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November 28, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CABINET AND SENIOR
WHITE HOUSE STAFF

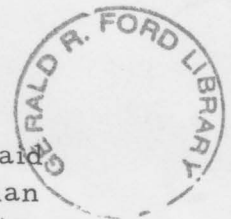
FROM: ANNE ARMSTRONG *Q&A*

SUBJECT: Chairman and Administrator of the
American Revolution Bicentennial
Administration

The House-Senate Conference on the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration Bill has now given us the language with which we must work. The final bill should be sent to the President for signature within the next two weeks and we anticipate no further changes. Basically, the two Houses have compromised as follows:

1. The Administrator may not be Chairman of the eleven member policy board.
2. Each state will be given a matching grant of \$25,000.
3. A \$20 million appropriation is authorized for grants-in-aid on a matching basis with each state receiving not less than \$200,000. The remaining funds are available for matching grants to any eligible jurisdiction that presents a program found acceptable to the Bicentennial Administration. (See attachment # 1 for a description of the Conference language changes.)

The Chairman of the eleven member policy board will be elected by a majority vote of the eleven from the group and will be in a position to exert great influence on the policies of the Bicentennial and be highly visible. This is not a full-time position. It is important that this person be someone of real stature and prestige. We feel that the right person appointed to the Board can be elected Chairman. (See attachment # 2 for the composition of the Board and the authorities of the Chairman and the Administrator.)



All of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration legal authorities are vested in the Administrator except for broad policy functions and the right to approve grants and request Presidential waivers, these all being vested in the whole board.

This person, who will be appointed by the President and serve as a Level III Executive, must be someone of stature as well as of proven administrative ability. The following attributes would also be helpful:

1. National reputation.
2. Able to operate effectively within the Federal bureaucracy.
3. Able to deal effectively with the Congress.
4. Articulate.
5. Identification with at least one Bicentennial theme area.

I would appreciate any suggestions you might have for candidates for both of these positions. I will need your recommendations by Monday, December 3, 1973.

Attachments (2)



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November 16, 1973

AUTHORITIES OF ADMINISTRATOR AND
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION
UNDER H.R. 7446

Submitted by: Gene Skora, General Counsel, ARBC

Under the provisions of H.R. 7446, as agreed to in Joint Conference and passed by the Senate, the Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) is specifically excluded from serving as Chairman of the ARBA Board.

Statutory provisions pertaining to the Board and responsibilities of the Chairman and Administrator are as follows:

Chairman, ARBA Board

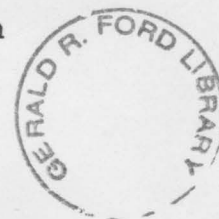
- The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board are elected by and from members of the Board other than the Administrator.
- The Board is composed of 11 members as follows:
two members of the House of Representatives, one from each party; two Senators, one from each party; the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the ARBA Advisory Council; the Secretary of the Interior; three members appointed by the President from



officers or staff of State Bicentennial Commissions; and the Administrator.

- Members serve for the duration of the Board, i.e., to June 30, 1977.
- Board shall meet monthly and at call of Chairman, the Administrator, or majority of members.
- Four members constitute a quorum.
- Board duties are to:

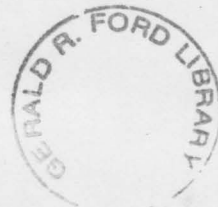
- (1) receive advice and information from the Advisory Council and Administrator with respect to development of policy and guidelines;
- (2) give final approval to grants;
- (3) review, approve, disapprove, or ratify basic policy and guidelines, including proposed annual budget;
- (4) make continuing study of activities of the Administration and report and make recommendations to Senate and House Judiciary Committees at least semi-annually, and final report by June 30, 1977;
- (5) request Presidential waivers for exceptions from specified statutory prohibitions and limitations on contracting and expenditure of funds.



The only specific statutory responsibility of the Chairman is to call special meetings of the Board; the Chairman has the implicit responsibility to preside at Board meetings.

Administrator, ARBA

- The Administrator of ARBA is appointed by the President with Senate confirmation. He serves in an Executive Level III position with a salary of \$40,000.
- All of the ARBA legal authorities vest in the Administrator except broad policy functions and specific administrative functions to approve grants and request Presidential waivers vested by law in the Board.
- The Administrator is responsible for carrying out the purposes of the Act and is vested with general legal authority to do so.



The Conferees agreed to the language of Senate Amendment No. 1 amending Section 4 of H.R. 7446. This language is consistent with the basic principle of the legislation in encouraging State and local participation in the Bicentennial observance. The Senate language further implemented this purpose in providing that the Administrator is to coordinate his activities to the extent practicable with those being planned by State, local and private groups. He is further authorized to appoint special committees with members from among those groups to plan such activities as he deems appropriate.

The Senate amended Section 7(a)(1) of the House bill by placing a ceiling of \$10,000,000 annually for the expenses of the Administration. Included in that amount was an authorization of not more than \$2,475,000 for annual grants of \$45,000 to each State, Territory, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The provision for the \$45,000 grants was contained in a parallel amendment to Section 9 of the bill which authorized the Administrator to make equal grants from appropriated funds of not more than \$45,000 to each of the recipients.

The Conferees agreed to reduce the \$45,000 figure to \$25,000 per entity and the annual authorization for this grant program to \$1,375,000.

Section 7(a)(2) as added by the Senate authorized an appropriation of not more than \$20,000,000 for grants-in-aid on a matching basis to the several states to assist them in developing and supporting





Bicentennial programs and projects as provided in the new Section 9(b) as added by the Senate, the amount to remain available until expended but no later than June 30, 1976.

The Conferees changed this date to December 31, 1976, because of the continuing celebrations and commemorations anticipated throughout the calendar year of 1976.

The language of Section 9(b) as contained in the Conference Report is the revised language agreed to by the Conferees. The Senate language provided that the amounts received under Section 9(b) by any State could not exceed \$400,000 per state on a matching basis. In Conference, it was agreed to change this language so that each recipient would be entitled to not less than \$200,000 in grants on a matching basis under the Subsection. In addition, the District of Columbia, the Territories and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico were included as eligible recipients. The Conferees recognized that each jurisdiction would, therefore, be assured of the right to participate in this grant program up to the amount of \$200,000. The language of the Subsection makes it clear that these grants are subject to regulations prescribed and approved by the Board. The \$200,000 amount is available for grants to each jurisdiction and considered obligated for that purpose, which, if not used, would lapse. It is not intended that the unused portion of the \$200,000 minimum earmarked for each jurisdiction will be available for distribution to any other jurisdiction or for any other purpose. The remaining funds under the \$20,000,000 authorization are automatically available for grants to any eligible jurisdiction that presents a program

found acceptable to the Administration.

The Conferees retained Senate Amendment No. 4. It is merely a conforming amendment made necessary by the renumbering changes in Subsection (a) of Section 9.

The Senate Conferees receded from Senate Amendment No. 6 which would have provided that the Administrator would serve as Chairman of the American Revolution Bicentennial Board and the Vice Chairman shall be elected by members of the Board from members of the Board. The Conferees agreed to retain the original House language providing that the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected by members of the Board from members of the Board other than the Administrator.

The Conferees intend that the regulations provide a reasonable period for applications for grants by eligible entities.

