

**The original documents are located in Box C25, folder “Presidential Handwriting, 8/7/1975” of the Presidential Handwriting File at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.**

### **Copyright Notice**

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH  
FROM: WILLIAM T. KENDALL *WTK*  
SUBJECT: How are things in Kansas?

*WTK*

I talked to Senator James Pearson this morning concerning some details about our impending China trip. During the course of our conversation he asked me to pass along the following information:

1. The President is "riding high" out there. He is doing well in his battle with Congress. Congress is at a low ebb in popular opinion, whereas the President is at an all-time high in prestige and popularity. The people do not understand the details of the policy disagreement but they do understand that the President has a program and Congress does not. They blame Congress' inaction for the price rise/shortage of energy.
2. He feels that the President must veto the six month extension of oil price controls (S. 1849). Pearson voted for the extension but will support the President on an override attempt, as I expected. Pearson feels that when the President vetoes the bill he should make a strong affirmative policy statement on energy. He feels if the President backs away from a confrontation now by signing rather than rejecting S. 1849, he will lose momentum in his fight with the Congress on energy policy. He believes the Senate will sustain.
3. On a political note, the Senator says that the political figures in Kansas are strongly for the President. The Reagan people have apparently not surfaced nor has there been any attempts to organize for him. Pearson feels that this ties in with the President's popularity, as noted in point #1 above.
4. A sour note is the weather. It is very dry and rain is needed badly.