

February 18, 1969

Dear Mr. Long:

Thank you for your letter of February 7 to the President regarding the closing of the Alexandria, Louisiana, Weather Bureau office at some time prior to June 30.

We are checking into this matter and you may expect to hear further from Bryce. Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Speedy O.^X Long
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

cc: E. Frayer - w/cc of incoming *sent*

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Maurice H. Stans
Secretary of Commerce

Date: February 15, 1969

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: The President
From: Congressman Speedy O. Long
Date: February 7, 1969
Subject: Protests the closing of the Alexandria, Louisiana, Weather Bureau office by the Environmental Science Services Administration, Dept. of Commerce

By direction of the President:

Bryce N. Harlow
Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the President

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EDY O. LONG
DISTRICT, LOUISIANA

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COMMITTEE ON:
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OAK STREET

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 7, 1969

B.H.
Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have been informed that the Environmental Science Services Administration, Department of Commerce, plans to close the Alexandria, Louisiana, Weather Bureau office at some time prior to June 30, 1969. The services of the Weather Bureau in Central Louisiana are extremely vital and make a poor subject, in my judgment, for practicing minor efficiency cuts upon.

Because of the importance of the Weather Bureau to my District, I want to protest in the strongest terms the Administration's rather arbitrary decision to close this office.

The economy of Central Louisiana is based upon extensive agricultural interests and will be deeply affected by the loss of Weather Bureau services. In addition, we have extensive civilian and military air traffic in the area who must feel the impact of the closure. Of even more importance is the safety and welfare of the people of this region who have learned by hard experience to respect the destructiveness of the elements.

All of these things lead me to believe that this decision is both hasty and ill-advised. I would appreciate your giving this matter a thorough review and re-evaluation in light of the great need my constituents have for the services of the Weather Bureau.

With my thanks for your consideration of this matter, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Speedy O. Long
Speedy O. Long,
Member of Congress

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February 25, 1969

Dear Mr. Long:

Concerned by your February 7 letter, the President requested me to personally look into the circumstances leading to the decision by the Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA) to close its 2-man Weather Bureau Office at Alexandria, Louisiana.

This action, I find, is one of a number of program changes by ESSA in consequence of P.L. 90-364 which, as you know, requires a reduction in employment. Thirteen other offices are similarly affected. We learn that these reductions or closures were ordered only after all other feasible steps to accommodate the law had been taken. Numerous other projects and programs have been terminated or deferred.

Your comments about the value of Weather Bureau service to the city of Alexandria are greatly appreciated. I am informed that the ESSA Weather Bureau will do its best to meet the most essential weather service needs of the community through arrangements with other Weather Bureau offices in the state or through local arrangements.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the President

Honorable Speedy O. Long
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 25, 1969

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Roman L.
Dear Senator Hruska:

Harvard D.
This office has discussed Mr. Fairchild's inquiry of February 10, 1969, with a number of agencies, including Weather Bureau, U. S. Geological Survey, Corps of Engineers, Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Water Resources Council.

Most have heard of the Nebraska plan for flood control and think well of it. None, however, believes it has clear authority for transferring funds (\$80,000) needed for this program. Each states it is willing to provide technical assistance within its capability to advance the State's program.

As you probably know, Nebraska has received a grant of \$47,700 for this current year from the Water Resources Council to assist in development of a State Water Resources Plan. Conceivably a portion of this grant could be used for the flood control component of a comprehensive State Water Resources Plan.

ESSA's Weather Bureau does not transfer funds for setting up rain gauge or stream flow stations. Some funds are available for research contracts. Perhaps the Environmental Sciences Services Administration might be interested in providing research support for some parts of the program. In pursuing this possibility, Mr. Fairchild should write to Dr. Robert White, Administrator, Environmental Sciences Services Administration, Washington Science Center, Rockville, Maryland.

The U. S. Geological Survey is authorized to provide one-to-one matching funds for hydrologic data collection and related purposes. Dr. William Pecora, Director, USGS, states that current new funds for this program total \$360,000 for the Nation. If he has not already done so, perhaps Mr. Fairchild might wish to write to Dr. Pecora to obtain additional information concerning the availability of such funds for his program.

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February 26, 1969

Dear Jack:

Concerned by your February 19 letter, the President requested me to personally look into the circumstances leading to the decision by the Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA) to close its 3-man Weather Bureau Office at Mansfield, Ohio.

This action, I find, is one of a number of program changes by ESSA in consequence of P. L. 90-364 which, as you know, requires a reduction in employment. Thirteen other offices are similarly affected. We learn that these reductions or closures were ordered only after all other feasible steps to accommodate the law had been taken. Numerous other projects and programs have been terminated or deferred.

Your comments about the value of Weather Bureau service to the city of Mansfield are greatly appreciated. I am informed that the ESSA Weather Bureau will do its best to meet the most essential weather service needs of the community through arrangements with other Weather Bureau offices in the state or through local arrangements.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the President

Honorable Jackson E. Betts
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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February 28, 1969

Dear Mr. Fascell:

Bryco asked me to thank you for your February 26 letter urging that funds for the ESSA
*Atlantic Oceanographic Laboratory on Virginia Key in Miami be included in this Administration's amendments to the FY 1970 budget.

Your comments are appreciated and will have careful attention and consideration.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Dante B. Fascell
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

cc: Robert P. Mayo, Director, BOB - w/cc of incoming

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Ashland County Auto Club \$ ①
52 W. 3 St
Ashland, Ohio 44805

March 6, 1969

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The President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

We would like to request that the Weather Bureau
in the Mansfield, Ohio, area not be closed as is
being planned. The Mansfield Bureau is vital to
the protection of this area and the surrounding
counties.

Sincerely Interested Citizens

Mary S. Barber
Vivian Stitzel
Nancy L. Swinford
Joan Drake
Lorene Diehl
Catherine W. Rule
Danna Strine
Helen B. Allison
Joan D. Lett

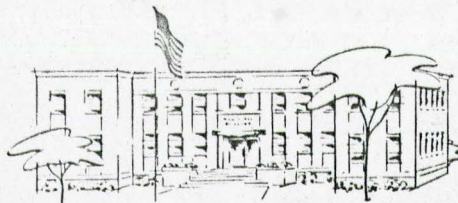
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March 10, 1969

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March 7, 1969

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear President Nixon:

|| Attached find Resolution from the Ashland, Ohio, City Council relating to the importance of the Mansfield Weather Station.

|| This station must be retained as it is an absolute fact that our weather conditions are unlike Cleveland or Columbus, and these stations are of little or no value for the many airports in this vicinity, nor to the farmers, businesses, contractors, schools and other citizens in need of weather information.

|| We are depending on you to exert your influence to rescind the closing of our weather station.

Respectfully,

Don T. Hostettler

Don T. Hostettler,
Mayor.

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: The Secretary of Commerce

Date: March 10, 1969

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REMARKS:

Description:

☐ Letter: ☐ Telegram: Other: **Resolution**

To: **The President**

From: **E. Wm. McCarrick, Pres Protem, Council of the City of Mansfield, Mansfield, Ohio**

Date: **pmd 3/5/69**

Subject: **Resolution urging retention and continued operation of the Mansfield-Lahm Municipal Airport Weather Bureau Station.**

By direction of the President:

John R. Brown III
Staff Assistant
to the President

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RESOLUTION # 69-128

BY MR. ~~McCARRICK~~ *ALL MEMBERS*

Urging retention and continued operation of the Mansfield-Lahm Municipal Airport Weather Bureau Station.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD,
STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That it is the sense of the Council of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, that the retention and continued operation of the Mansfield-Lahm Municipal Airport Weather Bureau Station is a vital, urgent and indispensable necessity for the governmental, educational, defense, industrial, commercial, business, utility and other economic segments, and for the general health, welfare and safety of all citizens, within the eight county area of Ohio benefited by the services rendered by said station.

SECTION 2. That each of our elected representatives to Congress and all other officials and executives having a responsible function and duty pertaining to this vital and necessary service are frankly, pointedly and emphatically urged to exercise their responsible power and authority on behalf of the continued and uninterrupted operation of said weather bureau station, and the Clerk is directed to forward, forthwith, certified copies of this resolution, along with a copy of the column "Trail Winds" by Terry Wolf, from the February 23rd edition of the Mansfield News Journal, to each of the individuals designated on the list submitted by the sponsor hereof.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED MAR 4 1969

SIGNED /s/ E. WM. McCARRICK, Pres. Protem
President of Council

ATTEST

Tina J. Galletter

APPROVED

Robert S. Lester

Clerk of Council

Mayor

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on the list submitted by the sponsor hereof.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED MAR 4 1969 SIGNED /s/ E. WM. McCARRICK, Pres. Protem
President of Council

ATTEST Tina J. Gallagher APPROVED Robert S. Lantley
Clerk of Council Mayor

Approved as to Form: /s/ Robert K. Rath
City Solicitor

I, TINA J. GALLAGHER, Clerk of Council of the City of Mansfield,
Ohio hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original of
this document which is presently on file in the office of
Mansfield City Council.

Attest

Tina J. Gallagher

cc/

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: The Secretary of Commerce

Date: March 10, 1969

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☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President
From: C. N. Sutton, Chairman of the Board, The Richland Trust Company, Three
Date: 3/5/69 North Main Street, Mansfield, Ohio
Subject: Opposed to proposed closing of U.S. weather station at Mansfield-Lahm Airport-
will affect hundreds of jobs in Industrial segment of economy and effectiveness of
164th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Airport; urge White House rescind action.

By direction of the President:

John R. Brown III
Staff Assistant
to the President

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THE RICHLAND TRUST COMPANY

THREE NORTH MAIN STREET / MANSFIELD, OHIO 44901 / PHONE (419) 522-4411

C. N. SUTTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

March 5, 1969

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The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President;

The citizens of Richland County and Mansfield, Ohio are extremely irritated by the recent decision to close our U.S. weather station at the Mansfield-Lahm Airport.

We dyed-in-the-wool Republicans feel let down after working so hard to elect a Republican President. We recognize austerities in Federal spending must be curtailed. However, closing of this weather station will adversely affect:

- A. Literally hundreds of jobs in the Industrial segment of our economy.
- B. The effectiveness of the 164th Tactical Fighter Squadron stationed at the airport.

This closing action will only cause transfer of three men working at the weather station.

We are advised by the office of Congressman Jackson E. Betts that only a White House directive can now rescind this action.

If the latter action, for good reason, appears to be impractical on the part of the Executive Branch, then some alternate solution from your office should be forthcoming.

THE RICHLAND TRUST COMPANY

cc: Mr. Richard M. Nixon

Jan 5, 1969

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Any action on the part of your office will be appreciated and long remembered, "like four years hence."

Respectfully yours,



C. N. Sutton
Chairman of the Board

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c.c. Jackson E. Betts, Member of Congress
William Saxbe, Member of U.S. Senate
Ken Woodman, Editor of Mansfield News Journal

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: The Secretary of Commerce

Date: April 9, 1969

ACTION REQUESTED

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☐ Letter: ☒ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President
From: Mrs. G. E. Bailey, Boulder, Colo.
Date: 4/9/69
Subject: Husband, with International Electronic Development Corp., Denver, has application before the FCC since 1966. Environmental Sciences Services Admin. blocking it; requests President's assistance.

By direction of the President:

John R. Brown III
Staff Assistant
to the President

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July 7, 1969

Dear Mr. Kirby:

Thank you for the copies of the materials prepared
by Mr. Kenneth A. Norton.

I have retrieved a copy of the draft book you refer
to from the Rostow Committee Library. This certainly
is one of the more important problems in telecommunica-
tions and one to which we will be turning our attention
more and more.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Clay T. Whitehead
Staff Assistant

Mr. Robert S. Kirby
Consultant
X Institute for Telecommunication Sciences
Environmental Science Services Administration
Research Laboratories
U. S. Department of Commerce
Boulder, Colorado 80302

cc: Mr. Whitehead
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Stanley, Albert

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BH:

Sue said you received an air mail special delivery letter from Raymond Wilcove who indicated he was a good friend of yours.

He wants you to arrange for the President to send a letter of congratulations to a man in the Coast and Geodetic Service who is celebrating 40 years of service; he is not retiring, but a celebration is being held Tuesday to honor him.

Sue called Eliska Hasek to find out what the SOP is on such a thing. Eliska said the President never send such messages or letters to government employees; if you did it for one, you'd have to do it for everyone.

Sue called Mr. Wilcove and explained you were in California, that all ^{letters} ~~messages~~ from the President were signed by him, and mechanically it couldn't be done; also, she said it was not the policy to do this. Wilcove got very unhappy with Sue and said you had done this for him before and was sure you could do it again. He wanted to reach you here in California. Sue said she didn't know if she'd be talking to you today, but if she did she'd mention his letter to you.

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Sally —

This is the letter about
which I spoke with you 9/5

Susan

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September 26, 1969

Dear Bill:

Just a line to let you know that officials in the Department of Commerce will be in touch with you to try to work out an acceptable announcement on possible construction cut-backs that may affect the ESSA lab in Florida.

If you feel this office can be of assistance in this regard, please let me know.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable William^X Cramer
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

cc: Sol Mosher - Department of Commerce

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
WEATHER BUREAU

Sterling, Virginia

October 7, 1969

IN REPLY REFER TO: W4322

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Mr. Atkins
Photo Office
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Atkins:

This is a follow up letter to our telephone conversation of this morning. I would be pleased to receive two official photos (11x14) of President Nixon for our government laboratory. I am requesting one for my office and one for the director's office. Please send them to:

X Weather Bureau
Test & Evaluation Laboratory
Rt. #1 Box 105
Sterling, Virginia 22170

ATTN: Roger A. X Tucker

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Tucker

Roger A. Tucker

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NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

November 25, 1969

Dear Mr. Jehl:

John Ehrlichman has asked me to express his appreciation for your letter of November 19th in which you recommended that a nation-wide television program be sponsored on the eve of an environmental teach-in.

Your letter has been forwarded to John Whitaker, Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs, for his consideration.

Thanks very much for your interest.

Sincerely,

Tod R. Hullin
Administrative Assistant to
John D. Ehrlichman

Mr. Joseph R. Jehl, Jr.
Curator of Birds & Mammals
+ Natural History Museum
Balboa Park
San Diego, California 92112

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bcc: John Whitaker (with copy of incoming)

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January 9, 1970

Dear Mr. Stewart:

This is to thank you, on behalf of the President, for the Christmas Card you sent him from all of you at ESSA's Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratories. He wants you to know he very much appreciated your thoughtfulness of him.

Although he does not foresee a time now when he could visit your laboratories, the President certainly will keep this in mind. In the meantime, he is grateful to you for asking him and sends you and all those of this facility his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

ESSA's

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Harris B. Stewart, Jr.
Environmental Science Services
Administration
Atlantic Oceanographic and
Meteorological Laboratories
901 South Miami Avenue
Miami, Florida 33130

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Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20230

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM L. HORTON
Administrative Assistant
The White House

FROM: Steven E. Schanes *W. Schanes*
Special Assistant to the Secretary
for Policy Development

SUBJECT: Letter from Mr. Lee J. Weddig Concerning
the National Fisheries Policy Conference

Mr. Weddig has evidently sent the same letter to a number of key executives. I am enclosing copies of replies by Secretary Stans and Dr. Robert White, Administrator of the Environmental Science Services Administration.

We feel that these replies are sufficient.

Enclosure(s)

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November 23, 1970

Dear Mr. Towell:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent letter wherein you indicated your concern regarding the placement of Coastal Zone Management.

Your comments supporting the view that Coastal Zone Management should remain within the Department of the Interior are well taken and will be considered before any decision is made.

Your concern in this matter is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

John C. Whitaker
Deputy Assistant to the President

Mr. William E. ^xTowell
The American Forestry Association
919 Seventeenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006