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January 2, 1976

SUBJECT:

PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES
ON NEW YEARS DAY

As we posted and placed on the recorder, the President signed 14 bills and vetoed one bill. This leaves six bills yet to be acted on by midnight tonight. This includes H.R.5900, the Common Situs Picketing bill, which he has already indicated he will veto.

The President worked in his office a good deal of the day, starting with a budget and State of the Union meeting, which began at 11:40 am and lasted until 2:35 p.m. Attending this meeting were Jim Cannon, Jim Lynn, Paul O'Neill, Bill Seidman, and Dick Cheney. We had a photo at the beginning of that session. Dick Cheney then met with the President until 3:30; the President continued to work in his office until 5:45 p.m. when he left for the pool and a short swim.

The President called most of the Cabinet Secretaries yesterday to wish them a happy new year and best wishes in 1976. Those called were Secretaries: Butz, Coleman, Dunlop, Hills, Kissinger, Kleppe, Levi, (Director) Lynn, Matthews, Morton, Rumsfeld, and Simon. Messrs. Levi and Morton were not available. I believe they were out of the country.

The President and Mrs. Ford invited several friends over to watch the Orange Bowl Football Game at 7:30 p.m. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Bryne, Griffin, Laird, McGregor, and Whyte.

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