

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR KEN COLE

FROM: John C. Whitaker

SUBJECT: School Lunch Bill



The latest school lunch legislation is here for signature. Considering that it was largely sponsored by Humphrey and McGovern, we came out of it better than we had any reason to expect. It authorizes approximately \$185 million more than we had requested, but \$85 million of that goes to fund an increase in the lunch subsidy from 6¢ to 8¢, which we privately were more than willing to accept. In addition, the bill authorizes expenditures for non-food subsidies such as purchase of cafeteria equipment and initiates a pilot program for feeding aid for lactating mothers. Because these additional increases are authorizations only, there is no sentiment either at the OMB staff level or here that the legislation as it emerged in the Congress is a veto candidate.

cc: Cap Weinberger