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Assistant to the President's Representative, 1972 November
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November 28, 1972

Mr. William Conner
Executive Office of the President
Holy Cross Hall
King's College
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Bill:

The Building Contractors Association of Wyoming Valley, Inc. has been in touch with me because of its concern with the regulation requiring that all repair work for SBA loans be completed within a year after the loan money is received. In view of the magnitude of the damage and the number of homes effected, as well as business establishments, it is clear now that this ~~will~~ be an impossible task. I would appreciate your ascertaining whether ~~this~~ time may be extended, particularly for cause shown. For example, we are told now that bathroom fixtures will not be available for a year and a half. If this continues to be true, it is obvious that many homes will not be completed within the required period of time.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

MAX ROSENN

MR:cjr

November 28, 1972

Edmund D. Yarmey, Executive Director
Building Contractors Association of
Wyoming Valley, Inc.
200, Franklin Federal Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Mr. Yarmey:

I have your letter of November 27th in connection with the completion of repair work under the SBA loan program. I shall take this matter up with the Flood Recovery Task Force and the appropriate federal agencies. We shall keep in touch with you.

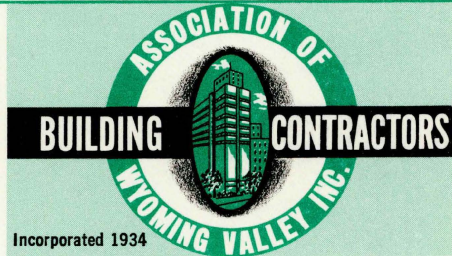
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November 27, 1972

Judge Max Rosenn
197 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Judge Rosenn:

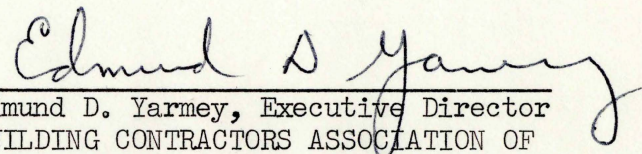
This Association is becoming very concerned over the regulation in SBA Loans which calls for completion of all repair work within a year after the loan money is received. I have taken this up with several SBA personnel and they brush off my request with "It will probably be extended".

An extension next May or June will be useless. The damage will have been done. Some illegitimate contractors use this in their sales pitch. When the owner is faced with spending this money within a year, he succumbs to these "scare tactics".

We feel your Flood Recovery Task Force should start immediately to get this time limit extended. It is physically impossible to do all this work in a year even if we had sufficient tradesmen.

Please extend every effort to have this date extended before irreparable damage is done.

Very truly yours,


Edmund D. Yarmey, Executive Director
BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF
WYOMING VALLEY, INC.

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cc: Leonard J. Tabone
Frank Carlucci

December 6, 1972

William J. Conner, Executive Assistant
to the President's Representative
Executive Office of the President
Holy Cross Hall
King's College
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Bill:

I thank you very much for your letter advising me of the effort to expedite bathroom supplies to this area with Presidential Priority. I think this will be very helpful and we appreciate your interest and attention. I had not heard from Oscar Snead; thus, your letter brought me up to date.

It was a great pleasure to have you and Senator Conner at the exercises at the Courthouse and dinner at the Irem Temple Country Club. Your presence added a warm and pleasurable note to the day.

Sincerely yours,

MAX ROSEN
Chairman

MR:cjr

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
December 4, 1972

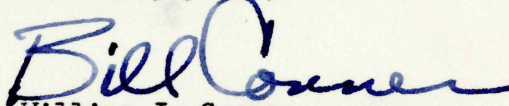
Honorable Max Rosenn
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Hotel Sterling
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Judge Rosenn:

I am sure that Oscar Snead has tried to reach you with the answer to the question raised in your letter of November 28, 1972, concerning availability of bathroom fixtures. For your record I am enclosing a copy of his note to me indicating that he can expedite supplies by employing Presidential Priority if that be required. It appears that he is in the process of doing so.

I hope that this will solve the problem.

Cordially yours,



William J. Conner
Executive Assistant to the
President's Representative

Encl.

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MEMORANDUM TO: MR. BILL CONNER
SUBJECT: PLUMBING SUPPLIES

In response to your inquiry concerning a letter from Judge Rosenn, I have obtained the following information:

I talked with Mr. Ed Yarney of the Builders Contractors Association of Wyoming Valley, Inc. He was unable to give me too much information but suggested that I call Mr. Jack Cunningham of the Eastern Pennsylvania Supply Company, dealers in plumbing fixtures, etc.

Mr. Cunningham advised me that this was a nationwide shortage of building materials and not necessarily flood related. He stated that this year 2.5 million homes have been started, as opposed to 1.75 million last year, and this has absorbed the general supply of plumbing fixtures. To date, his delivery on porcelain fixtures is 150 to 180 days. I asked Mr. Cunningham if a Presidential Priority for these items would expedite their delivery. He assured me that it most certainly would.

I requested Mr. Cunningham to forward to me a list of his suppliers. Upon receipt of this list, we will issue a priority letter to each firm concerned.


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