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Cabinet Mtg

(the President etc at -
Morton, Mary Louise,)

7/20

President -

Platform

* Cabinet should see parts of platform that affects their agencies + dept.

we must be realistic - don't have overwhelming numerical superiority.

* testimony - don't make decisions at this point.

no one go out w/o clearance from here -
no one go as free Agent - go as part of Admin.

• testimony must be cleared here.



Rog Morton - briefing

President → Demo platform
on Export Controls
Anti Farm pro Consumer



[ca 6/1/76]

CABINET MEETING - TALKING POINTS ON PLATFORM

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