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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.
