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OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT

STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/12/82 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11/18/82
 SUBJECT: Terminating the Postal Monopoly

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for Policy Development
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 12, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE UHLMANN

FROM: EDWIN L. HARPER 
SUBJECT: Terminating the Postal Monopoly

At one time one of the Cabinet Councils was looking into the possibility of ending the postal services monopoly on postal service. Can you give me a status report on this and what it would take to move it forward. Also, what would be your recommendation with respect to the priorities we ought to attach to this.

Bill Barr
FYI

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 20, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ED MEESE

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER 
SUBJECT: Postal Rate Commission

During a recent meeting with Janet Steiger, Chairman, Postal Rate Commission, I was briefed on the following issues which we should discuss. We may choose to avoid any administration action on these matters or we may decide to fill a couple of the vacancies on the Board.

Issues

1. Demonopolization will continue to be an issue. Currently, Jim Miller has the lead for the administration. Bolger has strong feelings about this matter. Administration should consider whether or not it wants to send signal.
2. Rate Case is pending. It is conceivable that postage could go to 23¢ or 24¢, possible to 25¢. If we want to have an impact on an upcoming labor contract we need to have some input before the case is submitted.
3. Zip plus 4 has been reviewed by GAO and a report is about to be issued. This will continue to be controversial; however, Bolger plans to move ahead.
4. ECOM is moving forward now that the DOJ suit failed. A rate case will come before the Commission in February and it is clear that the pricing of ECOM must be thoroughly reviewed. The Postal Service may seek interconnect rights which will be controversial. The ECOM issue will raise questions about the Federal governments role in telecommunications and the matter should be reviewed.