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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1985

Dear Walter:

Thank you for your letter of February 28 and for your endorsement of Gary Lynch to succeed John Fedders as Director of the Division of Enforcement at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

As you may know, Mr. Lynch has been named by SEC Chairman John Shad as Acting Director of the Division of Enforcement. Since Mr. Shad is responsible for appointing the Director, I will pass your correspondence on to him. You may also wish to communicate your views on Mr. Lynch directly to Mr. Shad.

It was good to hear from you!

With personal regards,

Sincerely,

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March 6, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Fedders Letters

Attached is a draft reply to a letter on the Fedders case. If you agree, we can use this as a form for other Fedders responses. With respect to Fedders himself, the response simply notes that he was appointed by the Chairman of the SEC, and resigned on February 26, 1985. The remainder of the response discusses Administration initiatives in the area of spousal abuse: the Attorney General's Task Force on Family Violence, the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, and ongoing Justice Department programs.

Attachment

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One of the recommendations of the Task Force was that steps be taken to provide greater assistance to victims of spousal abuse. The Administration sponsored and succeeded in obtaining passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, chapter XIV of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984. That legislation established a Crime Victims Fund to support crime victim assistance programs in the various states. To receive funding under the statute the chief executive of the state must certify that "priority shall be given to eligible crime victim assistance programs providing assistance to victims of sexual assault, spousal abuse, or child abuse." Section 1404 of Public Law 98-473, 98 Stat. 2172-2173.

In addition, the Department of Justice participates on an ongoing basis in a wide variety of research, education, and training programs concerned with the problem of spousal abuse, often in cooperation with state and local agencies. In short, the Administration has been actively addressing this problem for some time. The recent publicity surrounding this topic only serves to heighten our resolve to continue our efforts.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

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February 25, 1985

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Dear Mr. Fielding:

I have just read with considerable dismay the attached February 25, 1985 article from the Wall Street Journal concerning Mr. John Fedders admission that he has physically abused his wife. The article stated you are reviewing Mr. Fedders' case.

As you review the case, I hope you will recognize that spouse abuse is not just a "personal problem." It is a crime for which there is no excuse. Mr. Fedders' admission of the abuse and his sleepless night (which apparently came only after his wife went public), his desire to reconcile, his expressions of remorse at his actions, and his brief period of therapy, should not be considered as mitigating factors but rather should be seen for what they are -- classic actions of an abuser.

Spouse abuse is a silent crime that pervades all levels of our society and it plays a significant role in the breakdown of the family unit. Society will change only when its leaders cause it to change. Ronald Reagan has proved himself a great leader because of the principles to which he adheres and the examples which he has set.

The Fedders case presents an opportunity for the Administration to show that leadership through example can strengthen the American family far more than costly governmental programs. I strongly urge the Administration to remove Mr. Fedder from public office.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia J. Drumm
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