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White House Was Cool To Controls Last Week

BUFFALO, Aug. 16 (AP)—Mayor Frank A. Sedita of Buffalo wrote the White House July 19 asking for wage and price controls, officials disclosed today.

The reply — written last Thursday by Murray L. Weidenbaum, assistant secretary for economic policy in the Treasury Department — said inflation “does require that we keep an open mind as to the possible need for new approaches.”

“But, frankly speaking, I believe that to go so far as to impose national wage and price controls would be a serious mistake.”

The letter arrived today, a day after President Nixon put a wage and price freeze into effect.
