
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1968

FOR ED HAMILTON

FROM Joe Califano 

Per our conversation. It would be helpful if I could get a draft by Monday night, along with your recommendations as to those Cabinet Officers and Agency Heads to whom I should send the draft for comment.

Attachment

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Jim Gaither *JG*

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CALIFANO

Subject: Arms Control and Disarmament Agency authorization
bill for fiscal years 1969 through 1971

The existing 3-year authorization of appropriations for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency expires June 30, 1968. Additional authorization is necessary for the continued operation of the Agency.

The Agency proposes Presidential transmittal of a new 3-year authorization covering fiscal years 1969 through 1971. A draft bill authorizing the appropriation of \$33 million for the 3-year period is attached, together with ACDA drafts of a letter from Mr. Foster to the President and of a letter from the President transmitting the legislation to the Congress.

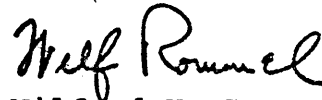
The proposal and accompanying documents have been reviewed by State, Defense, Atomic Energy Commission, and National Security Council staff, which either express support or offer no objection.

National Security Council staff and we strongly concur in ACDA's recommendation for Presidential transmittal. Such transmittal would reemphasize Presidential support for the arms control effort and the cause of peace, while lack of such transmittal -- when the President transmitted the last ACDA authorization bill in 1965 -- could be taken as a sign of the lack of Presidential concern.

If you agree and find the draft material satisfactory, we will see that it is prepared in final form.

We also recommend that the legislation be sent to the Congress as soon as possible after the opening of the second session and hopefully no later than the end of January. We have been informed by ACDA that (a) early transmittal is necessary

to avoid the possibility of the authorization bill being sidetracked for some time in committee by more pressing matters and (b) the House Foreign Affairs Committee staff have indicated that the legislation probably can be considered by the end of January if it is available. (In 1963 ACDA suffered a sizable reduction in its appropriation because the authorization bill had not been enacted when the House considered the appropriation bill.)



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Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

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Draft Presidential Letter Transmitting Legislation to Congress
Extending the Authorization of the
U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

Dear Mr. President: (Mr. Speaker:)

It is with considerable pleasure that I forward today to the Congress a draft of a bill which will exhibit to the world the desire of the United States to continue in the quest for peace. The bill will extend the authorization of appropriations for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency for an additional three years, the same length of time the Congress set for the existing authorization which expires June 30, 1968. Further details are contained in the enclosed letter I received from Mr. William C. Foster, the Director of the Agency.

One of the most compelling challenges ever to confront the ingenuity of man lies in the quest for peace and security through the world-wide control and reduction of armaments. The United States has been meeting that challenge. It has met it through the establishment by Congress in 1961 of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. It has met it through subsequent measures such as the "hot line", used within the past year during the Middle East crisis; the limited test ban treaty; the 1963 United Nations resolution

against bombs in orbit; the treaty concluded last year to preserve outer space for peaceful purposes; and through its efforts to reach agreement on a nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

I am convinced that no one man and no one government can unilaterally bring peace to the world. The days of Pax Romana and Pax Britannica are past. But the individual resources of men and governments, collectively applied, can and must evolve a consensus on how best to promote peace. Leisure or indifference in the pursuit of peace is a luxury none of us can afford. And the fact that military conflicts exist in the world highlights the urgency of this pursuit through international arms control agreements. The Arms Control and Disarmament Agency plays a central role in this quest.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

(1/9/68)