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MEETING WITH LEACH/MAY and  
TOM KLEPPE, AND LOUIS LAUN  
OF SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
Monday, July 28, 1975  
3:30 p.m.  
Mr. Cannon's Office

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON

FROM: LYNN MAY

SUBJECT: Meeting with Thomas S. Kleppe, Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and Louis Laun, Deputy Administrator, SBA -- July 28, 1975

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I. PURPOSE

To discuss some problems facing small business and the SBA.

II. BACKGROUND AND AGENDA

A. Background:

The Small Business Administration was created by Congress in 1958 to encourage, assist and protect the interests of small businesses. The Agency's programs encompass the following objectives: insuring that small business concerns receive a fair proportion of government purchases, contracts and subcontracts; making loans to small business concerns, minority enterprises, state and local development companies and victims of natural and certain economic disasters; regulating small business investment companies; management assistance to small businesses and minority firm's and conducting studies of the economic environment.

Through the efforts of OMB and the Domestic Council, SBA has shifted its emphasis in the last year from concentrating predominantly on being the lender of last resort to small firms to being the advocate and defender of small business within the Federal government. It has also become more responsive to its constituency. The Agency has made efforts to play a greater part in testifying on legislation affecting small businessmen and in assembling related statistical data, but limited personnel has hindered the effectiveness of this program.



B. Agenda:

Kleppe and Laun would like to address the following four areas:

- (1) The value of SBA Loan Programs.
- (2) The Growth of SBA Responsibilities and the Decline of Agency Personnel Resources.
- (3) SBA's Role in Federal Minority Business Programs.
- (4) The Agency's Advocacy Program.