

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 14, 1971 THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

CHARLES W. COLSON
FREDERIC V. MALEK

SUBJECT:

Bureau of Labor Statistics

As you know, considerable progress has been made in reforming the BLS through reorganization, transfers, and the placement of Dan Rathbun as Deputy Commissioner. To complete the task, however, it is essential that Jeff Moore be replaced by a tough, loyal, economist.

The ideal replacement for Moore is Edgar Fiedler who, at present, is Harold Passer's deputy. Fiedler is politically smart, professionally qualified, understands the problem, and wants the job. However, we discovered yesterday that John Connally wants Fiedler to be his Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy. We understand Connally's point of view completely, but the BLS job has an infinitely higher political priority. Moreover, we are not confident that a suitable alternate can be found for BLS, while there are several good men available for the Treasury spot. In fact, Treasury was almost ready to go with Bob Dederick, Senior Vice President of the Northern Trust Company.

✓ This memo is written with the thought that you might want to mention your need for Fiedler at BLS during your Friday meeting with Connally. We would be glad to provide priority assistance in locating alternatives for the Treasury spot if Connally does not want Dederick.

OR enroute to N.C.

You should also know that Connally is fully cooperating with us to find a spot for Moore at Treasury. Understandably, Connally does not want Moore in the Assistant Secretary spot, but he is pursuing several other feasible options.