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November 24, 1976

Frank Zarb, Administrator
Federal Energy Administration
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Dear Mr. Zarb:

It seems totally inappropriate for the present Administration to act to decontrol the price of gasoline.

Decontrol would have an impact upon the economy overall and could seriously compromise the objectives of the new Administration and the new Congress in developing a comprehensive national energy policy.

It cannot be denied that the American Electorate did make a choice that results in a change of leadership on January 20, 1977. For the outgoing Administration to take such an important step, as the decontrol of gasoline, in its last moments, is not consistent with the expressed desires of that electorate.

We strongly urge that any act to decontrol be stayed pending the inauguration of the new Administration.

Sincerely,

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The Ford Administration has never had a mandate from the people nor has its policies been endorsed in either the Congressional elections of 1974 nor the Presidential election of 1976 - it stands as the singular example of U.S. Government without the consent of the governed.

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MEMORANDUM
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TO: _____

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY—

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John Dingell

OF (Organization) _____

☐ PLEASE CALL →

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☐ WILL CALL AGAIN

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☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

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has spoken with
Frank Zarb.

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11/23/76

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Sources within DHR said the department's personnel division, which has been implicated in the latest allegations, spent all day yesterday preparing Yeldell's statement for the gathering, and formulating answers to questions he expects to face.

It is not the first time Yeldell has turned to his church in a call for community support in the face of adversity.

At a meeting called to protest City Council cuts in his agency's budget last February, Yeldell met with an audience of about 100, composed largely of his own employees, who vigorously applauded his denunciation of the proposed cuts.

The Rev. S. Everett Guiles, pastor
See YELDELL, A5, Col. 1

By Haynes Johnson
Washington Post Staff Writer

Jimmy Carter came to the White House yesterday, but not under his own power. All he would have had to do was walk diagonally across the street and go in the front door.

Harry Truman used to do just that when he lived there. Presidents—or Presidents-elect—apparently aren't permitted such freedom and simplicity of movement these days.

What the crowd that had waited, three deep and a block long, throughout a long chill November day finally got was a glimpse of the next President walking down the steps of Blair House. Then he entered a limousine. His nine-car caravan took off, motor-

cycle escort sirens wailing, for a block and a half swing around the Executive Office Building complex and inside the iron gates where the VIPs enter.

Now in terms of history that first entry may not mean much to Jimmy Carter's presidency. But it is a re-

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minder that no matter how informal a tone he wishes to set, protocol and security and custom dictate other actions.

For days now Carter has been projecting an air of studied casualness that is supposed to mark his administration. He issues a call for a less for-

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White House Move Surprises Hill

Gasoline Decontrol Sought

By Richard T. Cooper
Los Angeles Times

The Ford administration, in a move that apparently caught congressional Democrats by surprise, has decided to seek abolition of price controls on gasoline before President-elect Jimmy Carter takes office.

The decontrol move, which administration officials insisted would have no immediate effect on consumer prices, could take effect Jan. 19, one day before Carter's inauguration, unless Congress exercised its special veto power first.

Under present law, gasoline marketers and refiners cannot raise prices except to pass along to their customers actual increases in crude oil or other

petroleum costs on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Also, certain increases in costs of labor, maintenance, and some other business expenses can be passed through to consumers.

The law permits the President to propose removal of controls on any petroleum product if he is convinced that "competition and market forces would provide adequate protection for the consumer" and if decontrol would "not result in inequitable prices for any class of user."

Once such a proposal is formally submitted to Congress, it becomes effective within 15 days unless the House or the Senate passes a resolution of disapproval. Under terms of the law,

See GASOLINE, A6, Col. 3

Vietnamese Plan To Buy Stock in Diplomat Bank

By Scott Armstrong
and Maxine Cheshire
Washington Post Staff Writers

A group of wealthy South Vietnamese refugees is planning to buy 25 to 30 per cent of the stock of the Diplomat National Bank of Washington from associates of South Koreans Tongsun Park and Pak Bo Hi, central figures in the U.S. investigation of South Korean influence-buying here.

The prospective South Vietnamese investors in the bank are represented by local attorney Anthony G. Chase, a former official of both the Small Business Administration and the office of the U.S. comptroller of the currency. Chase was elected yesterday as a new director of Diplomat National Bank.

Chase joined the Diplomat National board as nationally syndicated columnist Jack Anderson and Washington-based karate school entrepreneur Jhoon Rhee resigned as directors of the bank yesterday during a 5½-hour board meeting.

Anderson had announced on Sunday that he would resign from the bank to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest following published reports that he had objected to a congressional investigation of the bank. Rep. Donald Fraser (D-Minn.) chairman of a subcommittee investigating the apparent purchase of nearly half of the bank's stock by followers of South Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon, had charged, and Anderson denied, that Anderson threatened to use his column to try to curb the inquiry.

Anderson also had suggested that Rhee resign from the bank after Rhee was subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury here that is investigating allegations that Tongsun Park, Pak Bo Hi, and South Korean President Park Chung Hee conspired to spend

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Children's Hospital Drops Its Malpractice Insurance

By Lawrence R. Meyer
Washington Post Staff Writer

Children's Hospital, faced with a 900 per cent increase in its malpractice insurance premiums, has become the first hospital in the Washington area to drop commercial coverage and switch to self-insurance against potential malpractice claims.

Children's thus joins a growing movement of American hospitals that are moving toward self-protection and other solutions to avoid the spiraling cost of medical malpractice insurance.

The heart of Children's effort involves setting aside \$100,000 each

month in a special fund which, according to Children's Hospital administrator Noel E. Kroncke, is invested in "safe, secure investments, anything that doesn't have any real gamble to it."

Kroncke said Children's already has about \$800,000 set aside since the hospital decided last January to drop its policy with the Insurance Company of North America. The funds have been invested in federal government securities, according to Kroncke, bringing a return of about 5.5 to 6 per cent.

How much will eventually be set aside to cover the potential claims

See INSURE, A7, Col. 1

See DIPLOMAT, A4, Col. 1

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