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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 14, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

FROM: JERRY JONES 

Attached are the talking points for tomorrow's meeting with the senior staff at 8:00 a.m. I am dexing them to you so that you will have time to review them and make any changes or additions you feel necessary. I will also leave a copy on your desk.

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**THE WHITE HOUSE**

**WASHINGTON**

**November 14, 1974**

**PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS FOR**  
**THE SENIOR STAFF MEETING**  
**8:00 a.m., November 15, 1974**

- 1) While I have seen almost all of you in our various meetings in the last few weeks I haven't had a chance to see you all together in some time.
- 2) First let me compliment you on the excellent staff support you have been giving me. The work load has been heavy and I am sure you and your staffs have had to make an all-out effort to keep up.
- 3) Nevertheless, the staff work has been excellent and I think we are making real progress.
- 4) I am pleased with our progress particularly on the 1975 and 1976 budget and also our meetings for possible topics for the State of the Union message. I believe as we continue this preparation we will have an excellent program to go to the Congress with.
- 5) As we go through these meetings I want to emphasize two procedural things that will greatly help me:
  - a) That the briefing papers for these meetings be delivered to me the afternoon on the day before the meeting. The issues are complex and I must have the opportunity to study them beforehand.
  - b) I want to emphasize the importance of staffing. Most issues we discuss are controversial and there are various views as to the correct course of action. I want all of these views, so your papers and recommendations must reflect major differences of opinion and I expect them to. Thus, you must ensure that the material you send me is fully and appropriately staffed.



- 6) As we are all aware, the election results were not favorable. None of us expected them to be. However, our work here is the key to recouping these losses and more. If together we can develop and present to the Congress and the people the most rational, complete proposals to meet head on the problems which so concern the people and which they reflected in the recent election, then we will have begun the process of restoring the people's faith in their government. If we can do this, the Republican Party's vigor will be restored and candidates sharing our philosophy will be elected. We together will do our part. Momentum has begun to build.
  
- 7) We must now build on this momentum. As you know, one of my major goals in the next two years is to conduct the business of government in the Office of the Presidency in the most excellent manner ever achieved. I am spending the bulk of my time to this end. And your fine efforts are indispensable if we are to reach this goal.