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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Correspondence from Congressman Dingell  
on Appointment of New Chairman of Marine  
Mammal Commission

John Dingell wrote the President on December 10, 1982, to raise concerns about the prospective appointment of a new chairman for the Marine Mammal Commission. He quoted the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, 16 U.S.C. § 1401(b)(1) [incorrectly cited in the letter to 15 U.S.C.] which require that commissioners be knowledgeable in marine ecology and chosen from a list submitted by several agencies. Dingell stated he had received "disquieting" reports that those provisions were not being followed, and requested that the President advise him of any actions he might take with regard to this matter and identify how any appointments he might make to the Commission comply with the law.

The Office of Presidential Personnel advises that they are not going ahead with plans to appoint [REDACTED] the apparent source of Dingell's concern. That prospective appointment was never even announced. They have asked that this office draft a reply to Dingell. b6

Dingell's letter does no more than tell the President what the law is and admonish him to abide by it. I have drafted what I consider an appropriate reply to such a presumptuous letter, telling Dingell we are aware of the law and will, as always, comply with it. As for his request to be kept advised of any actions taken with respect to this matter, I would tell Dingell that appointments to Commissions of this sort are routinely publicly announced. The contemplated [REDACTED] appointment was never announced, and I do not think Dingell has any right to know that we have decided not to pursue it. b6