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## \$20 From Dad

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President Ford had to interrupt an Oval Office conference with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger last week to take care of a serious economic problem. His 17-year-old daughter, Susan, needed her allowance.

While an amused Kissinger and other American diplomats waited patiently, Susan explained:

"Mother doesn't have any money either, so I had to come to you." Holding out her hand, she waited as her father peeled off one \$10 bill and then another—more than double her usual \$7-a-week allowance. Then she went out and stimulated the economy by spending the entire \$20 on flower pots to display her plant collection.

### Behind Closed Doors

A lot went on behind closed doors during the 27 years William M. ("Fishbait") Miller was guarding the portals in the House of Representatives.

Now that he has been deposed as doorkeeper, a lot of people—including moviemaker Otto Preminger—are waiting to see if he is willing, or able, to offer more than a key-hole peek at congressional secrets.

Preminger has approached Miller about a film on his life, and at least three authors have approached him about writing an as-told-to book. He has been interviewed for an upcoming "Parade" magazine cover story and has had an in-depth discussion with television's David Susskind.

### Social Malfunctions

The legal battle over former President Richard M. Nixon's papers and tape-recordings is making it difficult for the White House social office to function.

Because all Nixon administration files have been sealed under a temporary restraining order until the courts settle the question of ownership, First Lady Betty Ford's staff find themselves hampered in planning official entertaining.

They cannot see either menus or guest lists for state dinners and other Nixon events.

Consequently, they cannot be sure they are not serving a visiting head of state the same food he ate the last time he was here. And they must rely on sometimes hazy staff memories for who has been invited previously and how many times.