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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES A. DONOVAN
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Letter re the President's Views on the
Twenty-Second Amendment

Counsel's Office has reviewed the proposed reply to Mr. Minsker. We recommend changing "proposal" to "submission" in the last line of the second paragraph. The President can and has proposed several constitutional amendments.

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Subject: Draft of POTUS' memo on a 2nd amendment

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/19/85

TO: White House Counsel

ACTION:

- Review/Approval
- Recommendation
- Information Copy
- Draft Reply
- As we discussed

DATE ACTION NEEDED: ASAP

COMMENT: Drafts re RR's views
on the 22nd Amendment.

CHARLES A. DONOVAN
Presidential Correspondence
Room 94, OEOB - x7610

June 19, 1985

Dear Jonathan:

Your kind letter has just come to my attention, and I want to thank you for your warm words of friendship and support. I'm sorry for the delay in this reply, but mail sometimes takes awhile to reach my desk.

You raised some good points in your letter about the 22nd Amendment and, as you can imagine, I don't mind the context in which you chose to discuss this subject even though I've made my decision clear about this being my last ground. As a rule, I've given my views about amendments to our Constitution only when an issue was under active consideration in the Congress, and then only with a clear recognition that the President plays no direct role in the proposal or ratification of such amendments.

I can, however, speak directly about my own intentions. As I've said on a number of occasions, I look forward to my remaining time in office as an opportunity to cement in place our agenda for a Second American Revolution. For our guidepost, we have looked unabashedly at the principles of the first American Revolution -- a revolution which took place in the Americas but which was truly a revolution for the entire world and for all time.

Our goals are profoundly simple, for they rely for their complexity not on the bureaucratic machinations and hedged guesses of government but on the myriad and miraculous workings of the human spirit. I've expressed it often as three short words: Trust the people. If we accomplish nothing else during my Administration than a real expansion of individual freedom -- the ability to dream, to work, to build and plan a better future, and to acquire by one's labors the means to fulfill that dream -- then I will count our efforts a success and content myself with the judgment of history.

Jonathan, there may come a time when Congress carefully considers whether it is advisable to remove the limitation on the number of terms a President may serve. For now, I am confident that our people will choose their leader wisely when it comes time for decision in 1988 and that they will choose on the basis of the fundamental principle which has guided our nation so well since its birth -- that love of liberty, as Lincoln said, which God has planted in us.

Your message confirms my faith in our nation's future. May God bless you and fill your life with every good fortune.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jonathan E. Minsker
14615 Southwest 64th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33158


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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Judge Gasch Letter

Attached is the draft letter from the President to be read at the dinner for Judge Gasch this Saturday. I have no objection to the letter, but you indicated that you wanted to see it. The obscure reference in the letter is explained at the clipped section of the attached memorandum; I did not consider it inappropriate for the occasion.

Attachment

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1985

TO: JOHN ROBERTS, Counsel's Office
FROM: *Anita*
Anita Bevacqua,
Presidential Messages x2941
RE: Retirement Message Judge
Oliver Gasch

Could you please review this message
request and advise if this appropriate
for us to do?

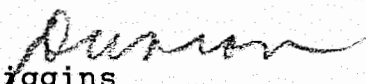
Your response by June 24th would be
appreciated.


Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 13, 1985

Note to Anne Higgins 

From: Tom Gibson 

Re: Retirement Congratulations for
Judge Oliver Gasch

The attached draft letter (my edits) and background was forwarded to me by a well meaning member of the Washington Legal Community. I think a congratulatory letter would be appropriate.

A testimonial dinner is being given in his honor on June 29. The letter is intended to be read at the dinner. I will be able to get the letter to the appropriate person for delivery.

Thanks very much.

[Suggested Letter]

Dear Judge Gasch:

With great pleasure I join your law clerks in saluting your distinguished 20 year tenure on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Over that sometimes turbulent span your steady devotion to law and to ordered liberty has been a guide and inspiration to the public as well as to the bench and bar. Your time on the court has been a fitting cap to your life-long career in public service.

I hope that the dinner honoring you will be ~~considerably~~ more sedate than the customary Wallows of the Military Order of the Carabao. ~~From what I understand, a Wallow can be a life shortening as well as a life enhancing experience, and this Republic hopes to have your services for a good many years to come.~~

~~Once again~~ I extend congratulations to you on this festive occasion. ~~and with best wishes~~ (Add what ever closing is appropriate.)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas Lotterman
FROM: Jeffrey P. Moran
RE: Judge Gasch
DATE: June 6, 1985

Judge Oliver Gasch is a lifelong Republican who was appointed to the Federal District Court for D.C. by Lyndon Johnson (who wished to make a non-partisan appointment) in 1965. The Judge was born in 1906 to a family of English origins and long-time D.C. residence (he is related on his mother's side to Cardinal Manning, the 19th century English prelate and contemporary of Newman). His father was in real estate, and his firm still exists. The Judge's brother, Manning Gasch, was active in the firm. The Judge still lives in D.C.

Judge Gasch is a graduate of Princeton (A.B. 1928) and put himself through George Washington University Law School's night program (L.L.B. 1932). Until 1937, he served in the general counsel's office of the local transit system (then called Capitol Transit). From 1937-1942, Judge Gasch was assistant D.C. Corporation Counsel, a position that he resumed after World War II (1946-1953). During World War II, Judge Gasch served in the Army Judge Advocate General Corps where he eventually rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served overseas in the Pacific theater (including the Philippines).

From 1953 to 1956, Judge Gasch was principal assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. President Eisenhower appointed him U.S. Attorney for D.C. in 1956, and he held that position until 1961. Judge Gasch is generally regarded as being greatly responsible for the high standards of professionalism maintained by the local U.S. Attorney over the past 25 years. From 1961 to 1965, Judge Gasch was in private practice in D. C.

The Judge is married and has one son (Michael). His wife, Sylvia, is the former principal harpist of the National Symphony Orchestra. The Judge has been very active in bar, professional and veterans' groups (short biography attached). He is an Episcopalian and former chancellor and vicepresident of the executive council of the Washington diocese.

Among his most colorful associations is that with the Military Order of the Carabao. The carabao is a Philippine water buffalo, a dull and stupid beast. The Order is open only to U.S. military personnel who have served in the Philippines. It was originally set up by an "old Army" regiment serving there as a satire on the pretensions of a "military order" founded by a regiment serving in old China. The annual gatherings are known as "wallows." The most important officer's sole power is to command "wet down the herd" to require immediate drinking if any serious business is broached. The Judge has faithfully attended the wallows for many years.

The Judge has served on the bench with distinction for 20 years. He is generally regarded as a lawyer's Judge, and a consummate legal craftsman. He provides written opinions on virtually every action taken. Although personally conservative, he feels strongly his obligation to follow the law as laid down by statute or higher courts as best he can discern it. He took senior status in 1981 but has maintained practically a full caseload and also agreed to serve on the railroad reorganization court.

medal, May 30, 1935, by Gonzago Univ. "for outstanding service to church and state." Clubs: Pacific Union, Commonwealth (San Francisco). Home: Spokane, Wash. Address: P.O. Bldg., San Francisco, Calif. Died Aug. 11, 1948.

GARRETT, FINIS JAMES

Judge; b. on farm in Weakley County, Tenn., Aug. 26, 1875; s. Noah and Virginia (Baughman) G.; A.B., Bethel Coll., McKenzie, Tenn., 1897; m. Elizabeth Harris Burns, Nov. 27, 1901 (dec.); children--Burns, Mrs. Virginia G. Koehler. At 18 became editor of Weakley County Democrat, Dresden, Tenn. (a weekly); later edited McKenzie Herald, 2 yrs.; prin. Como (Tenn.) High Sch., and prin. high sch. dept., Milan, Tenn., 1897-99; admitted to bar, 1899; master in chancery, 1900-05; mem. 59th to 70th Congresses, 9th Tenn. Dist., minority floor leader of 68th Congress; became asso. judge U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, 1929, and presiding judge, 1937-55; now commr. Am. Battle Monuments Commn. Democrat. [Methodist.] Home: 3550 Springland Lane, Washington 8. Office: Internal Revenue Bldg., Washington 25. Died May 26, 1956; buried Dresden, Tenn.

GARRITY, W. ARTHUR, JR.

Dist. judge; b. Worcester, Mass., June 20, 1920; s. W. Arthur and Mary B. (Kennedy) G.; A.B., Holy Cross Coll., 1941; LL.B., Harvard, 1946; m. Barbara A. Mullins, May 24, 1952; children--W. Arthur III, Charles, Anne, Jean. Admitted to Mass. bar, 1946; asst. U.S. atty. for Mass., 1948-50; U.S. atty. for Mass., 1961-66; judge U.S. Dist. Ct. for Mass., 1966--. [Democrat.] Home: 40 Radcliffe Rd., Wellesley, MA 02181 Office: U.S. Dist. Court for Mass., Boston, MA 02108.

GARVIN, EDWIN LOUIS

Judge; b. Bklyn., Oct. 25, 1877; s. Oliver Chauncey and Caroline (Selover) G.; A.B., N.Y. U., 1897, LL.B., 1899, LL.D., 1922; m. Ida Elizabeth Crane, Nov. 22, 1904; children--Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry Ehlers, Jr.), Caroline (Mrs. W. Coverly Fischer). Admitted to N.Y. bar, 1899; mem. Garvin & Young (William A.), 1902-15; justice Ct. Spl. Sessions,

City N.Y., by apptmt. Mayor Mitchel, 1915-18 (resigned); judge U.S. Dist. Ct., Eastern Dist. N.Y., by apptmt. Pres. Wilson, Apr. 2, 1918; also apptd. by Pres. Wilson mem. Dist. Draft Exemption Bd. for City N.Y., and served as sec., 1917-Jan. 1918; resigned from bench, Nov. 1925; formerly mem. Lewis, Garvin & Kelsey; county judge King's County, Jan. 1, 1940-Dec. 31, 1940, by appt. Gov. Lehman; justice Supreme Ct. N.Y., 1941-47; ofcl. referee Supreme Ct., since Jan. 1, 1948. Prof. emeritus med. jurisprudence, L.I. Med. Coll. Mem. council N.Y. U.; former pres. bd. trustees Froebel Acad., Bklyn. Pub. Library; former pres. Alumni Assn. Psi Upsilon; bd. mgrs. YMCA, Bklyn.; trustee Nat. Probation Assn.; bd. mgrs. Bklyn. Home for Children; bd. dirs. Brooklyn Heights Assn. Mem. Am., N.Y. State, Bklyn. bar assns., Assn. Bar City N.Y., N.Y. County Lawyers Assn., Phi Delta Phi. Democrat. Clubs: Psi Upsilon (ex-pres.), Lawyers (N.Y.); Lawyers, Brooklyn, University of Brooklyn (ex-pres). Home: 1 Grace Ct. Office: Borough Hall, Bklyn. Died Oct. 10, 1960.

GARZA, REYNALDO G.

U.S. judge; b. Brownsville, Tex., July 7, 1915; s. Ygnacio and Zoila (Guerra) G.; B.A., LL.B., U. Tex., LL.B., (hon.), U. St. Edwards, Austin, Tex., 1965; m. Bertha Champion, June 9, 1943; children--Reynaldo G., David C., Ygnacio Daniel, Vertha Victoria, Monica Bernadette. Admitted to Tex. bar, 1939; pvt. practice, 1939-42, 46-50; partner firm Sharpe, Cunningham & Garza, 1950-60, Cunningham, Garza, & Yznaga, 1960-61; U.S. dist. judge So. Dist. Tex., 1961--. Treas. Cameron County Child Welfare Bd., 1950-52; mem. Tex. Good Neighbor Commn., 1957-61. Commr., City Brownsville, 1947-49. Trustee Brownsville Ind. Sch. Dist., 1941-42. Served with USAAF, 1942-45. Recipient Pro Ecclesia et Pontifica medal Pope Pius XII, 1952; decorated knight Order St. Gregory the Great, Pope Pius XII, 1962. Mem. Am., Tex., Cameron County bar assns. [Democrat. Catholic.] Home: 222 Hibiscus St. Office: Post Office Bldg., Brownsville, Tex.

GASCH, OLIVER

Lawyer; b. Washington, May 4, 1906; s. Herman E. and Marie (Manning) G.; A.B.

Biographical Dictionary of the Federal Judiciary

Princeton, 1928; LL.B., George Washington U., 1932; m. Sylvia Meyer, Oct. 17, 1942; 1 son, Michael Barrett. Admitted to D.C. bar, 1931; asst. corp. counsel for D.C., 1937-53; prin. asst. U.S. atty. for D.C., 1953-56; U.S. atty. for D.C., Washington, 1956-61; partner Crighill, Aiello, Gasch and Craighill, 1961--; gen. counsel Interstate Commn. on Potomac River Basin, 1940-60; chmn. Council on D.C. Law Enforcement, 1958-62; mem. Jud. Conf. D.C. Circuit; co-chmn. Commrs. Crime Council, 1962-63, Dean's council Georgetown U. Law Center; [U.S. Dist. Ct. judge Washington, D.C., 1965.] Served as lt. col. Judge Adv. Gen. Dept., AUS, 1942-46; PTO; U.S. Army Res. ret. Fellow Am. Coll. Trial Lawyers; mem. Fed. (chmn. com. of gen. counsel of fed. govt. 1960-61), Am., D.C. (dir. 1961-63, v.p. 1963-64) bar assns., Am. Law Inst., Barristers of Washington (pres. 1962-63), Res. Officers Assn. (past pres. D.C. dept.), Inst. Mil. Law, Judge Adv.'s Assn., Mil. Order Fgn. Wars (comdr. D.C. 1956), Selden Soc. (London, Eng.), Phi Delta Phi. Republican. Episcopalian (vestryman, chancellor, v.p. exec. council diocese of Washington). Clubs: University, Lawyers, Princeton (Washington); Counsellors.

GAYLE, JOHN

Gov. Ala., congressman; b. Sumter Dist., S.C., Sept. 11, 1792; s. Matthew and Mary (Reese) G.; grad. S.C. Coll., 1815; m. Sarah Haynesworth, Nov. 14, 1819, 6 children including Amelia; m. 2d, Clarissa Peck, Nov. 1, 1839; 4 children. Admitted to S.C. bar, 1813; practiced in Mobile, Ala.; mem. 1st council Ala. Territory, 1818; solicitor Monroe County, Ala., 1819; mem. Ala. Ho. of Reps., 1822-23, 29, speaker; circuit judge, justice Ala. Supreme Ct., 1823; gov. Ala., 1831-35, rejected doctrine of nullification until 1833; mem. U.S. Ho. of Reps. from Ala., 30th Congress, 1847-49; U.S. dist. judge for [N., S. & M. districts of] Ala., 1849-59. [Whig. Presbyterian.] Died Mobile, July 28, 1859; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Mobile.

GEIGER, FERDINAND A.

Judge; b. Cassville, Wis., Oct. 15, 1867; s. John and Josephine (Scholz) G.; ed. pub. schs.; m. Kathryn L. Mayhew, June 8, 1897. Admitted to Wis. bar, 1890; prac-

ticed in Milwaukee; apptd. U.S. dist. judge, Eastern Dis. Wis., Mar. 20, 1919. [Episcopalian.] Home: Milwaukee, Wis. Died July 31, 1939.

GESELL, GERHARD ALDEN

Judge; b. Los Angeles, June 16, 1910; Arnold Lucius and Beatrice (Chandler) grad. Phillips Andover Acad., 1928; A. Yale, 1932, LL.B., 1935; m. Marion Holaday Pike, Sept. 19, 1936; children--Peter Gerhard, Patricia Pike. Admitted to C. bar, 1935, D.C. bar, 1941; with Security and Exchange Commn., Washington, 1935-41; tech. advisor to chmn. 1940-41; acted Commn. as spl. counsel Temporary Nat. Economic Committee, study legal res. 1 insurance companies; member Covington Burling, Washington, 1941-67; judge U. District Court, D.C., 1968--; chief as counsel Joint Congressional Com. on Investigation Pearl Harbor Attack, 1946. Chairman of the President's Comm. on Equal Opportunity in the Armed Forces, 1962-64; chmn. com. on adminstrn. of justice D.C. Jud. Council, 1965-67. D. Fed. Jud. Center. Mem. Am. Bar Assn., Bar Assn. D.C., Am. Law Inst., Am. Coll. Trial Lawyers, Phi Delta Phi, Zeta Psi [Democrat.] Clubs: Lawyers, Metropolitan (Washington); Casino (N. Haven, Me.) Co-author: Study of Legal Reserve Life Insurance Cos., 1940; Families and The Life Insurance, 1940. Home: 3304 N S Washington DC 20007 Office: US Court house Washington DC 20001.

GEWIN, WALTER PETTUS



Judge; b. Nanafalia, Ala., Dec. 9, 1900; s. John Walker and Julia (Crenshaw) G. A.B. cum laude, Birmingham So. Coll., 1930; B.A., in Library Sci., Emory U., 1932; LL.B., U. Ala., 1935; m. Anna Fidelia Sledge, Dec. 5, 1936; children Walter Pettus, James William, Margaret Juliette. Admitted to Ala. bar, 1935, practiced in Birmingham, 1935, Greensboro, 1936-51, Tuscaloosa, 1951-61; ju U. S. Ct. Appeals, 5th circuit, 1961-- state pros., Hale County, Ala., 1942-5. Mem. Code Com. of Ala., 1940. Mem. Ala. Ho. of Reps., 1939-43; mem. Ala. Democratic Exec. Com., 1943-47. Served as sgt judge adv. gen. dept., AUS, 1944-45. Mem. Am., Ala. (pres.), Tuscaloosa bar assns., Am. Coll. Trial Lawyers. Pres (elder), Mason (Shriner), Kiwanian. H

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1986

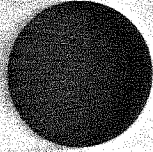
MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter to the Editor of the
Orange County Register

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed letter from the President, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective. We defer to others on the desirability of sending it. I would note that the typed version of the letter omits (perhaps intentionally) the last paragraph of the President's handwritten draft.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

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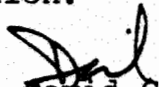
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1986

DONALD T. REGAN:

Attached at Tab A is a letter the President wrote to the editor of the Orange County Register, which he wanted to discuss with you before it was sent. The President wrote the letter using budget figures Jim Miller had provided to him in a memo on January 13. The numbers have since been updated, and a revised letter from the President reflecting those new numbers is attached at Tab B. Miller's memo updating the numbers is found at Tab C.

I recommend that the President not send this letter to the Editor, and that Jim Miller send it instead. While I understand the President feels he should respond to the Orange County paper, a letter from him would seem to invite controversy. However, the attached letter is ready for the President's signature pending the outcome of your conversation.


David Chew

To the ~~Editor~~ Editor of the "Orange County Register."

(We'll have to get address for this Calif. paper.)

Dear Mr. Editor

On Dec. 26th ~~the~~ Register editorial stated that "contrary to popular mythology" we had not slowed the rate of Fed. spending in our years here in Wash. Then citing 1984 figs. & those for the first ~~five~~ five months of '85 you had the rate of growth in spending triple the rate under the previous admin. Your conclusion was that if we are conservatives then conservatives have no interest in cutting back

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Don Ragan
wants to see it
& check the
figures - no
give it to him,
also the
attached & in
Mason name.

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I have ~~not~~ debated as to whether I should reply and my final decision was that I should — hence this letter.

Between 1977 & 1981 the average rate of growth in total Fed. spending was 13.5% nominal, or 4.5% adjusted for inflation. By comparison the average rate of growth between 1981 and 1985 was 8.7% nominal or 3.9% in real terms. The figures are quite different if you separate out defense. In the Carter years defense grew at an average rate of 3.9% in real terms vs. 7.1% during my first term. For domestic spending it was 3.7% under the previous admin. vs. 1.2% in my first term.

True there was a single year upsurge between '84 & '85. Part of that was increased payments to farmers through the Commodity Credit Corp., an increase in defense spending in outlay terms and a one time writeoff in Fed. Housing loans.

And of course there was an increase in interest payments on the Nat. debt, which will be true every year until we balance ^{the budget.} In general however the rate of growth in Fed. spending has been reduced considerably and govt. is smaller by some 78,000 employees on the domestic side.

I hope that conservatives in Orange County know that we are going to continue trimming down the govt. monster.

Jimmy
RR

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WASHINGTON

February 4, 1986

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On December 26, 1985 a Register editorial stated that, "contrary to popular mythology," we had not slowed the rate of Federal spending in our years here in Washington. Then, citing 1984 figures and those for the first five months of '85, you had the rate of growth in spending triple the rate under the previous administration. Your conclusion was that if we are conservatives, then conservatives have no interest in cutting back government.

I have debated as to whether I should reply and my final decision was that I should -- hence, this letter.

Between 1977 and 1981 the average rate of growth in total Federal spending was 13.5% nominal, or 4.5% adjusted for inflation. By comparison, the average rate of growth between 1981 and 1985 was 8.7% nominal or 2.9% in real terms. The figures are quite different if you separate out defense. In the Carter years, defense grew at an average rate of 3.9% in real terms vs. 6.6% during my first term. For domestic spending, it was 3.6% during the previous administration vs. 0.8% in my first term.

True, there was a single year upsurge between '84 and '85. Part of that was increased payments to farmers through the Commodity Credit Corporation, an increase in defense spending in outlay terms and a one-time write-off in Public Housing Authority loans.

There was a substantial increase in Social Security payments, and, of course, an increase in interest payments on the national debt, which will be true every year until we balance the budget. In general, however, the rate of growth in Federal spending has been reduced considerably and government employment is down by about 78,000 on the domestic side.

Sincerely,

The Editor
Orange County Register
625 North Grand Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92711



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

1000-108-01

February 4, 1986

1986 FEB -4 PM 12:00

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Jim Miller

SUBJECT:

Revised Memo on Spending Growth

On January 13th, I sent you a memo reporting on your success in reducing the rate of growth in Federal spending. Since that memo was sent, the Department of Commerce has revised the deflator numbers, and, as a result, the figures on "real" growth have changed. (The basic message, however, has not changed: you have succeeded in slowing the growth of the Federal government.)

A revised memo, reflecting the new numbers, is attached.

Attachment

c: Don Regan



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

January 13, 1986
(Revised February 4, 1986)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Jim Miller

SUBJECT: Your Record on Slowing the Rate of Growth in
Federal Spending

Don Regan indicated to me you expressed an interest in an Orange County Register editorial which charged you have not succeeded in slowing the rate of growth in Federal spending (see attached.)

As indicated in the attached table, the editorial is in error. Between 1977 and 1981 (the Carter years), the average rate of growth in total Federal spending was 13.5 percent nominal, or 4.5 percent adjusted for inflation. By comparison, the average rate of growth between 1981 and 1985 was 8.7 percent nominal, or 2.9 percent in real terms. The figures are even more dramatic when you separate out defense and domestic ("all other") spending. Under President Carter, defense grew at an average rate of 3.9 percent in real terms vs. 6.6 percent during your first term. For domestic spending, it was 3.6 percent under President Carter versus 0.8 percent during your first term.

Thus, the numbers clearly indicate that you have succeeded in slowing the rate of growth in overall Federal spending, increased our defense strength, and cut growth in domestic spending by two-thirds.

Don expressed some consternation about an apparent increase in the rate of growth in spending between 1984 and 1985, relative to the earlier years. Essentially, there are four causes for the more rapid 1984-1985 growth: (1) increased payments to farmers through the Commodity Credit Corporation; (2) a one-time write-off in Federal housing loans; (3) an increase in the rate of growth of defense spending (in outlay terms); and (4) increased interest payments on the National debt.

Of course, I will be happy to provide any further information that would be helpful to you.

Attachment

c: Don Regan

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OMB Central Budget Management System

HISTORICAL DATA (1977 - 1985) -- Outlays Only
Nominal & Constant Dollars (FY 86 = 100) in Millions

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | AVG. COMPOUND GROWTH |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| National Defense | | | | | | |
| Nominal | 97,241 | 104,495 | 116,342 | 133,995 | 157,513 | 12.8% |
| Constant | 175,114 | 175,873 | 180,278 | 190,874 | 203,963 | 3.9% |
| Net Interest | | | | | | |
| Nominal | 29,886 | 35,441 | 42,615 | 52,512 | 68,734 | 23.1% |
| Constant | 53,819 | 59,650 | 66,034 | 74,802 | 89,004 | 13.4% |
| All Other | | | | | | |
| Nominal | 282,075 | 318,793 | 344,507 | 404,413 | 451,962 | 12.5% |
| Constant | 507,971 | 536,553 | 533,829 | 576,078 | 585,246 | 3.6% |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |
| Nominal | 409,203 | 458,729 | 503,464 | 590,920 | 678,209 | 13.5% |
| Constant | 736,905 | 772,076 | 780,141 | 841,755 | 878,213 | 4.5% |
| | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | AVG. COMPOUND GROWTH |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| National Defense | | | | | | |
| Nominal | 157,513 | 185,309 | 209,903 | 227,413 | 252,748 | 12.5% |
| Constant | 203,963 | 223,686 | 243,044 | 253,286 | 263,079 | 6.6% |
| Net Interest | | | | | | |
| Nominal | 68,734 | 84,995 | 89,774 | 111,058 | 129,436 | 17.1% |
| Constant | 89,004 | 102,598 | 103,949 | 123,694 | 134,727 | 10.9% |
| All Other | | | | | | |
| Nominal | 451,962 | 475,403 | 508,650 | 513,310 | 584,139 | 5.7% |
| Constant | 585,246 | 573,860 | 588,960 | 571,710 | 587,198 | 0.8% |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |
| Nominal | 678,209 | 745,706 | 808,327 | 851,781 | 946,323 | 8.7% |
| Constant | 878,213 | 900,144 | 935,953 | 948,690 | 985,004 | 2.9% |

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 26, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Retirement Letter for Herb Ellingwood

Counsel's Office has reviewed the draft letter to Herb Ellingwood. In the first sentence of the second paragraph, it is misleading to refer to the MSPB as "the successor agency to the United States Civil Service Commission." The MSPB is a successor agency to the Civil Service Commission, but in fact most of the responsibilities of that Commission were transferred to the Office of Personnel Management. I would delete "successor agency to the United States Civil Service Commission" and substitute "Board." I would also delete "a model judicial agency --" in the last sentence of the second paragraph. The Board has quasi-judicial responsibilities, but it has executive responsibilities as well, and should not be described as a "judicial agency."

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Subject: Retirement Letter for Herb Ellingwood

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/26/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:30 p.m. TODAY

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT LETTER FOR HERB ELLINGWOOD

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REMARKS:

Do you have any objection to the attached letter?

RESPONSE:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID CHEW

SUBJECT: Retirement Letter for HERB ELLINGWOOD

Attached for your review and approval is a Presidential message for Herb Ellingwood, who is stepping down as Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board. He is being honored at a testimonial dinner this evening at the Shoreham Hotel. Ed Messe will read the message.


ANNE HIGGINS

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 26, 1986

Dear Herb:

I wish I could be with all your friends as they honor you as you leave the Chairmanship of the United States Merit Systems Protection Board. You have been a tremendous asset to this Administration, and you will be sorely missed.

Your stewardship of the successor agency to the United States Civil Service Commission has been enlightened and dynamic. Government management has benefitted immensely as a result of your leadership. I particularly want to commend your success in moving the average appellate process from a span of years to a sensible range of several months. This is but one of the major contributions you have made in turning the Board into a model judicial agency -- a responsive and efficient arm of our Federal government.

You and I go back many years, Herb -- back to the time of my Governorship of the Golden State. I want you to know that you are one of the most dedicated, accomplished, and dependable people it has been my privilege to work with. The reforms you have initiated and presided over have laid the foundation for even greater future accomplishments at the Board and throughout our Federal government. Nancy joins me in sending you our thanks and congratulations for a job well done. God bless you, Audrey, Bruce and Tom.

Sincerely,

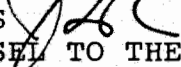
The Honorable Herb Ellingwood
Chairman
United States Merit Systems
Protection Board
Washington, D.C. 20419

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THOMAS F. GIBSON III
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter for
Seaway Review Magazine

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential letter and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective. There is a typographical error in the fourth paragraph.

cc: David L. Chew

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Subject: Presidential Letter for Summary Review Magazine

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/7/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: Mon., 3/10, 11:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER FOR SEAWAY REVIEW MAGAZINE

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REMARKS:

Please review the attached proposed Presidential letter and submit any comments to Tom Gibson by 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 10, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID CHEW

FROM: TOM GIBSON *TG*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter for Seaway Review Magazine

Seaway Review, a business magazine serving the St. Lawrence Seaway business community in the U.S. and Canada, has requested a Presidential letter for publication in its April-June 1986 issue. The President's letter would be published alongside the attached letter from Canadian Prime Minister Mulroney.

The attached draft Presidential letter has been prepared with the assistance of the Department of Transportation.

In order to meet their publication schedule, the editors of Seaway Review need to receive the President's letter by March 12.

Thanks very much.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1986

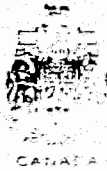
The construction and operation of the St. Lawrence Seaway is one of mankind's most outstanding engineering feats. As a joint project of the United States and Canada, the Seaway stands as a symbol of the friendship and cooperation which have long existed between our two countries.

Since the Seaway's opening in 1959, it has carried more than 1 billion metric tons of cargo worth more than \$200 billion. And exports from our Great Lakes ports are on the increase.

I am confident that the Seaway will overcome the problems of the past year. After more than a quarter-century of operation, the future for the Seaway is brighter than ever and the partnership between the United States and Canada is stronger than ever.

The St. Lawrence is our fourth seacoast. By transorming our Great Lakes cities into international ports it plays a vital role in our prosperity. ✓

I want to thank my good friend Prime Minister Mulroney for his spirit of teamwork and cooperation in this joint partnership, and I firmly pledge our continued support for this magnificent international Seaway linking our two countries.



PRIME MINISTER - PREMIER MINISTRE

I very much appreciate this opportunity to share a few words with the Canadian and American readers of Seaway Review.

As President Reagan observes in this issue, the construction of the Seaway was a remarkable demonstration of international cooperation, and represents one of the most impressive engineering achievements of recent history. In a few short years, the heartland of North America was linked to the East Coast and the greater world beyond, spurring dynamic economic growth in both Canada and U.S. in the process.

Twenty-five years later, the St. Lawrence Seaway plays a more important role than ever in ensuring growth and prosperity in our two nations. Although beset by a series of unavoidable incidents in recent months, it remains a vital and efficient channel of national and international trade, just as the Canadian Government remains firmly committed to its successful operation in the years to come.

All the best to the readers and staff of Seaway Review.

OTTAWA
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