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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *J.S.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

December 7, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KEN COLE *C*

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation

Roy Ash has prepared a one-pager on the 1975 Supplemental Appropriations Act highlighting the contents of the bill and indicating that "the best outcome would be for the Congress to avoid appropriating the unnecessary funds now." (Tab A)

The Conference Report provides \$6.3 billion in appropriations which exceeds your request by:

- \$500 million in appropriation (\$412 million in impact aid)
- \$250 million in 1975 outlays

This week the House approved the Conference Report by a vote of 292 -89. We expect the Senate to take up the bill early next week. Bill Timmons signaled a veto threat on the Conference Report prior to the House vote.

There are some in the Congress who feel you are committed to sign the bill because you signed the ESSA extension in August with its higher authorizations. However, you will recall that your November 26th budget package urged the Congress to change these authorizations.

It is hard to predict how quickly this bill will arrive on your desk for action. The House added the Holt Amendment, and if the Senate strikes it, the Conference Report would then go back to the House for further action.

Although you may be criticized for a veto of another "Human Resources" type bill, Roy Ash and Bill Timmons recommend that they be authorized to communicate a veto threat to the Senate when the Conference board is taken up. This would be consistent with your earlier stand on other over-budget legislation. Timmons feels that if you elect to veto the bill when it arrives, that there is a base in the House to work to sustain your veto.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize us to signal a possible veto to the Senate on the Conference Report in its present form.

DECISION

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1. Signal possible veto to Senate (Ash, Timmons, Cole)
2. Say nothing at this time