

June 21, 1966

MRS. ROBERTS:

The "Information Bill", S. 1160, was received at the White House June 22, which means that the President has through July 4 to take action on it.

The Reports coming in through the Bureau of the Budget have not yet been received. Budget indicates they will be here Tuesday, June 28th, at the latest and possibly a little earlier. As you know, in the normal course they are reviewed by the Special Council before submission to the President.

William J. Hopkins

P. S. I get the impression that Budget is "negative" on a ceremony.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1966
11:30 a.m. Friday

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Signing of Information Bill

1. You will remember that Bob Fleming suggested, in the event the President signs the Freedom of Information Bill, that you hold a public signing ceremony, with an affirmative talk on freedom of information with representatives of broadcasting, newspaper publishers, newspaper editors, American Bar Association, etc. invited. The President disapproved such a ceremony.

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2. Congressman Moss phoned me at 10:30 a.m. to urge you in the event that you sign the bill, to capitalize on it and hold a public signing.

3. Congressman 'Moss' theory is as follows:

The President has unjustly been criticized on the credibility gap; his opponents have built up an image of the President as being unwilling or uninterested in giving information to the public, etc. Here, according to Congressman Moss, is an opportunity to show the President's desire to inform the public through a bill signing.

Congressman Moss believes that if the President signs the bill, an affirmative statement by him would remove what he called "public distortion and false impressions" as to the desire of the President to inform the public.

Robert E. Kintner

No Ceremony

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Determined to be an administrative marking
By 7/22 On 6-25-87