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THE WHITE HOUSE

INFORMATION

WASHINGTON

June 12, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON *Jue*

SUBJECT: Your Request for Information on the Summer Feeding Program

On May 14, you asked me to check on a report that in the summer feeding program for blacks and Puerto Ricans, the U. S. government was initiating contracts for \$1 million for "Kosher food" at a higher cost than regular food.

I have checked with the Department of Agriculture on your inquiry. So far as we have been able to determine, the Federal Government has not initiated any contracts for "Kosher food" to be used in the program for Blacks and Puerto Ricans.

It is my understanding that food for the summer program is not purchased directly by the Federal Government. The Department of Agriculture approves a "sponsor" for the programs, which does the purchasing and which is required to meet USDA's nutritional level for each lunch served. USDA reimburses the sponsor on a per lunch basis at a rate of 81½ cents.

If, for example, a sponsor such as the Hasidic Corporation in New York, were purchasing Kosher food to be used in the Summer Feeding program, there would be no budget impact in that the Government would reimburse only up to 81½ cents. Moreover, if Kosher food were purchased and the total lunch did not meet the USDA nutritional level, the Government would not reimburse for the lunch

Jim Cannon

5/14/75

I am told that in the  
summer feeding program for blacks  
& Puerto Ricans the U.S. govt is  
releasing contracts for "hooker food"  
which I understand is more expensive  
than regular good food.

Why?

Contract in magnitude of \$1 million.

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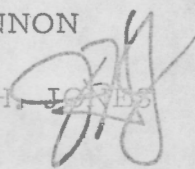
May 14, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES 

The following notation was returned in the President's outbox to you:

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Why?

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Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld