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THE WHITE HOUSE

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My dear Governor Camacho:

This is in reply to your letter of September 26 regarding Administration support for Section 301 of H.R. 7330.

As you know, the measure passed the House of Representatives without benefit of Administration testimony. I know that you are also aware of the Interior Department's testimony on the issue when the matter was considered by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

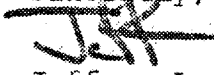
Rather than accept the \$10 million authorization passed by the House, the Senate committee amended the section requiring the Secretary of the Interior to submit to it a report on the existing port facilities; the need for repair, improvement or replacement with cost estimates; and the appropriate Federal assistance for such work. The report is to be submitted in time for consideration for inclusion of any required assistance in the FY 1982 budget.

The Senate committee took this action, according to its report, because it felt that there was inadequate justification at this point for the authorization voted by the House. If the Senate committee amendment is adopted by the full Senate, as we anticipate, then the disparity between the positions of the two Houses will have to be ironed out in formal or informal conference on H.R. 7330 before final passage of the bill and before further executive action is required. If these steps are completed in this Congress, the Administration will take appropriate action on the measure.

Let me note in closing that it was a pleasure to meet with you during the recent organizational meeting of the Pacific Basin Development Conference.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,



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Sorry I won't be  
able to join you  
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