

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN  
FROM: KEN LAZARUS<sup>2</sup>  
SUBJECT: Securities Exchange Act Amendments

Attached are: (1) a letter to you from SEC Chairman Garrett requesting the President's support of the subject bill; and (2) Geoff Shepard's memo to you suggesting that public support be withheld at this time in order to facilitate amendments meeting certain concerns of Justice, Treasury and OMB.

I agree with the general proposition that we should avoid formal communications to the regulatory agencies lest they be misinterpreted. However, your phone call can indicate general Administration support of the goals of the subject bill with only two reservations: (1) the measure should not interfere with the litigating authority of the Department of Justice; and (2) it should contain no provision which would have the effect of diminishing the legislative and budget oversight functions of OMB. Such a phone call would likely prompt Garrett to move to have these objectionable features excised from the bill.

I am advised that the President has agreed to meet with a group of stock exchange people later this week and will comment on the subject bill. You might also apprise Garrett of this fact.

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