

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Nixon
The Cabinet
Melvin R. Laird, Counsellor to the President
for Domestic Affairs
Elliot L. Richardson, Attorney General
Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior
James T. Lynn, Secretary of Housing and
Urban Development
Sen. Hugh Scott, Senate Minority Leader
Rep. Gerald R. Ford, House Minority Leader
George Bush, U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations
Major General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE & TIME: Thursday, June 7, 1973
10:00 a. m.

PLACE: The Cabinet Room

SUBJECT: Cabinet Meeting

The President: I want to formally introduce Al Haig and Mel Laird, who will be key assistants to me in the White House.

Laird: Our foreign policy approach, the Nixon doctrine -- partnership, strength, willingness to negotiate -- is much better understood and articulated than is our course in domestic affairs. This we need to change. We want to rely more on the Departments.

The President: We want ideas from the Cabinet. We don't want all the ideas coming from the White House and then flowing to the Departments to execute.

We have this FBI announcement.

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Amb. Bush: The Congress appreciates early consultation on new programs.

Ford: There should be early consultation when programs and legislation are being formulated.

Secretary Mcrton: We need, then, to consult before the Executive Branch has a position.

Attorney General Richardson: It is tough to consult before ideas have gone through the process and the President has made a judgment. The press will write who won and who lost, etc.

Secretary Lynn: It can be done in terms of presenting options in order to get an input from Congress.

The President: Consultation must be delicately handled. Some Congressmen will use it for their own purposes. Get advice before you leap off.

Sen. Scott: I want to say one thing more on consultation. If you want legislation, there's no point in coming in with something which has no chance. Don't make us object to amendments unless you really oppose them. Let just unnecessary ones go by.

The President: The Vietnamese negotiations are in a sensitive stage.

The Pompidou meeting was very successful in getting us moving toward cooperation in Europe.

On energy, we'll probably move near the end of the week.

I will be spending full time with Brezhnev. This will be positive, I think. The people approve of what we are doing. The relationship with the Chinese and the Soviets; we ended a war, ended the draft; we're working on other problems.

On the domestic front, the chief problem is inflation. With Watergate as an irritant.

We have been through tough times, but we know what is best (we think) for this country, and we must move ahead.



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Example letter on age - Schultz
Whitehouse

10:00 AM
Thurs., 1 June 1973
Cabinet Room

Cabinet Mtg 1 June

~~Peterson~~ Introduced Haig + Laird

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need to change. Want to rely on a Dept.

P We want ideas from a Cabinet - not all ideas
coming from WH + then flowing to a Dept to execute.
FBI announcement.

~~Bush~~ Congress appreciates early consultation on new programs.
Check personnel appointments three weeks

Ford - Early consultation - when purge + legis being formulated.

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process + he has made a judgment. ^{Pass will} write who want
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order to get our input from Congress.

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Scott - More on consultation. ~~is~~ If you want legis, no point
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Don't make no objection to amendments unless you really
oppose. Let just unnecessary ones go by.

P - Unannounced negotiations are in sensitive stage
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us moving toward cooperation w/ Europe.

Energy - probably will have more end of report work.

P Daniel on first term of Bush. This will be positive, I think. People of power what we are doing, REC & USSR, ended a war, ended chaos, working on other problems.

Domestic front - chief problem is inflation - w/ Watergate as a constant.

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