

Ambulance - Boulanger

BU M: had info went well
Continue future rel w/ HCF

Open lines of comm

(what will HCF do?)

THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF DOMESTIC POLICY

CAROL H. RASCO
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

To: KLEIN

Draft response for POTUS
and forward to CHR by: _____

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Please reply directly to the writer
(copy to CHR) by: _____

Please advise by: _____

Let's discuss: _____

For your information: _____

Reply using form code: _____

File: 202: TICKLER 5/1

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Schedule ? : ☐ Accept ☐ Pending ☐ Regret

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Remarks: As you can see, the President personally
requested follow-up. Please coordinate with
Diana to decide who is most appropriate
to follow up. Please do not to CHR by
5/1 to report on contact. Thanks.

Diana -
This is the
letter we
talked about.

Thank you
very much -
Jen

CC: Chasco
main source
follow up
PSC

MD Jones

APR 21 1995

WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1995

Mr. David J. Jones
Post Office Box 431
Mabelvale, Arkansas 72103

Dear David:

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I have asked my staff to forward your letter to the Department of Health and Human Services and to arrange for someone there to contact Bill Martin to discuss his concerns with him.

I'm glad you wrote, and I hope you will keep in touch.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. President:

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By way of background, HCFA currently is looking at a number of changes in the area of ambulance reimbursement. The American Ambulance Association, the trade association for the ambulance industry, has worked with HCFA, and I understand that there is support for many of the changes which HCFA is considering. These changes, if implemented, should achieve significant program savings. However there is one change which is causing tremendous concern. HCFA is proposing to dramatically alter the reimbursement rate structure for ambulance providers. On the surface, a change in this area might seem to be a simple reimbursement issue. However, this could not be further from the truth. Any change which is made in the EMS area effects the entire, carefully assembled emergency response network. This network includes not only the providers of services such as ambulance and fire, but also local governmental entities which determine the system design, physicians who set the protocols, and patient's groups. Right now the network is mobilizing on this issue. Their primary concern is that HCFA may be looking at this change solely from a cost perspective and may not fully understand the potential health and safety ramifications for the nation's intricately-designed EMS systems.

I urge you to look into this. Our nation's emergency response capabilities and the ultimate safety of the public could easily be put in jeopardy. I would be happy to provide you with more information on the potential situation in Arkansas. However, it would be most helpful if you would arrange for Mr. Bill Martin, The Director of Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services (MEMS) ambulance service in Little Rock, to meet with HCFA staff to present a in depth picture of the consequences of the proposed change.

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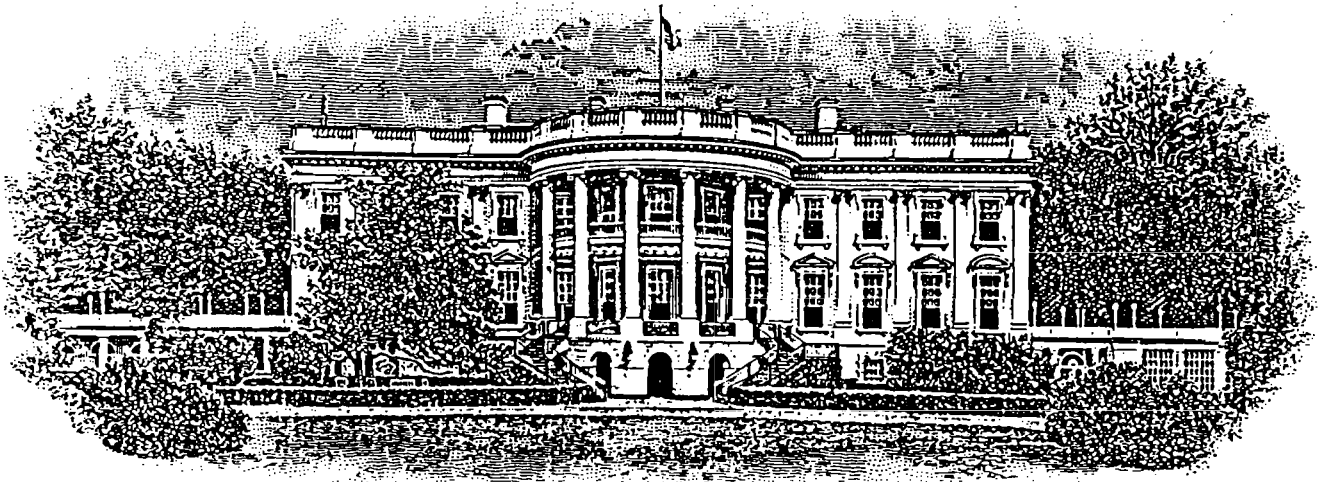
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DOMESTIC POLICY

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

TO: Joanne Pokaski, Jennifer Boulanger

FAX NUMBER: 690-6262

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 690-6726

FROM: Diana Fortuna

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

PAGES (INCLUDING COVER): C+2

COMMENTS: Please call me. I need
to know who will call Bill Martin, & the
call should be made by Monday. Someone
from Bruce's office might want to sit in on
any meeting.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

02-May-1995 08:01am

TO: Diana M. Fortuna

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Economic and Domestic Policy

CC: Jeremy D. Benami
CC: Jennifer L. Klein

SUBJECT: RE: Ambulances & POTUS inquiry

Thanks for keeping up with this....if HCFA doesn't hear back from
guy soon I think you should call David Jones and tell him POTUS
asked you to see that HCFA made the call, they are trying,
etc.etc.

Thanks again.

To
Diana
from

Ambulance

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