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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JAMES T. LYNN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC.*

SUBJECT:

Recommended Telephone Call to  
Chairman Teague of the House Science  
and Technology Committee  
re: Synthetic fuels bills

Your Recommended Telephone Call Memorandum of April 12 was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"4/14/76 -- Will have bill out of Committee right after Easter. Will let us know. I promised full support. Need help with Barry Goldwater Jr and Jim Johnson."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney  
Jack Marsh  
Max Friedersdorf

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Chairman Teague of the House  
Science and Technology Committee

DATE: Monday, April 12, 1976

RECOMMENDED BY: James T. Lynn

PURPOSE: To assure Mr. Teague that he will  
receive support from the Administra-  
tion

BACKGROUND: Chairman Teague has re-introduced  
loan guaranty legislation (H.R. 12112)  
for the President's proposed synthetic  
fuels program and the bill was referred  
exclusively to this Committee. Hear-  
ings are now in progress. Markup is  
scheduled for Tuesday, April 13.

TALKING POINTS:

1. President appreciates Mr. Teague's early and vigorous action to re-introduce the loan guaranty legislation. Notes that to begin soon to lay the foundation for converting our plentiful domestic coal, oil shale and other resources into clean liquid and gaseous fuels is extremely important.
2. Expresses his disappointment along with that of Mr. Teague that this legislation did not pass last December. The President is aware that the Chairman did not receive the strong minority support he needed.
3. President expresses awareness that Mr. Teague's bill will be coming to the floor after Easter. He informs the Chairman that Jack Marsh and Max Friedersdorf will be lending their full support to the bill's passage and John Rhodes will also be working hard to give Mr. Teague all the help needed to get this bill through quickly.
4. Recognizes that Mr. Teague will be under pressure to amend the bill in ways we both wouldn't want. We're 100 percent behind you.

DATE OF SUBMISSION

April 8, 1976

ACTION

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after Easter. Will let us know. 2 promised full support.  
Need help with Barry Goldwater for Jim Johnson.*

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Rep. Olin E. "Tiger" Teague (D-Texas), Chairman,  
House Committee on Science and Technology.

DATE: If possible, by 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 12. Teague,  
on Friday, April 9, decided to schedule an Executive  
Session on H.R. 12112, the synthetic fuels bill for  
4:00 p.m. Monday.

RECOMMENDED BY: Jack Marsh, Max Friedersdorf, *m.b.* Jim Cannon, Bob  
Seamans, Frank Zarb

PURPOSE: To provide encouragement to pass the bill and avoid  
damaging amendments, to reiterate your support for  
the bill, and to promise White House help in lining  
up support for it.

BACKGROUND: The \$6 billion synfuels program failed by a vote of  
263-140 on the House floor last December as part of  
the Conference Report on H.R. 3474 to authorize  
appropriations to ERDA. The opposition came from  
a coalition of liberals opposing assistance to energy  
companies, environmentalists opposed to coal and  
shale development, and conservatives who questioned  
the Federal role in the program as a "foot in the door"  
for the \$100 billion Energy Independence Authority (EIA).  
Within his Committee, Teague faces strong opposition  
from some Democrats (who opposed it 13-11 last December;  
Republicans were 8-2 for). Wydler who opposed has  
switched. Goldwater, who led conservative opposition,  
has been under pressure from synfuels project firms in  
California and may be wavering somewhat.

Teague was very bitter last December and claimed that the White House let him down. In the last few days he has said in hearings that he understands White House staff aren't giving the bill high priority, even though you have said it is important. Thus, a call could do a lot to reassure him.

**TOPICS OF  
DISCUSSION:**

- . I understand that you have completed hearings on the synfuels bill (H. R. 12112) and that you are starting markup on Tuesday, April 13, or Wednesday, April 14.
- . I also understand that you've been told that the White House staff doesn't consider this a high priority bill. I've made sure that everyone here understands that it is high priority.
- . I was very disappointed when the bill failed last December -- and surprised too since my people were working with you to pass the bill.
- . We need the legislation to lay the groundwork for an industry to convert coal and shale to clean liquid and gaseous fuel.
- . I know you will be under strong pressure to amend the bill in ways that will be unacceptable to both of us. I hope you will avoid such amendments.
- . We will continue to look to Bob Seamans for the lead in working with you on the bill, but I have also told Max Friedersdorf and his people to work with you and John Rhodes to line up support.
- . "Tiger," I understand you spoke to Jack Marsh about Werner Von Braun, who is suffering from terminal cancer. Jack tells me you would like to do something for him in recognition of his great contributions to science, space technology and our nation. I'd be pleased to have your suggestions and will ask one of our legislative affairs people to visit with you on it.

April 10, 1976

Action

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