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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

FROM

SUBJECT:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF
JIM CANNON

PAUL MYER

Copyright Bill --
Proposed Signing
Ceremony

The House and Senate have cleared for the President legislation to revise and extend the copyright law. This is the first revision of that statute in 65 years and has attracted considerable interest in the arts community, the media industry and technical industrial field. I believe there would be considerable political advantage in a signing ceremony on this bill. Such an occasion would attract well known individuals from the performing and literary arts field and other interests concerned with this legislation. I believe such a ceremony could enhance the President's position with these constituencies.



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Civil Rights
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October 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr Secretary of State
~~BRENT SCOWCROFT~~

FROM: JIM CANNON

SUBJECT: Kissinger Briefing for Black Leaders

Art Fletcher, the President's Deputy Assistant for Urban Affairs, suggests that Secretary Kissinger invite to the State Department a group of black leaders from around the country for a briefing on President Ford's African Policy.

Fletcher's first priority for invitees to such a briefing would be major black religious leaders, who are quite important in molding black opinion in the U.S. and whose churches have ties with African countries.

The briefing audience, of perhaps 50 to 100 people, could also include directors of departments of African studies at land-grant colleges, black business leaders who are trying to establish business relations with African countries, and others.

Kissinger is the first Secretary of State to deliver a major address on African Policy, Fletcher says, and it is appropriate for him to invite black leaders to the State Department for a briefing.

Moreover, Fletcher believes that Administration policy in Africa will have broader support throughout the U.S. if black leaders understand what the Administration is doing and why.

If such a briefing is held, George Bush might be asked to provide the same kind of intelligence summary that he did at the last bipartisan Congressional leadership meeting. Bush, I am told, has excellent standing in the black community.



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FROM: ART FLETCHER

Secretary Kissinger has been holding briefings at the State Department for a number of national opinion leaders from the Black community and has already invited most that I planned to invite to the briefing taking place over there. A briefing is scheduled for member of the Black Press, namely those on the attached list.

I suggest that the President also attend this briefing for the purpose of stressing the point that he is responsible and plays a title role in developing the country's main African policies. The attached list of names has already received invitations for the above mentioned briefing and Under Secretary Eagleburger is coordinating this effort. Contact should be made with him with reference to the President's involvement.

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DOMESTIC COUNCIL

FROM:

DICK PARSONS

SUBJECT:

Federal "shield law" for newsmen.

Date: 10/13/76

COMMENTS:

Quern: This is a good paper. We should
discuss w/ Dick.

*Dick - Good -
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Jim*

ACTION:

Date:



CLEARANCE SHEET

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DATE: 10-13-76

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STAFF RESPONSIBILITY PARSONS

SUBJECT: FEDERAL SHIELD LAW

RECEIVED FROM: PARSONS

DATE RECEIVED: _____

STAFF COMMENTS:

QUERN/MOORE RECOMMENDATION:

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☐ REVIEW & COMMENT

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Jim,
This is a good paper. We
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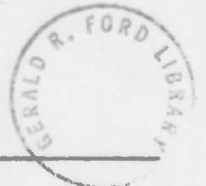
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JIM CANNON

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

INFORMATION

October 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jim Cannon
FROM: Dick Parsons *D.*
SUBJECT: A Federal Shield Law

This memorandum follows up our recent discussion concerning the advisability of enactment of a Federal "shield law" for newsmen.

First of all, you should be aware of the fact that the President has already taken a position on this matter. During his Vice Presidential confirmation hearings, the President was asked to state his position regarding the asserted right of newsmen to protect the confidentiality of their information sources. He responded as follows:

"I favor a 'shield law' for reporters in principle. Such a law should contain some qualifications. There is a national interest in freedom of the press -- and it must be preserved -- but there is also a national interest in vigorous law enforcement."

(See Tab A for record.)

More generally, the question of enactment of a national "shield law" has been debated at the Federal level for at least the last six years. In October 1970, in an attempt to reach a "middle ground" position on this issue, the Department of Justice issued official guidelines calling for restraint in the issuance of subpoenas against the news media. The guidelines specifically stated that no such subpoena could be issued without the authorization of the Attorney General. The guidelines also listed the general principles concerning authorization of a subpoena, including:

- (1) before a subpoena is requested, sources independent of the press must indicate that a crime has, in fact, been committed;



- (2) there must be reason to believe the evidence sought is essential to a successful investigation; and
- (3) the government must have attempted to acquire the information from non-press sources.

These guidelines, of course, were applicable only to Department of Justice personnel (including U. S. Attorneys).

On June 29, 1972, the U. S. Supreme Court held, in a 5-4 decision, that newsmen do not have an absolute privilege under the First Amendment to refuse to divulge confidential information or sources. Bransburg v. Hayes, 408 U. S. 665 (1972). As a result of this decision and a number of incidents (mostly at the State and local level) involving incarceration of newsmen for refusal to testify, a number of bills on the subject of newsmen's privilege were introduced in Congress. These ranged from bills establishing an absolute privilege for newsmen against disclosure of information or sources in a Federal, State or local proceeding to bills creating a qualified privilege at the Federal level only.

Numerous hearings were held on the various "shield law" proposals but, as you know, none were enacted. I note that the Department of Justice generally opposed enactment of these bills, objecting to establishment of an absolute privilege for newsmen and questioning the constitutionality of applying the Federal law to State and local proceedings. You may recall that the Vice President, then Governor of New York, testified in favor of the enactment of a Federal "shield law."

While no legislation was enacted, the Attorney General's guidelines were refined and updated in October 1973 (see Tab B for text).

Given the President's and the Department of Justice's opposition to establishment of an absolute privilege for newsmen and the fact that we currently have departmental guidelines that give newsmen a special status (at least at the Federal level), our maneuvering room is somewhat limited. The President could, however, advocate the enactment of legislation establishing a qualified privilege for newsmen in Federal, State and local proceedings. Such legislation could provide, for example, that a newsman could be compelled to testify only if: (1) the information was essential to proof of the issue in litigation; (2) the information could not be gathered from another source; and (3) there was a compelling public interest in acquiring the information.



Even a qualified "shield law" presents policy and legal problems, however, so we wouldn't want to propose this lightly. Perhaps we should discuss what the next step should be.

cc: Art Quern



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on this nomination. I have served here for over 20 years; and while we have five matters, we have always been able to get through the years. Under the 25th Amendment, it is the President and the Senate to perform a thorough check on the office of Vice President, however the person may be among us in the Congress. We need confirmation by both the House and the Senate for integrity and fitness for office of the President and the Congress some indication of interest to our Nation of the person who

assuming the second highest office in no primaries, no conventions, no election placed before that most demanding have a right to know how you stand congress to elicit that information and, would otherwise become known during election of a Vice President.

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40. Should there be a gross limitation on campaign expenditures in presidential campaigns? Should there be consideration of tax financing of campaigns for federal office?

41. Should there be a limitation on total political contributions by an individual?

42. Do you intend to seek nomination and election to the Presidency in 1976? If not, are you withdrawing yourself from any such consideration?

43. What would you propose to restore public confidence in the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

44. Should the Federal Bureau of Investigation be directly responsive to the White House or should Presidential direction of the Bureau be through the Attorney General?

45. Should the Central Intelligence Agency ever engage in domestic surveillance, espionage or other activities and if so, what limitations should be imposed on such activities?

46. To what extent should a President become involved in policy determinations of the Department of Justice as to whether criminal, antitrust, etc. matters should be pursued?

47. If a president admits to or it is proved that he has committed a felony, should he be removed from office?

48. If a president knowingly orders actions that are illegal and/or violate the Constitution, should he be removed from office?

49. Is a president responsible for the official actions of his immediate staff and his personal representatives?

50. If a president lies to the Congress, should he be removed from office?

51. If a president lies to the American public, should he be removed from office?

52. If a president falsified documents to gain a personal tax advantage, should he be removed from office?

November 21, 1973
Hon. PETER W. DOMINIE, JR., Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honorable Jack Brooks, 9th-Texas, at the public hearings on November 15, 1973, submitted to me fifty-two (52) questions and requested that I provide answers for the record.

I have carefully read each of the questions and have thoroughly analyzed my testimony before the House Committee on the Judiciary and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. It is my best judgment that most of the questions submitted by Representative Brooks have been answered during the course of my interrogation. However, there are some which were not answered and I respectfully submit the following responses:

1. I have no personal access to the information requested.

2. The independent regulatory agencies, e.g. the FTC, SEC, IOC, etc., by law are considered free of influence by the President, Members of Congress and other outside forces. The President, of course, has an impact on the philosophy of such agencies by the individuals nominated by him and in the confirmation process the U.S. Senate also can have a bearing on the agency membership. In addition, the Congress through its respective committees does have an oversight influence to make certain that the laws pertinent to each agency are being carried out. The independent agencies, however, should not be otherwise subjected to pressure that would affect their decisions under the law.

3. The public should have accessibility as defined by the Freedom of Information Act.

4. I favor a "shield law" for reporters in principle. Such a law should contain some qualifications. There is a national interest in freedom of the press and it must be preserved—but there is also a national interest in vigorous law enforcement.

5. Based on my interpretations of the constitution and the law at present I believe a President does have the right to a pocket-veto during a Congressional recess. The matter is now being litigated in the federal courts. I would, of course, abide by the decision of the highest court.

6. Wage and price controls in peacetime are, at best, a temporary solution. The present legislation as utilized by the President has been effective in part and

in some instances created distortions. Law is adequate but it is my strong belief that it can be achieved selectively by A either by no extension of the extended.

23. Tax reform is a complex form legislation enacted in 1969. tax burden on individual taxpayer business. Compared to the tax study of tax proposals by the I ernment as well as other interest

26. Under present circumstances were assistance to South Vietnam I see no present justification for

27. In Europe, in conjunction Soviet Union and its allies unilateral withdrawal of U.S. I would insist on a greater contr partners.

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28. Grain sales to the Soviet tive. During our years of vast gr a heavy burden in storage charge sales to the U.S.S.R. in 1972 did payers of that annual burden. O the income level of our America equitably in our present prosper

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29. With the recent dramatic appears that the Nixon Admini proved these decisions which hav

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33. I favor federal assistance urban transit equipment require for urban mass transit systems.

35. Existing federal laws are However, these laws expire and stances and those laws that determine whether amendments

36. Present controls and emis basis in view of the energy crisis

37. Land-use legislation and natural resources are pending in tives retained in any federal l be so managed that we get the n of our environmental and the int generations.

39. Nominees for a federal ju of the President. In addition, legal education and experience, sional ethics.

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Office of the Attorney General

Washington, D. C. 20530

Order No. 544-73

October 26, 1973

[Order No. 544-73]

PART 50—STATEMENTS OF POLICY

Policy Regarding Issuance of Subpoenas to, and Interrogation, Indictment, or Arrest of, Members of News Media

By virtue of the authority vested in me by sections 518 and 519 of Title 28, of the United States Code, Part 50 of Chapter I of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended by inserting immediately after § 50.9 a new § 50.10 as follows.

§ 50.10 Policy with regard to the issuance of subpoenas to, and the interrogation, indictment, or arrest of, members of the news media.

Because freedom of the press can be no broader than the freedom of reporters to investigate and report the news, the prosecutorial power of the government should not be used in such a way that it impairs a reporter's responsibility to cover as broadly as possible controversial public issues. In balancing the concern that the Department of Justice has for the work of the news media and the Department's obligation to the fair administration of justice, the following guidelines shall be adhered to by all members of the Department:

(a) In determining whether to request issuance of a subpoena to the news media, the approach in every case must be to strike the proper balance between the public's interest in the free dissemination of ideas and information and the public's interest in effective law enforcement and the fair administration of justice.

(b) All reasonable attempts should be made to obtain information from non-media sources before there is any consideration of subpoenaing a representative of the news media.

(c) Negotiations with the media shall be pursued in all cases in which a subpoena is contemplated. These negotiations should attempt to accommodate the interests of the trial or grand jury with the interests of the media. Where the nature of the investigation permits, the government should make clear what its needs are in a particular case as well as its willingness to respond to particular problems of the media.

(d) If negotiations fail, no Justice Department official shall request, or make arrangements for, a subpoena to any member of the news media without the

express authorization of the Attorney General. If a subpoena is obtained without authorization, the Department will—as a matter of course—move to quash the subpoena without prejudice to its rights subsequently to request the subpoena upon the proper authorization.

(e) In requesting the Attorney General's authorization for a subpoena, the following principles will apply:

(1) There should be reasonable ground based on information obtained from nonmedia sources that a crime has occurred.

(2) There should be reasonable ground to believe that the information sought is essential to a successful investigation—particularly with reference to directly establishing guilt or innocence. The subpoena should not be used to obtain peripheral, nonessential or speculative information.

(3) The government should have unsuccessfully attempted to obtain the information from alternative nonmedia sources.

(4) The use of subpoenas to members of the news media should, except under exigent circumstances, be limited to the verification of published information and to such surrounding circumstances as relate to the accuracy of the published information.

(5) Even subpoena authorization requests for publicly disclosed information should be treated with care to avoid claims of harassment.

(6) Subpoenas should, wherever possible, be directed at material information regarding a limited subject matter, should cover a reasonably limited period of time, and should avoid requiring production of a large volume of unpublished material. They should give reasonable and timely notice of the demand for documents.

(f) No member of the Department shall subject a member of the news media to questioning as to any offense which he is suspected of having committed in the course of, or arising out of, the coverage or investigation of a news story, or while engaged in the performance of his official duties as a member of the news media, without the express authority of the Attorney General: *Provided, however,* That where exigent circumstances preclude prior approval, the requirements of paragraph (j) of this section shall be observed.

(g) A member of the Department shall

secure the express authority of the Attorney General before a warrant for an arrest is sought, and whenever possible before an arrest not requiring a warrant, of a member of the news media for any offense which he is suspected of having committed in the course of, or arising out of, the coverage or investigation of a news story, or while engaged in the performance of his official duties as a member of the news media.

(h) No member of the Department shall present information to a grand jury seeking a bill of indictment, or file an information, against a member of the news media for any offense which he is suspected of having committed in the course of, or arising out of, the coverage or investigation of a news story, or while engaged in the performance of his official duties as a member of the news media, without the express authority of the Attorney General.

(i) In requesting the Attorney General's authorization to question, to arrest or to seek an arrest warrant for, or to present information to a grand jury seeking a bill of indictment or to file an information against, a member of the news media for an offense which he is suspected of having committed during the course of, or arising out of, the coverage or investigation of a news story, or committed while engaged in the performance of his official duties as a member of the news media, a member of the Department shall state all facts necessary for determination of the issues by the Attorney General. A copy of the request will be sent to the Director of Public Information.

(j) When an arrest or questioning of a member of the news media is necessary before prior authorization of the Attorney General can be obtained, notification of the arrest or questioning, the circumstances demonstrating that an exception to the requirement of prior authorization existed, and a statement containing the information that would have been given in requesting prior authorization, shall be communicated immediately to the Attorney General and to the Director of Public Information.

(k) Failure to obtain the prior approval of the Attorney General may constitute grounds for an administrative reprimand or other appropriate disciplinary action.

Dated October 16, 1973.

ELLIOT RICHARDSON,
Attorney General.

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DOMESTIC COUNCIL

FROM: DICK PARSONS

SUBJECT: National Referendum

Date: 10/14/76

COMMENTS:

Art: I think Dick is a bit more negative than he needs to be, but that the objections he raises are valid.

Talk to Dick

2:30

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ACTION:

Date:



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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Justice
INFORMATION

October 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jim Cannon
FROM: Dick Parsons *D.*
SUBJECT: National Referendum

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This memorandum follows up our recent conversation concerning the legality and practicality of a national referendum.

On the assumption that this question must have come up before, I attempted to find some legislative history or legal memoranda concerning it. I came up blank: it does not appear that this issue has been actively debated at the Federal level within recent memory.

I discussed the question with friends in the Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, however, and we have concluded as follows:

1. There is nothing in the Constitution which would prohibit the enactment of a law establishing a mechanism for conducting a national referendum on a specific question or questions. Such a referendum would be little more than a national opinion survey, however, and the results thereof could not be binding as to the Executive, Legislative or Judicial Branches of the Federal government.
2. If it were desirable to establish a national referendum mechanism the results of which were binding as to the Executive, Legislative or Judicial Branches (or which required some specific action or response on the part of any of them), a constitutional amendment would be required.

I note that in most of the State and local jurisdictions where a question can be submitted to the people for a vote, the results of a referendum have some binding effect. This would suggest that we proceed by constitutional amendment at the Federal level.

By way of general observation, I must tell you that I have serious reservations about the wisdom of a binding or nonbinding referendum mechanism at the Federal level. Theoretically, the 535 members of Congress are in sufficient touch with their constituencies that they, through their collective action, reflect the will of the people. Therefore, one has to question

the utility of a national "opinion poll." Furthermore, I can think of few questions or issues which are serious enough to warrant the time and expense involved in conducting a national referendum that could not now be put to the people in the form of a constitutional amendment (e.g., busing, abortion, etc.). Our experience in New York was that the cost of a local referendum usually exceeded the benefit derived. Finally, as a practical matter, it is inconceivable to me that the Congress would either enact a national referendum law or a constitutional amendment authorizing binding referenda. In short, I am hard put to see what the advantages are.

If you would care to discuss this matter further, let me know.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Civil Rights
(Fisher)*
INFORMATION

November 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Jim Cannon *Jim*
SUBJECT: Civil Rights Employment Guidelines

This memorandum is to alert you to a potential problem in the civil rights area.

On Tuesday, November 23, the Departments of Justice and Labor and the U. S. Civil Service Commission will publish new guidelines governing the employment practices of Federal, State and local governments and of Federal contractors and subcontractors. Specifically, the guidelines are designed to insure that tests given to prospective employees and other employee selection procedures do not discriminate against minorities and women.

The difficulty is that the new guidelines are perceived by some members of the civil rights community to be less strict than those employed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which has jurisdiction over private employers. Adoption of the new guidelines may be seen by them as an attempt to undercut the EEOC and a lessening of Federal commitment to equal employment opportunity.

I am convinced that Justice, Labor and Civil Service are acting in good faith and I do not believe it would be appropriate for you to intervene. Nevertheless, I thought you ought to be aware of the problem.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 16, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
ROBERT T. HARTMANN ✓
JACK MARSH
MAX FRIEDERSDORF
ALAN GREENSPAN
JIM LYNN
BILL SEIDMAN

FROM:

JAMES CANNON

James Cannon

SUBJECT:

Public Works and Prison Rehabilitation

Attached is a draft memo to the President regarding a proposal by the Department of Justice to allocate a specific portion of public works construction funds for the renovation of State and local penal institutions. The funds would be administered by the Economic Development Administration under Title I of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976.

I would appreciate your comments on the proposal by Wednesday, October 20.

Attachment

Option I would be most dramatic in anti-crime context, but runs contrary to whole philosophy of letting State & local officials make their own decisions. Therefore, I favor Option II.

James Cannon



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cc: Quern *Quern*
Moore
Parsons

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1976

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ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

S. 64 - Lincoln National
Memorial

When the President signed S. 64 - Lincoln National Memorial
Bill he made the following notation:

"What is status of Department of Justice law suits
on one House vetoes?"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

OK

cc: Dick Cheney



MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

INFORMATION
REQUEST

October 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Jim Cannon

SUBJECT: Status of Department of Justice
Lawsuit on One-House Veto

This memorandum follows up your recent inquiry concerning the status of the Department of Justice's lawsuit on the one-house veto question.

Clark v. Valeo (U.S.D.C., D.C., No. 76-1227) was filed on July 1, 1976, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief from certain provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. Specifically, the plaintiff challenged the authority of the Congress to require that proposed rules and regulations of the Federal Election Commission be subject to disapproval by resolution of either House of Congress.

On August 27, 1976, the District Court entered an order granting the motion of the United States to intervene as a party plaintiff in the litigation. Thereafter, the case was certified to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which held an en banc hearing on September 10, 1976. Two issues are before the Court: (1) justiciability; namely, whether the courts should consider the constitutional issue at all, and (2) the constitutionality of the legislative veto. Although it has now been six weeks since the case was argued, a decision has not yet been rendered.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON *Jin*

SUBJECT:

Status of Department of Justice Lawsuit
on One-House Veto

You asked on October 19, 1976, about the status of the Department of Justice's lawsuit on the one-House veto question.

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has heard argument in the case of Clark v. Valeo, raising the question of the constitutionality of a one-House veto; but has not yet rendered a decision. This is the only case in which the Department of Justice is participating that raises the one-House veto issue.

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We have asked the Justice Department to keep us informed.



CLEARANCE SHEET

DATE: 11/19

JMC ACTION
Required by: 11/20

STAFF RESPONSIBILITY _____

SUBJECT: SSDCC Employee Testing Guidelines

RECEIVED FROM: _____ DATE RECEIVED: _____

STAFF COMMENTS: *Attached per your request is a draft of a memo to the President concerning the subject controversy.*

QUERN/MOORE RECOMMENDATION:

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☐ REVIEW & COMMENT
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Comment:

JIM CANNON

