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9:30 AM - Meeting Tex Gunnels
Capitol H.164

Friday, April 11

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JMC:

Doug Bennett will accompany you on your courtesy call on Tex Gunnels.

As you may know, Gunnels is very, very powerful as the top staff man on the Appropriations sub committee. He is extremely close to Tom Steed and Joe Addabbo and as a result some consider him in essence as the "Chairman." Phil Larson, the Domestic Council's OMB Budget Officer works very closely with Gunnels and the committee. He indicates that Tex is politically sharp and completely knowledgeable of Domestic Council programs and operations.

You are scheduled to testify before the sub-committee on Tuesday, April 24.

Draft legislation has been submitted to the Committee on Civil Service and Post Office requesting authority to hire and fire without regard to Civil Service regulations. In the past years this requirement has been waived but last year the White House and Domestic Council were told, "no more." Thus, legislation has been sent to the Hill requesting that authority.

Also included in that legislation is a provision to pay anyone below level II. This was done to make our legislation consistent with the White House, CIEP, and Vice President's Office. You are currently only paying to professionals over 36,000 - Dick Dunham at \$41,369 and Jim Cavanaugh at \$38,000.

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