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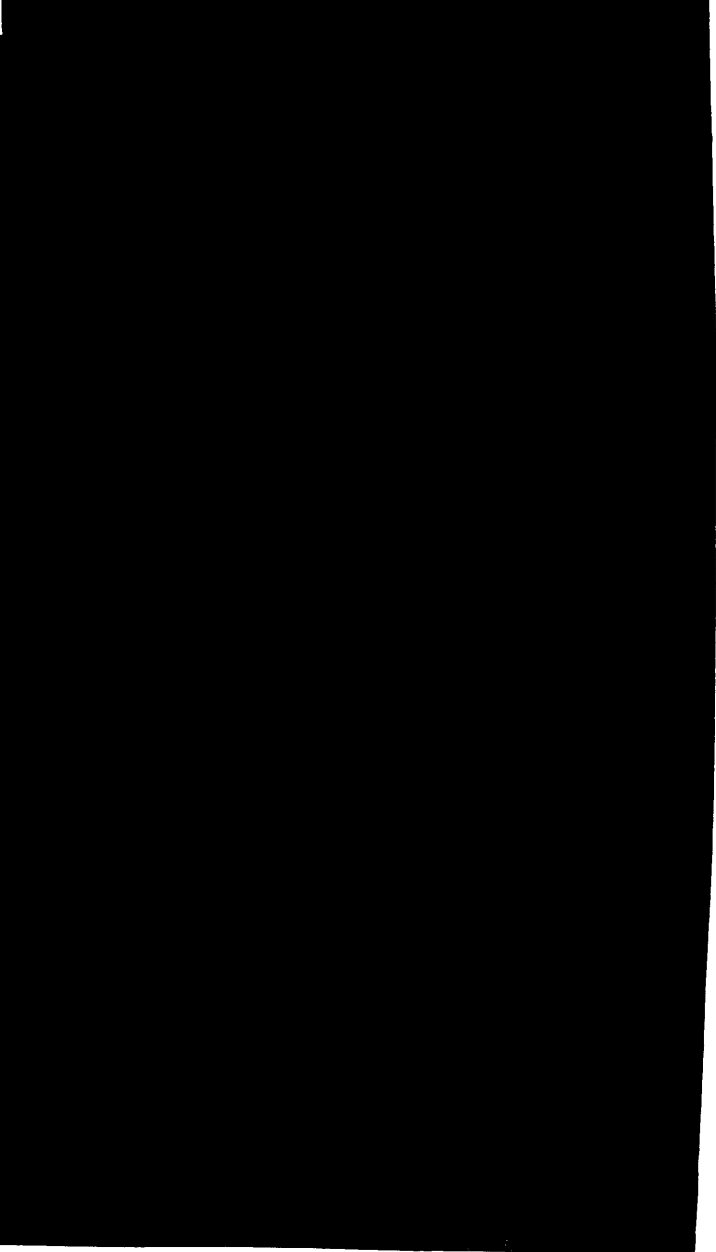
May 8, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Customs Dispute Involving  


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 has written you a "personal and confidential" letter to complain about the treatment accorded him and his wife by Customs officials. 

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[REDACTED]

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In his letter to you [REDACTED] criticizes the allegedly arbitrary approach of Customs, notes that he has a tape (consensual) of a Customs official admitting that it has taken Customs several months to react to a request for investigative action, and complains that [REDACTED] was detained when [REDACTED] visited the White House to have lunch with a friend. [REDACTED] also contends, in something less than a clarion claim of innocence, that [REDACTED]

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The White House obviously should not become involved in this unfortunate episode. I do not recommend even a referral to Customs, since Customs is already aware of the dispute [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The attached draft reply to [REDACTED] for your signature simply notes that the White House cannot become involved in his case.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 8, 1984

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Dear 

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Thank you for your letter of April 29, 1984, concerning your pending dispute with the United States Customs Service.

I must advise you that the White House adheres to a policy of not intervening on behalf of private parties with respect to proceedings involving those parties pending before agencies with adjudicative functions. The purpose of this policy is to maintain public confidence in the impartial administration of our laws. Accordingly, I must decline to take any action concerning your pending case before the Customs Service.

I trust you will understand the reasons for this response.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Reappointments to the Board of Directors  
of the Federal National Mortgage Association

I have reviewed the Personal Data Statements submitted by James B. Coles, Bert A. Getz, Dianne Ingels, Merrill Butler, and James E. Lyon in connection with their prospective reappointments to the Board of Directors of the Federal National Mortgage Association. The President is authorized to appoint five of the 15 members of the Board, 12 U.S.C. § 1723(b), on an annual basis. Of the five Presidential appointees, one must be from the homebuilding industry, one from the mortgage lending industry, and one from the real estate industry. Id.

As an initial matter, it should be noted that the members of the FNMA board are not subject to Federal conflict of interest laws or regulations. This conclusion was reached in a July 10, 1970 opinion issued by then Assistant Attorney General William H. Rehnquist, and reaffirmed by this office upon the initial clearance of President Reagan's appointees to the Board. Thus, the fact that the appointees have financial interests in and associations with entities affected by the activities of FNMA is not a bar to their service on the board. Indeed, the enabling statute specifically contemplates that some of the appointees will represent segments of the economy most directly affected by the activities of FNMA.

I have no objection to the reappointments of Coles, Getz, Ingels, and Butler. These reappointments satisfy the requirements of 12 U.S.C. § 1723(b): Butler is in the homebuilding industry, and has served as President of that industry's trade association; Coles, Getz, and Ingels are in the real estate business; Getz may also be considered a representative of the mortgage lending industry by virtue of his service on several bank and mortgage company boards.

As you know, James E. Lyon, the fifth of the President's prospective reappointees,

[REDACTED]

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