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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

February 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR

SUBJECT:

CABINET AGENDA ITEMS



The following items have been suggested for the next Cabinet meeting (February 18th).

1. Briefing by Donald Rumsfeld on the Defense Budget. 30 minutes.

Secretary Rumsfeld indicated that it might be helpful if he were to brief the members of the Cabinet on the Defense budget this year since it is likely to become a contentious item. As the Cabinet members appear both on the Hill and in their roles as advocates for you, they are likely to be questioned sharply about why the Defense budget has risen and their own budgets have been constrained.

Approve Disapprove

2. Briefing by Secretary Coleman on the Concorde decision. 15 minutes.

Jack Marsh has suggest that Secretary Coleman brief the Cabinet on his Concorde decision. Jack suggests that it would be helpful if after the briefing you were to indicate that it will be necessary for other members of the Cabinet, particularly Secretary Kissinger, Secretary Richardson and Russell Train of EPA, to carry some of the burden of Hill testimony on this decision. Secretary Coleman cannot be expected to carry the entire load.

Approve______Disapprove_____

3. Economic Briefing by Alan Greenspan. 15 minutes.

You may wish to have Alan Greenspan discuss the unemployment figures released today as well as other aspects of the economy. This would

be useful both to keep the Cabinet informed and to prepare them for their roles as advocates.

Approve Disapprove ____

4. Briefing by Jack Marsh on Congressional outlook and strategy. 30 minutes.

When it was suggested earlier that Jack Marsh make a presentation on the Congressional outlook and strategy, you indicated that you wished to postpone this until the Congress had returned. Do you wish to have such a presentation at this meeting?

Yes M

No

