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TO: STAN SCOTT

FROM: Robert J. Brown

For your information.



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Mr. R. Brown
White House

APR 14 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable John G. Veneman
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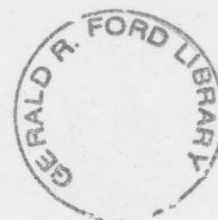
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Subject: Status Report on Administration's Commitments
to Congressional Black Caucus

On March 25, 1971, the Congressional Black Caucus met with the President and submitted to him a statement of sixty recommendations for governmental action. These recommendations ranged from economic security and economic development to foreign policy. The Administration responded in detail to the recommendations on May 18, 1971, indicating the extent to which action had been and was being taken relative to issues resulting from the Congressional Black Caucus recommendations.

Though the May 18 response addressed all issues and recommendations raised by the Caucus, a number of the responses indicated that further action would be taken toward addressing specific issues and concerns.

We have recently completed a review of the Administration's response, and have focused on those areas which required subsequent action. Since it is important that you be aware of the range of activities being undertaken by the Administration in the area of Civil Rights, I am taking this opportunity to share with you a status report on the progress made by the Administration toward following up on commitments made to the Congressional Black Caucus.

I hope you find this report useful. If there are any questions or comments you may have regarding this report, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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Frank C. Carlucci
Associate Director



Attachment

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Director's Chron

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STATUS REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENTS TO CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

I. Actions Completed

- . Administration's new food stamp schedule has been implemented despite delays.
- . Administration's effort relative to a new strategy for combating drugs resulted in establishment of Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention within the Executive Office of the President.
- . Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has amended its rules to require businesses to disclose pending civil rights legal proceedings in their registration statements.
- . Administration is utilizing the \$200 M for mass transit cited as being frozen by Caucus as part of a larger \$1 billion dollar program mounted in FY 1973 for Urban Mass Transportation.
- . Administration released the following funds cited by Caucus as frozen --
Water Sewer - \$100 M -- Model Cities -- \$287 M, and Urban Renewal - \$100 M.
- . Administration significantly strengthened the minority economic development program. Supplemental appropriations of \$40 M made during FY 1972 to OMBE coupled with an increased budget for FY 1973 have greatly contributed to program viability. Additional authorization has been given SBA to substantially increase its management and assistance staff.
- . Administration has released the full \$150 M of public housing funds referred to in the Black Caucus recommendation. These funds will be fully contracted in 1972. This amount includes the \$75 million



for operating subsidies which the Administration, in its response to the Black Caucus, indicated would not be needed in 1971 or 1972. The need for the additional operating subsidies in 1972 is due largely to revised administrative procedures at HUD which shifted the payment of operating subsidies from after the fiscal year to the start of the fiscal year of each housing authority.

- . Secretary of HUD has issued final regulations which establish criteria to help agencies determine when they should finance home construction directly using agency funds. This is in conjunction with Uniform Relocation and Land Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. Final regulations published in Federal Register on February 18, 1972.

II. Actions Underway

- . Veterans Administration moving toward upgrading and establishing goals and timetables for minority employees in conjunction with providing special services to minority veterans. Plan for moving forward relative to goals and timetables has been provided OMB, and program divisions will re-evaluate VA's plan in Spring of 1972.
- . FDIC is in the process of developing two course outlines which would provide technical assistance to managers of minority banks. This is being done in conjunction with assistance of the Comptroller of the Currency. Course outline has been completed for one training course and the other is being developed. Timetable has not been established for course implementation; training of minority bank managers has not begun. Completed course outline is being reviewed by Bank Supervisory Staff currently meeting in California. OMB will press FDIC concerning the schedule implementation of technical training for minority bank personnel.



III. Actions Remaining to be Taken

- . CAB has not issued draft notice of rule making on the Board's power to regulate air carriers' equal employment practices. OMB, through the issuance of an allowance letter, has requested CAB to take action toward implementing its proposed rule making.
- . Administration proposal for a National Foundation for Higher Education still pending in Congress.
- . Office of Education has not developed an acceptable comprehensive national plan of goals, mechanisms and management for the National Right to Read Program. Plans are being re-drafted by OE. HRP personnel to meet with OE on this matter within the week.



March 18, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD HOWARD
FROM: KEN W. CLAWSON
SUBJECT: BLACK CAUCUS

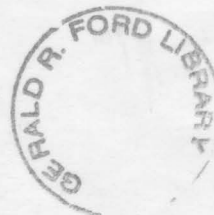
Regarding your March 15 memorandum indicating there was a foul-up in communications between Stan Scott and Noel Koch on a Black Caucus counterattack, I wanted to inform you that Scott kept his part of the bargain.

Four or five versions of the attached Xerox were delivered in speeches by our operatives at the Black Convention in Gary, Indiana.

In addition, Scott delivered the attached criticism of the Black Caucus on March 16 in a speech in Birmingham, Alabama.

My understanding of their understanding was that Koch was supposed to feed similar material to friendly Senators and Congressmen. I hope that he does that even at this late date.

cc: Herbert G. Klein
Charles W. Colson
Stan Scott ✓
Noel Koch



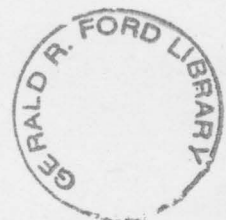
I think President Nixon has shown he is interested in our vote. I think he has shown it by deeds -- not inflated rhetoric and it is time that the black community recognizes this.

Several days ago Representative William Clay, one of my own brothers, accused President Nixon of being a "racist President." He went on to say he thought the President was "making a mistake, surrounding himself with the kind of colored people he has...."

I consider his charges cheap, and underhanded. They smack of partisan politics, they smack of demagoguery at its worst, and further they serve no useful purpose.

Congressman Clay has chosen to hit below-the-belt. He has used the auspices of his office as an elected official of this country to further his own political ambitions. But, even worse than that -- he has done it at the expense and welfare of our own people.

Further, I would suggest that Congressman Clay stop harping about the President and his staff. Instead, Clay might explain to



our people why his own party leadership -- in the Senate and in the House -- has flatly refused to meet with the Black Caucus. I might add that President Nixon has met with them and given an item by item response.

I should also like to point out that as members of the House of Representatives, the Black Caucus could have -- and still can -- put their entire list of proposals in the form of legislation and submit them to the Democrat controlled Congress for passage.

This is not 1865 -- this is 1972. And if we are to survive as a people we must approach our problems with clear, cool, calculated reasoning.

You ladies and gentlemen have the vehicle by which we can achieve the solutions to the problems.

You can bring to the community the facts, you can create an atmosphere of questioning, of debating, of criticism and plaudit.

The majority press cannot do this -- but the black press can.

