of older people is provided by a Model Project grant under the Older Americans Act.

"Most of us feel that we profit from a one- or two-week vacation every year," said ICSG Director Wilma T. Donahue. "We tend to forget that these benefits are still important and valuable to the elderly."

"The costs of long distance travel, lodging, and meals usually make an extended vacation too expensive for older people with low incomes," she added. "When they do save enough to travel, most can afford only a one-day trip, an occasional overnight visit, or a stay with relatives or friends."

"For this group of older people," Dr. Donahue said, "a different kind of vacation experience—one in which they can explore new places, make new friends, and stay long

enough to savor both—is not feasible without the aid of an organized plan and financial assistance.

"In the VRE program we are exploring ways to make this unique experience possible for the elderly with the least resources," she said.

Exchanging Apartments

Swapping apartments while visiting each other's cities, eliminates costs of hotel rooms and restaurant meals.

"The concept of 'you live in my home while I live in yours' is familiar to many families planning long summer vacations and to professionals and scholars on sabbaticals," said Marie McGuire Thompson, national VRE Project Director.

It has also been the basis, she said, for successful, ongoing vacation programs for the elderly in Europe, most notably one pioneered by the Public Works and Construction Workers Pension Fund in France.

"The residential exchange concept is especially suited to the situation of older people in public housing in this country," said Mrs. Thompson, a former U.S. Commis-



A special kind of vacation was enjoyed last fall by groups of elderly residents in public housing in four U.S. cities.

This spring it will be offered to more in at least six other communities, as part of a demonstration program aided by HEW's Administration on Aging.

Called the vacation residential exchange (VRE) program, it enables low income elderly to afford and enjoy a vacation experience not otherwise available to them—a change of scene, a change of pace for up to 10 days in a new, challeng-



Newport group, top left, ready to leave for ten days in Silver Spring Md.

Welcoming arrivals from Durham to Flint, U.S. Rep. Donald W. Riegle, Jr., left, pins a corsage on Mrs. Leonora McGee, resident manager of Durham's Oldham Towers and travel escort for tenants from there.



Group ready to leave Newport, R.I., for Silver Spring, Md., in first vacation exchange program.



Top: Durham, N.C. vacationers return home after visit to Michigan. Immediately above, Oldham Towers in Durham where Michigan visitors were quartered. Below, interior view of Oldham apartment.



sioner of the Public Housing Administration and Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development on programs for the elderly and handicapped.

"By definition, residents in these facilities have modest, limited incomes," she explained. "Their buildings have design and safety features which are largely Federally regulated. People who trade apartments can be assured that they will enjoy comparable quality accommodations and services."

Local Leadership

The VRE program is also studying ways in which local communities can develop and support a diverse, stimulating, and low cost activity schedule for visitors.

"A director for local VRE activities is selected by the sponsoring housing authority," said Mrs. Thompson. "This person may be from its own staff or from that of another appropriate local agency.

"The local VRE director plans and develops an activity schedule for vacationers, with the assistance of cooperating agencies, a steering committee of local groups, managers and residents of public housing for the elderly, and retired volunteers from the community," she continued.

"Support for local travel, meals, and planned activities is provided entirely by local resources," she added. "Vacationers are asked to make a minimal contribution toward travel costs and health and accident insurance in an amount agreed upon by sponsors in each intercity exchange."

Daily activities scheduled for visitors are conducted with the assistance of tenants in the exchange site who volunteer to serve as hosts to visitors on a person-to-person basis.

"The individual hosts play an important part in the program," Mrs. Thompson noted, "by helping visitors adjust quickly and comfortably to their temporary 'home' in a strange city. The hosts welcome travelers, escort them to their accommodations, assist them in settling in, acquaint them with the features of their apartments and the building, introduce them to other

tenants, invite them to dinner, and join them on outings."

First Vacation Exchanges

Like most vacations, the first two sponsored in the VRE program offered elderly travelers the chance to explore a different part of the country, to meet new people, and to change the pace of life and the scope of familiar activities.

In the first vacation exchange last October between Newport and Silver Spring, six residents of Newport's 19 Chapel Street development traded apartments with nine tenants of the 1400 Fenwick high-rise for the elderly in Silver Spring.

Both groups traveled round trip on Amtrak, with connecting bus transportation arranged by local hosts.

In the second exchange, between Durham and Flint, eight residents of Oldham Towers in Durham switched homes with ten residents of Wilson Apartments in Flint.

Both groups traveled round trip on commercial airlines. A special feature of their travel was an arrangement for both to meet at the Raleigh-Durham Airport at the beginning and end of their vacation: the first time, to enable each to greet the person with whom he was exchanging apartments; the second time, to allow both to share vacation experiences.

Travel Pioneers

In the Newport-Silver Spring and Flint-Durham exchanges all but three of the travelers were women. Most were between ages 62 and 75; some were in their 80's. To be eligible for the trip, all were required to have a physician certify that they were in good enough health to travel and participate in vacation activities.

For some the vacation opportunity was their first trip on their own in more than 20 years; for four travelers, their first flight in an airplane; and for one, her first glimpse of the ocean.

For most it was their first lengthy stay in the South, in an historic New England seaside city, in Michigan's automotive manufacturing environment, and in the Nation's capital.



Visitors from Flint, Mich. inspect the aerospace center at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science in Durham.

"Not only did these places become real to us," several vacationers said, "but we had time to explore and enjoy them, and to appreciate them the way people who live there do."

Local Itineraries

During their stay in metropolitan Washington, D.C., the visitors from Newport stopped at the White House; took a bus tour of the Capitol Mall, Embassy Row, and Mount Vernon; attended a concert at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; were among a limited number who obtained tickets to visit the newly-completed Mormon Temple; and on a tour of the Governor's mansion in Annapolis, Md., were special guests of Gov. and Mrs. Marvin Mandel.

The group from Silver Spring who sojourned in Newport toured that city's landmark mansions and the Touro synagogue, the Nation's oldest still used for worship; sailed its harbors; and on separate days visited Cape Cod and drove through the brilliant fall foliage along the Mohawk Trail.

The visit to Newport, one woman said, was a lesson in history and proved she was never too old to learn.

Except for this vacation program, she added, she would never have

thought of visiting Newport because she had always considered it to be a place for the very wealthy. "But the Newport people made me feel completely at home," she said.

The group from Flint which vacationed in Durham toured the major institutions and firms which form the cultural and economic bases of the area: a cigarette manufacturing plant, a Burlington Industries textile plant, Research Triangle Park, two insurance companies (one of which is the world's largest owned and operated exclusively by blacks), and three universities, including Duke University and its Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development.

At the Center they were addressed by its Director, Dr. George Mad-dox, a prominent gerontologist.

The group also spent one day touring the restored Moravian community of Old Salem and another afternoon as guests of youngsters from Durham's 4-H Clubs who entertained them with songs, skits, and exhibitions.

For travelers from Durham who visited Flint, the itinerary included a visit to the Canadian bird sanctuary, a local mystery trip (you find out where you are when you get there), a museum tour of vintage automobiles familiar to many when they were growing up, and leisure entertainments, such as sing-alongs, ice skating, a musicale by local seniors, and a performance by a Polish song and dance troupe.

"Watching people in their 80's and 90's skate like they were 16 made me feel like I could do it myself," said one visitor from Durham.

Spirit of Hospitality

Throughout their vacation and after they had returned home, vacationers agreed that it was the warm spirit of hospitality offered by other older people and local hosts which most surprised and delighted them.

"I didn't know what to expect when I left home," said one Durham woman who visited Flint, "but the people I met there were the sweetest I've ever met."

One Flint woman who vacationed in Durham said, "It seemed like everyone went to a lot of trouble to

offer us a good time. I had doors opened to me in Durham that I would never have found if I had gone there alone."

One of the most popular forms of hospitality which developed in both exchanges was the sharing of meals which hostesses and travelers prepared for one another.

Inviting visitors to dinner also became so popular among other tenants that there were not enough days in the vacation period to accommodate all requests.

Many travelers returned home eager to promote more exchanges for their friends and neighbors. Their experiences in the program, they said, would encourage others to participate.

Although most of the 33 travelers in both exchanges had decided to take part in the VRE program as soon as they heard about it, other tenants hesitated at first when it was presented to them.

The greatest reluctance seemed to be caused by the idea of living in a stranger's apartment while a stranger lived in yours.

Some vacationers dismissed this worry by saying, "You live in a hotel or motel without worrying about who was there before you."

Others said that they were not concerned because they felt they

would be exchanging homes with people like themselves, "people just as honest and as careful as we are."

Some thought that the initial hesitancy was prompted by the experimental nature of the program. "Many people want someone else to try something new first. If it works, they will do it."

In another case, a Durham area resident, formerly from Flint, invited the visitors to his 175-acre estate for dinner and was delighted to discover that among them was the mother of a girl he had courted in high school.

Local Program Direction

The local arrangements for developing, coordinating, and implementing VRE activities varied in both exchanges.

In Newport William Donovan, Executive Director of the sponsoring housing authority, coordinated the local VRE program with the assistance of Kathleen Fitzgerald, housing manager for the 19 Chapel Street facility.

His counterpart in Silver Spring was Patricia Kelley, Coordinator for Elderly Programs for the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission, who was assisted by Sylvia Denis, resident manager at 1400 Fenwick.



Visitors from Newport, R.I., exchange gifts with their Silver Spring, Md., hostesses at farewell party.

In the Durham-Flint exchange local coordinators were Ann Johnson, Executive Director of Durham's Coordinating Council for Senior Citizens, and Gertrude Cross, Coordinator of Senior Citizens Services for the Flint Recreation and Park Board. Mrs. Johnson was assisted by Lenora McGee, resident manager of Oldham Towers, and Mrs. Otto Meier, Council Board representative to the program.

In Durham a folk dance group, the Click 'n' Cloggers, offered visitors from Flint an evening of the music and dance styles of Appalachian mountain "clogging."

"From our experience in this first operating year," said Dr. Donahue, "we are hoping to develop an effective program model which States, local communities, and various organizations can use to add the vacation residential exchange service to the existing array of services designed to improve the quality of life of older people.

"The exchanges now completed and those in the spring," she added,

"can provide the foundation for an ongoing national program which will bring within the reach of the Nation's low income elderly those health and pleasure-giving vacation benefits which they might never enjoy otherwise."

The VRE program is based on the findings of an ICSG study on the feasibility of introducing the vacation residential exchange concept in the United States as a service for low income older adults.

Funded by HEW's National Institute of Mental Health, the study was undertaken in preparation for the 1973 International Symposium on Housing and Environmental Design for Older Adults in Washington, D.C.

Further information on the VRE program is available from Dr. Wilma T. Donahue, ICSG, Suite 350, 425 13th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.



Max Seidlitz and Grace Workman of Silver Spring, Md., rest after a busy day in Newport.

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August 6, 1975

Dear Tip:

Thank you for the August 1 letter to the President in which you joined with Senator Scott in recommending that the Thanksgiving Proclamation include a special tribute to older Americans. *Hugh*

Please be assured that your letter will be called to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity. I know he will appreciate having your recommendation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Bill
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Deputy Assistant
to the President

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August 8, 1975

Dear Mayor Anthony:

President has received your letter enclosing the copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council of Westminster. He appreciates your courtesy in bringing this expression of views to his attention.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

The Honorable Philip L. Anthony
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cc: with original incoming to James Falk.





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ASSISTANT SECRETARY-COMMISSIONER

Honorable Robert C. Johnson
Mayor of Pleasantville
Pleasantville, New Jersey

Dear Mayor Johnson:

Mr. James Cannon, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs, has asked me to reply to your letter of July 10 regarding the Pleasantville Housing Authority's turnkey public housing project N.J.-59-3 (103 elderly dwelling units).

As you may know, under the turnkey method, a Local Housing Authority, after arriving at a site price and an acceptable price for improvements with the selected developer, prepares a "Development Program" which incorporates the construction costs agreed to, budget information and a demonstration that the project is financially feasible. The acceptable total price for improvements was agreed upon in the Spring of 1973. In May 1973, a Development Program submitted by the Pleasantville Housing Authority was found unacceptable by our Camden Area Office. The costs submitted in the development program budget were not in keeping with the agreed upon turnkey price and exceeded the HUD-approved costs.

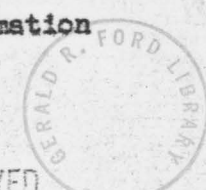
Our Camden Area Office reports that the selected developer and his architect are familiar with the turnkey process, having participated in similar turnkey projects in South Jersey. Part of the delay was caused by poor sub-surface conditions and modifications of plans and specifications that were previously used on other turnkey projects. Our Camden Area Office has followed HUD's turnkey processing procedures.

A revised Development Program was submitted to our Camden Area Office on February 28, 1975, where it was quickly reviewed and a list of deficiencies was sent to the Pleasantville Housing Authority on March 19. To date, the modifications and documentation requested have not been received by the Area Office. As soon as the information is received, the Area Office will promptly review the material so that this much-needed project can move forward to a turnkey Contract of Sale and be placed under construction.

Thank you for sharing your concern in this matter. I hope this information is of some help to you.

Sincerely,

David S. Cook



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Mr. Boone Robinson, Executive Secretary
State of California
Commission on Aging
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

Your letter of June 19 to the President regarding the direction of the Administration on matters affecting the elderly has been referred to me for response. Please forgive the delay in replying. The President is always interested in having comments and suggestions on matters of public policy.

You may be assured that the President and this Administration are deeply concerned over the financial difficulties faced by many older Americans today. The President is making every effort to combat recession, inflation, and the energy crisis, which affect all Americans, while at the same time seeing to it that the elderly, who generally have fewer resources to draw upon than do younger adults, are helped to meet these added burdens.

You are aware, I am sure, that the President did not propose to reduce or freeze social security benefits, but to hold the annual social security benefits increase to 5% as a means of combating inflation. The actual increase was 8% effective in June and was reflected in checks received July 3. This spring, the President signed a \$22.8 billion anti-recession tax-cut bill that carried a number of provisions favorable to the elderly, including payment of \$50 each to some 34 million individuals receiving Social Security, Railroad Retirement, and Supplemental Security Income benefits. Extension of unemployment compensation benefits, tax rebates for 1974, and tax reduction for 1975 are features of the bill that benefit many older persons. Also, rules concerning tax deductions for expenses of caring for an elderly relative were liberalized.

Since 1971, social security benefits have been increased several times for 31 million recipients, and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program has been established to maintain a minimum income level for the elderly poor.



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Attention has been given to private-sector income maintenance plans also. On Labor Day 1974, the President signed into law the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, which will offer the approximately 35 million persons covered by private employee benefit plans and their beneficiaries new protections and guarantees. ERISA encourages the growth of private pension and welfare plans, insures that participants do not lose benefits because of unduly restrictive eligibility provisions or because the plan did not accumulate and retain sufficient funds to meet its obligations, and provides greater equity in tax treatment of private savings for retirement.

In vetoing two bills recently passed by Congress in the areas of employment and housing, the President stressed the importance of holding down the federal deficit and avoiding exacerbation of budgetary and economic pressures. He has been particularly concerned about over-stimulating the economy and setting off another round of inflation that would be seriously harmful to elderly persons on fixed incomes as well as to nearly every other segment of society.

Last year, the President signed a historic housing bill having a number of provisions with considerable potential for older Americans--the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. For example, Section 8 of the Act provides for subsidized housing for low-income renters, while the newly revised Section 202 authorizes direct, low-interest federal loans for construction of housing for the elderly, among others. This expanded, more flexible housing program, when fully operational, can go far toward relieving critical housing problems for many older persons.

In the critical area of health care for older persons, the Administration is working on a number of proposals and projects that should contribute to better use of present and potential resources for delivery of services to the elderly with a goal of improving health and quality of life. The newly established National Institute on Aging will not only conduct and support research on the biological aspects of aging, but will examine the social and physical environment for its effect on the aging process. Mindful of wide-spread criticism of long-term care facilities for the elderly, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare is collecting data on conditions in nursing homes nationally so as to be able to recommend sound policies and programs to improve long-term care for the elderly. Also, a national rating system for nursing home receiving Medicaid and Medicare funds is currently being developed.



Housing and health services are two of a number of areas in which the Administration on Aging (HEW) is undertaking cooperative efforts with other federal agencies. AOA, which is charged with serving as an advocate for the elderly, is working with the Public Health Service and the Department of Housing and Urban Development respectively toward the better use of present and potential resources for delivery of services to older Americans.

There are currently several programs aimed at helping older Americans who wish to work find employment. Title IX of the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments provides for establishment of part-time employment opportunities in community service activities for persons 55 years or older who have limited incomes. Under this are specialized employment programs such as Senior Community Service Projects, Senior Community Aides, Green Thumb, and Operation Mainstream. There will be at least 12,400 job slots funded in Fiscal Year 1976. Also certain ACTION programs pay a stipend to elderly volunteers who participate in Foster Grandparents and similar projects.

There are other areas in which federal activities on behalf of the elderly have increased recently. The Older Americans Act of 1965, which marked its 10th anniversary last month, is making a major contribution to the well-being of a growing number of elderly persons in the Nation. Your agency is but one of the designated agencies on aging now functioning in every State and in 412 communities, for the purpose of coordinating existing and potential resources, and providing information and referral services. The national Nutrition Program for the Elderly now serves 228,000 meals a day, five days a week. The recent action placing the annual operating level for this program at \$150 million (an increase of \$50.4 million over the previous year) will mean more elderly persons served at existing meal sites and new sites to be opened in communities not previously served.

Under the new Title XX of the Social Security Act, funds will be available to the States that can be used for development of coordinated, comprehensive social service programs for low-income older people. The law requires that services provided be coordinated with plans for such programs as those set up under the Older Americans Act.

The Administration has repeatedly urged State and local officials on aging to make full use of federal revenue-sharing funds on behalf of the elderly. The philosophy behind the New Federalism, supported by the Ford Administration, has been to direct greater accountability to elected officials in States and localities, believing that they can



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best determine and solve local problems. To date, studies indicate that the States have used revenue sharing for older persons only to a limited extent. Nevertheless, health services and housing are among the areas in which some towns and counties have successfully utilized revenue sharing to benefit older residents.

Thank you for writing to share the views of the California Commission on Aging with the President. I can assure you that he gives careful consideration to such opinions in the formulation of policy affecting older Americans.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Stanley B. Thomas Jr.

Stanley B. Thomas, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
for Human Development

cc: Sarah Massengale

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE Aug. 5, 1975

TO: DAVID LISSY

FROM: SARAH MASSENGALE

I'm returning for your direct
reply.

Thanks.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: DAVID LISSY

Date: June 24, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply for:
 - President's signature.
 - Undersigned's signature.
- Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
- Furnish information copy.
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To: The President

From: Boone Robinson, Executive Secretary, State of California
Commission on Aging

Date: June 19, 1975

Subject: welfare of the elderly

By direction of the President:

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June 19, 1975

p.m.
The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Ford:

At their regular monthly meeting on June 12, the California Commission on Aging expressed their continuing concern about the direction of your administration on matters affecting the welfare of the elderly.

Priority areas of need include income maintenance, housing, health care and employment. Yet, in each of these categories of need your administration has failed to support actions that would help to alleviate the problem and improve the condition of older Americans. Your administration has impounded funds appropriated by the Congress for housing programs of particular importance to the elderly and you have vetoed employment bills and failed to support an adequate senior public service employment program.

The Commission has instructed me to express to you their dissatisfaction with these actions. They see a pattern of priorities developing that disturbs them because it neglects the needs of the elderly. The Commission respectfully suggests that this is a matter for your immediate and serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Boone Robinson
Executive Secretary

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Name	Date
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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
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Dear President Ford:

At their regular monthly meeting on June 15, the Oklahoma Commission on Aging expressed their continuing concern about the direction of your administration in relation to the welfare of the elderly.

Priority areas of need include income maintenance, health care and employment. Yet, in each of these areas of need your administration has failed to support actions that would help to alleviate the problem and improve the condition of older Americans. Your administration has impounded funds appropriated by the Congress for housing programs of particular importance to the elderly and you have vetoed employment bills and failed to support an adequate senior public service employment program.

The Commission has requested you to answer to your constituents with these actions. They are a pattern of priorities developing that disturb them because it neglects the needs of the elderly. The Commission respectfully suggests that this is a matter for your immediate and serious consideration.

Sincerely,


Boone Robinson
Executive Secretary



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