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CABINET MEETING

Thursday, February 19, 1976

9:00 A. M.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1976

CABINET MEETING

Thursday, February 19, 1976
9:00 a.m. (90 minutes)
The Cabinet Room

From: James E. Connor 

I. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

1. Background: You last met with the Cabinet on January 19th for a briefing on your State of the Union Message. The agenda which you approved for this meeting is attached at Tab A.
2. Participants: List attached at Tab B.
3. Press Plan: Press Photo at Beginning of Meeting, and David Kennerly Photo.

II. TALKING POINTS

1. I'd like to start by welcoming Elliot Richardson to his first Cabinet meeting in my Administration. Elliot, we are all glad to have you on board and look forward to working with you.

This would have been Bill Usery's first Cabinet meeting also, but unfortunately we received word that his mother died and he, of course, has gone home for the funeral.

2. It has been some time since Alan Greenspan briefed the Cabinet on the economy, but in the last month there have been some significant developments in the economic area. I would like Alan to bring us up to date on what has happened and to indicate his views on the way in which he expects future economic activity to develop. Alan,....

3. The Defense budget is currently receiving a good deal of attention. I thought it might be helpful to you if Don Rumsfeld were to brief you on his Department's budget so that you can be prepared to answer questions which may come up in your various appearances on the Hill and around the country. Don,...
4. You all know the decision made by Bill Coleman on the Concorde. I think it was a wise and judicious decision and congratulate Bill on the way he handled it. I'd like him to give us a bit of the background on the decision. Before he begins, however, I want to mention that Bill will require support, both on the Hill and elsewhere, in defending this decision, and I want to urge all of you to give him that support. Especially important will be the support of the Departments of State and Commerce, as well as that of EPA. Bob (Ingersoll), Elliot, and Russ (Train), I will count on you to see that Bill gets complete support and cooperation on this issue from your respective departments. Bill, I think we're ready now for your presentation.
5. Last year Jack Marsh gave us a most informative presentation on Congressional outlook and strategy. I have asked Jack to bring us up to date on the Congressional situation since it will be very important for all of us in our dealings with the Congress this election year. Jack,...
6. One of the clear points that emerges from what Jack Marsh has just told us is that this Administration, given the opposition majority in the Congress, has got to be unified if it is going to succeed. There are two ways in which we can demonstrate our unity before the Congress. First, by the way in which each of you and all of your subordinate officials support my budget on the Hill and elsewhere, and second, by the way in which we, as an Administration, testify on the many pieces of legislation that are before the Congress.

Many of you will be testifying on budget matters in the next few months. I have asked Jim Lynn to outline the process and what we expect from you. In addition, there was a newspaper report a few weeks ago which indicated it was the Administration's policy to have the Government pick up the tab for the costs of representing the "public" before Federal agencies. That is not the Administration's position, and I would like Jim Lynn also to address the general issue of the clearance of testimony. Jim,...

7. Before we adjourn, there are two items I'd like to bring to your attention.

Tom Kleppe has asked me to mention the Interdepartmental Savings Bond Campaign. Tom, as you may know, is the new Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee, and we are indeed fortunate to have Tom take on this important responsibility. The Campaign will start this year on March 1st, and it goes without saying that it has my complete support. I have been a regular Bond-buyer. The program is good for our country; it constitutes the least inflationary way the Treasury can borrow to finance Federal programs. I want to urge all the members of the Cabinet to become personally involved in the 1976 Savings Bonds Campaign and would appreciate your prompt attention to the program by making your staff aware of your personal interest in the success of this year's campaign. Tom will be keeping me informed of the progress made by each Department and Agency during the campaign.

The second item I'd like to bring to your attention concerns the Capitol Hill Club. Chuck Chamberlain mentioned to me recently that he would be most happy to have members of the Cabinet make more frequent use and appearances at the Club. I hope all of you will take advantage of the facilities of the Club and will accept invitations whenever possible, consistent with your other obligations.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE CABINET

SUBJECT: Cabinet Meeting, Thursday, February 19, 1976
9:00 A.M., The Cabinet Room

As you have been advised by phone, the Cabinet meeting has been changed from Wednesday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. to Thursday, February 19th at 9:00 a.m. The following agenda items still apply:

Introduction	<u>The President</u>	5 minutes
Economic Briefing	<u>Alan Greenspan</u>	15 minutes
Briefing on the Defense Budget	<u>Secretary Rumsfeld</u>	30 minutes
Briefing on the Concorde Decision	<u>Secretary Coleman</u>	15 minutes
Congressional Outlook Presentation	Counsellor Marsh	30 minutes

JAMES E. CONNOR
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

Attendees

Cabinet Meeting, February 19, 1976

The President

The Vice President

The Secretary of the Treasury, William Simon

The Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld

The Attorney General, Edward Levi

The Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz

The Secretary of Commerce, Elliot Richardson

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Carla Hills

The Secretary of Transportation, William Coleman

The Deputy Secretary of State, Robert Ingersoll (for Secretary Kissinger who is abroad)

The Under Secretary of the Interior, Kent Frizzell (for Secretary Kleppe, who is out of the city)

The Under Secretary of Labor, Robert Aders (for Secretary Usery, who is attending his mother's funeral)

The Under Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare, Marjorie Lynch (for Secretary Mathews who is testifying on the hill)

The Counsel to the President, Philip Buchen

The Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, Frederick Dent

The Director of Office of Management and Budget, James Lynn

The Counsellor to the President, Robert Hartmann

The Counsellor to the President, Jack O. Marsh, Jr.

White House/Executive Office:

William Baroody, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison

James Cannon, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs

Richard Cheney, Assistant to the President

James Connor, Secretary to the Cabinet

Max Friedersdorf, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers

Ronald Nessen, Press Secretary to the President

General Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Agencies:

George Bush, Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Russell Train, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency

Other:

Mary Louise Smith, Chairman, Republican National Committee

Unable to attend: Counsellor Rogers Morton (out of town)

Ambassador Moynihan (has a seminar at Harvard)

William Seidman (speech out of the city)

Frank Zarb (with Secretary Kissinger in Latin America)