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INFORMATION

WASHINGTON

September 24, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN COLE *Ken Cole*
SUBJECT: NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE MEMO FROM
SECRETARY WEINBERGER *WR 7*

Attached is a memo to you from Secretary Weinberger concerning possible national health insurance legislative options. At Tab A is a copy of the HEW option paper on catastrophic care which was prepared at the request of Minority Leader Rhodes.

At the time the Secretary wrote the memo he feared that momentum would develop within the Congress for a catastrophic plan. In this paper he outlines the various options in dealing with such an effort and requests a meeting with you to discuss our strategy.

Given that the momentum has not developed in the House and that this now seems to be an issue for next year, you may still want to meet with Cap to discuss this issue. In the meantime, we have kept a copy of his paper and will see that it is considered this fall as we continue the staff work on possible legislative issues for next year.