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PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH LESTER MADDOX

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**NOTES OF MEETING BETWEEN LESTER MADDOX
AND THE PRESIDENT**

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Governor Maddox:

Deep appreciation for having us here (approving
our request to see you)

PRESIDENT

Delighted you could come.

Governor Maddox

Federal aid highway funds

We could see inflationary moves which may have
caused you to do this.

Our state funds are tied to federal funds.

No program is more imperative than highway program.

If we can restore these funds, this could be a war on
poverty tool.

Asked for restoration and advancement of funds.

T. Malone Sharp (Chief of Staff)

Maps of eastern seacoast

Have three sites for off-coast laboratory

Good weather/adequate air facilities

Most attractive sites on eastern seacoast

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PRESIDENT

Be glad to take material, study it and consider it.

Senator Russell

Sure all this will be worked out.

PRESIDENT

Glad you came.

Confirm what you say about desirability of road
program.

See need for increase in this area.

When economy heated up, tried to find what we could
do to cool it without bringing in controls.

Wanted to accelerate withholdings and reactivate the
excise taxes.

By mid-year, saw we had to do something else.

Cabinet considered surtax.

Decided we should withhold to cool off as much as we
could.

Called in mayors and governors to withhold their
expenditures/got some cooperation.

Need more withholding, deferring a definite target.

Representative from your state felt we should put roads
on bottom of list to withhold on.

We have released military housing and construction.

PRESIDENT (continued)

Must release some in housing

With highways, we have tried to consider what we
must do.

George Christian

1956	17
1957	37
1958	52
1959	69
1960	34
This yr.	53

PRESIDENT

Soon as we get Vietnam out of way we may get it up
to \$100 million. When we think we can release it, without these
extra costs, we will do it. Don't know if it's this fiscal year.

Would hope road people will bear with us.

Not going to have to reappropriate.

Haven't got all you had.

You'll have more next year if Vietnam improves. Will loosen
up prices.

I'm an old roadhand. Have worked on it/Texas is
suffering.

Need to get prices and labor into shape.

May have trouble with extra withholding on public works.

Don't want to make a promise I can't keep.

My credibility is bad enough now.

After all my cuts, I have just about got it back to
where it was.

Congress always raised my budget.

Like to grant your request/good public investment

Bear with us for next few months, we'll have to
release roads. Will have labor, equipment and material situation.

All the money Georgia would get it will get, but not between
now and June 30. Don't think it will be.

Don't think you want roads to come against that soldier
or that housing.

Governor Maddox

Appreciate your explanation.

Your program is working.

We think all in Georgia is essential, but I know all
states.

PRESIDENT

Georgia is in top 10 in completing its interstate program.

Have made a commitment to withhold \$3 billion in programs.

Governor Maddox

Agents coming out of Office of Education hurt rather than
help. Driving teachers to other fields. Don't think you intended these
people to cover the areas they cover.

Governor Maddox (continued)

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Hope you would ease off in this area.

PRESIDENT

Delegation has come to talk with me about it.

Governors have raised question. Some merit to criticism. These are faults in Federal administration. Be glad to bring to Secretary Gardner's attention any cases you may have.

Don't want to damage education setup or relationship with states. Right is not all on one side.

Now what a trial you have gone through in trying to carry out law of the land.

Want to minimize difficulties .

Governor Maddox

All I would ask: local control of educational system.

Mr. Flynt

Compliance teams of Health, Education and Welfare,
Education and Justice

--harrassed
and
-- angered

All school officials undoing all the good you are trying to do.

They don't get blame .

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Mr. Flynt (continued)

Howe doesn't get blame.

You get blame.

I hate to see it.

PRESIDENT

I want to keep harassment at minimum.

Going to have to try to have fiscal control.

Senator Russell

We got some military construction money.

We have gotten more than Texas possibly.

PRESIDENT

Know problems this administration gives you.

I have never known state with finer delegation than

Georgia.

PRESIDENT

When you discuss this meeting, you can say we talked about impounding of funds in highways, housing, and construction.

We talked about the economy generally. We discussed problems as result of the situation in Vietnam.

We will try to release funds as soon as we can.

We may take some actions down the road.