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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 3, 1975

Dear Mr. Chairman:

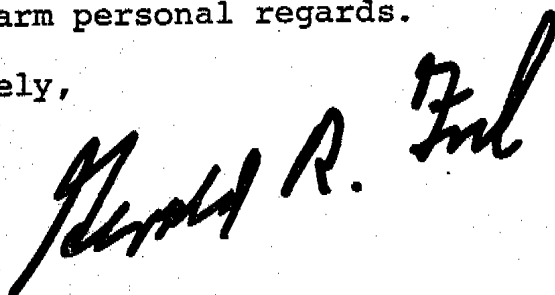
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Every possible effort must be made to strengthen our narcotics control activities. The concerns you have expressed will receive the close attention of the Executive Branch. An effective, coordinated attack on the drug problem is a major goal of my Administration.

Your support is gratifying and I look forward to continued cooperation with you as we work to solve this grave problem.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

The Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr.
Chairman
House Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: The Honorable Lester L. Wolff
The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
The Honorable Morgan Murphy

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER 
SUBJECT: Response to Congressman Rodino
Concerning the U. S. Drug Problem

Congressman Rodino, as Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, has written you seeking increased Administration action to cope with the illicit narcotics problem both domestically and internationally. Congressmen Wolff, Rangel and Murphy co-signed the letter. [Tab B]

An interagency study of the drug problem that you directed is nearing completion and you should have the results of that study in mid-September. I recommend a brief acknowledgement to Congressman Rodino, with copies to his colleagues. The proposed response [Tab A] refers to the interagency study and reiterates that an effective, coordinated attack on the drug problem is a major goal of your Administration.

Max Friedersdorf and Dick Parsons (Domestic Council) concur.
Paul Theis has cleared the text.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A to Congressman Rodino.

MEMORANDUM

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Typed Tabs IV

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

August 25, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: *for* Hal Horan *MAH*

SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence: Response to Congressman Rodino's Concerns Over the U. S. Drug Problem

Congressman Rodino, joined by Congressmen Wolff, Rangel and Murphy, has written the President seeking increased attention by the Administration to the drug problem, both domestically and internationally (Tab B).

I recommend that you forward to the President the memorandum at Tab I which recommends a brief reply (Tab A) to the Congressman underscoring the President's own commitment to seeking solutions to the drug problem. Paul Theis has reviewed and concurred in the draft text.

Les Janka, Max Friedersdorf and Dick Parsons (Domestic Council) concur in this memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION

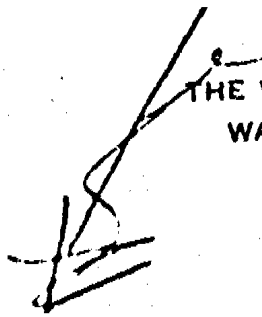
That you forward to the President the memorandum at Tab I.

Forwarded 9-2-75 (Hm)

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WASHINGTON

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August 21, 1975

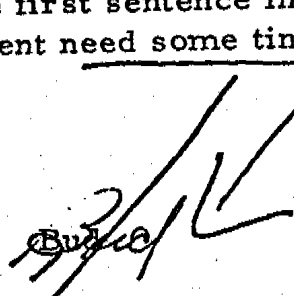


Jeanne:

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In view of the last sentence on page 1 of the incoming letter and of the fact that we refer to domestic programs in our reply, it might be worthwhile to run this by the Domestic Council.

In addition, does the first sentence in the memo to the President need some tinkering?



Attachment

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I tinkered with that and with a few other things in the memo.
M.H.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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1 Michael H.

We should reflect Committee George's coordination in this memo to the President. Also, aren't we really talking about administration not administrative action in the memo to the Pres? Bud

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

August 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: HAL HORAN *HH*

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HH and *Dech Amoro (Domestic Council)*
Les Janka, *HH* and Max Friedersdorf concur in this memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward to the President the memorandum at Tab I.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 18, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from Congressmen
Rodino, Rangel, Wolff and Murphy of July 23

In response to Mrs. Davis' request of August 5 requesting a draft reply for signature by the President in response to a joint letter from Congressmen Rodino, Rangel, Wolff and Murphy recommending the initiation of high-level diplomatic discussions in an effort to develop international cooperation to eliminate hard drugs at their source, a draft reply is attached herewith.

for C. Arthur Bag
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

1. Suggested Letter
2. Incoming correspondence

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Suggested Letter

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for the joint letter of July 23 from Congressmen Rangel, Wolff, Murphy and yourself on control of narcotics. *I share your* ~~I too am deeply concerned~~ *with* about the drug problem here in the United States. As you know, I have asked for a complete study of both our international and domestic programs and expect to have the results of this review *in early* ~~by~~ September. *Some of the concerns you have*

There is no doubt that eliminating drugs at their source is one of the most effective methods of controlling narcotics trafficking and production. Through our international narcotics programs, we are achieving important gains in this field, primarily in Mexico and Turkey, and we have also started a program to assist the Government of Burma in its campaign against narcotics traffickers in the northern part of that country. Burma produces over half of the world's illicit opium.

Your support of the international narcotics program is most heartening ~~to those of us who are waging this continuing war on drugs.~~ *and* I fervently hope that you will continue this valued assistance ~~to our programs and~~ *to our efforts to* ~~assist us in convincing others in all branches of the~~ *of the Criminal Justice*

The Honorable
Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman,
Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives.

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government that we must always be ever vigilant in the administration of these programs.

Aside from our unilateral efforts, we assist the United Nations through contributions to its Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) which finances U.N. programs combatting international narcotics. This is very important to our efforts to check the flow of illicit narcotics to the United States because there are a number of significant producer countries which for political reasons accept only multilateral assistance.

With respect to extradition treaties, the Department of State has reviewed extradition treaties to determine those which are insufficient to meet the needs of effective enforcement of the International Narcotics Control Program. An aggressive effort is being undertaken to modernize those treaties found deficient by this review and accelerated attention is being given to the negotiation of new comprehensive bilateral treaties with those countries with whom no treaty presently exists.

We recently have concluded negotiations of treaties with Canada, Australia, Chile and Finland. Aside from existence of extradition treaties, we have been able to effect the cooperation of many countries in the apprehension of international narcotics fugitives. These

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instances of cooperation can provide a basis for the formalization of that cooperation in a bilateral treaty.

On the domestic scene, extended emphasis has been placed on the investigation and prosecution of major drug trafficking groups and the financiers of large-scale, illicit drug imports. Nineteen judicial districts where drug violations abound, are currently being staffed with additional prosecutors for the purpose of accommodating this increased effort against major drug violators.

The investigations by Federal drug enforcement officers are continuing to be directed against the major drug traffickers. In order for them to direct their efforts toward this end while not sacrificing drug enforcement at the local levels, training is being provided to drug enforcement officers from the various state and local police agencies. In addition to this training, special drug enforcement task forces, comprised of officers from both state and local police agencies, under the direction of Federal drug enforcement officials, have been established in areas of major drug activity.

I agree that every effort must be given to strengthening our domestic and international narcotics control activities. I assure you this is a major goal of my administration.

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A copy of this letter is being sent to Congressmen
Rangel, Wolff and Murphy.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

cc: The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
The Honorable Lester L. Wolff
The Honorable Morgan Murphy

NSC REFERRAL TO STATE SECRETARIAT

Date:

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GEORGE SPRINGSTEEN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NSC LOG# 7505311

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: President Ford

FROM: Representatives Rodano, Wolff, Rangel and Murphy

DATE: July 23, 1975

SUBJECT: Members of the House Judiciary Committee write regarding control of narcotics.

ACTION REQUESTED:

XXX DRAFT REPLY FOR:

XXX PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

WHITE HOUSE STAFF SIGNATURE

OTHER

DIRECT REPLY

FURNISH INFO COPY

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

TRANSLATION

APPROPRIATE HANDLING

INFORMATION

FOR ADDITIONAL PROCESSING AS INDICATED:

DUE DATE: August 15, 1975

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ROUTINE XXXXXX

COMMENTS:

Handwritten Signature
for JEANNE W. DAVIS
Staff Secretary

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July 31, 1975

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Thank you for the July 23 letter to the President in which you joined with three of your colleagues to recommend the initiation of high-level diplomatic discussions in an effort to develop international cooperation to eliminate hard drugs at their source.

Please be assured that your letter will be called promptly to the President's attention upon his return from Europe. In the meantime, it will be shared with the appropriate Presidential advisers. I know your suggestion will be weighed most carefully.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Vernon C. Loan
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Lester L. Wolff
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to General Scowcroft for DRAFT REPLY
bcc: w/incoming to James Cannon-for your information

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With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Vernon C. Loeb
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Morgan F. Murphy
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States
 Committee on the Judiciary

House of Representatives
 Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 23, 1975

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Honorable Gerald R. Ford
 The President
 The White House
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We are rapidly losing the "War on Drugs" for a variety of domestic and international reasons, and we strongly urge you to make this one of your priority concerns in the months ahead.

We would recommend the initiation of high level diplomatic discussions recognizing that close international cooperation to eliminate hard drugs at their source is the most effective method of controlling the problem in the United States.

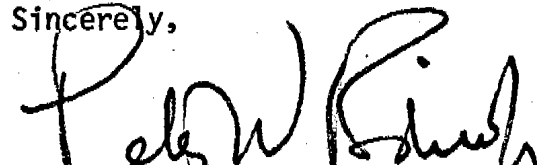
In enacting the International Narcotics Control Program as a part of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1971, Congress has demonstrated its support for strong Presidential action when other countries in the international community fail to control the illicit production and distribution of hard drugs.

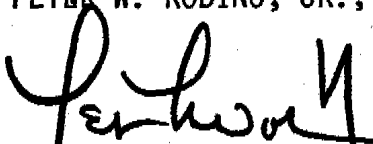
At the same time, we would urge the Department of State to expand its efforts to negotiate strong extradition treaties with foreign countries in an effort to strengthen international drug control efforts. Finally, we are hopeful that appropriate administrative measures can be taken to enhance the capacity of our government to combat the drug problem on the domestic level.

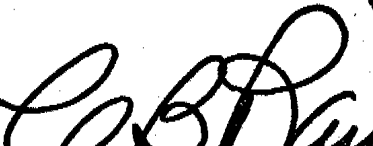
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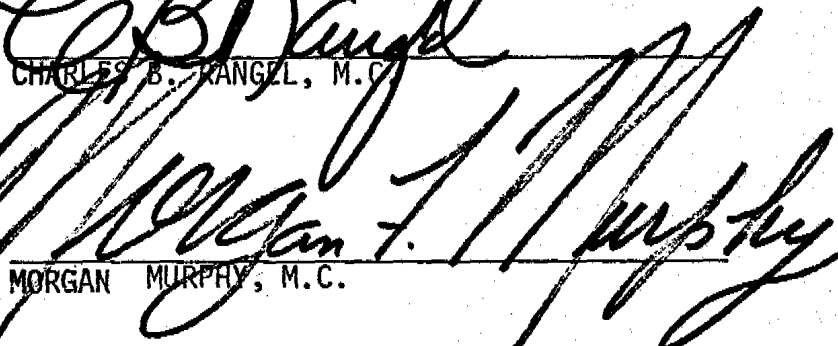
As you suggested in your recent message to Congress, new leadership is certainly required, and we are hopeful that an effective coordinated attack on this serious problem can be made a reality in the near future.

Sincerely,


PETER W. RODINO, JR., Chairman


LESTER L. WOLFF, M. C.


CHARLES B. RANGEL, M. C.


MORGAN MURPHY, M. C.

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