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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1974

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I thought I would provide you with some additional information on the President's deferral of the federal pay increase.

I hope this proves useful to you as we get closer to the vote on Thursday.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

TOM

Tom C. Korologos
Deputy Assistant
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Enclosure

Honorable James O. Eastland
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

FACT SHEET

Comparison of Federal Pay Increases and Changes in the CPI

Federal White-Collar Pay System

Federal pay levels lagged behind those found in private enterprise until July 1969, when a Federal pay schedule based on comparable rates was put into effect. Since that time, Federal rates have remained comparable under the procedures of the Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970.

The following table lists the Federal comparability increases given since July 1969 and CPI increases for comparable years:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>CPI Change</u>
Jan. 1970	6.00%	2.8%
Jan. 1971	5.96	5.2
Jan. 1972	5.5	3.4
Oct. 1972	5.14	2.8
Oct. 1973	4.77	7.9
Cumulative Increase (com- pounded)	30.5%	24.0%

Salaries for Federal workers have increased by 30.5 percent since July 1969, when comparability in Federal pay levels was reached with private enterprise. During that same period of time, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has increased by 24.0 percent. Between the date of the last pay increase and July 1974, the CPI has gone up by 8.6 percent. The President's Agent has recommended a 5.5 percent increase in pay levels to maintain comparability.

Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Pay System

Top officials in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of Government have not received an increase since March 1969, although the CPI has risen 37.3 percent since that time.