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PRESIDENTIAL
MEETING WITH GOVERNOR RAY (IOWA)
JUNE 20, 1975 - FRIDAY
10:45 a.m. - The Oval Office

lot of expertise was
Gears on how
program working -
hope we will make use of
them

P - Bel in Gears -

Ray - What can you tell the
Governor, I know it's
what you can do
Gears

P - Bel between Gov & Ray as
un-partisan, partial, pragmatic.

P - Gears in spectrum - approach as
an open mind - I don't
believe in tabular data

We'll try to be fresh -

Ray - ~~guesses~~ - are you an answer
to Ray - says to go to the Ray
can be heard.

Spur - Budget -

W A 3 make Bros
get full your
state by
from

don't you for make
us

Then - if
don't own -
Crew to my attention.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 19, 1975

MEETING WITH GOVERNOR ROBERT D. RAY (R), IOWA

Friday, June 20, 1975
The Oval Office (30 minutes)
10:45 a.m.

From: Jim Cannon *Jmc*

I. PURPOSE

This is a follow-up to your telephone conversation of last week following Governor Ray's election as Chairman of the National Governors' Conference.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background

Governor Ray was first elected in 1968 and re-elected in 1970, 1972 and 1974, making him the only four term Republican Governor presently serving. Before he became Governor of Iowa he was Republican State Chairman for four years and regularly rates very high in his State's popularity polls. He stated his support for you last week in New Orleans at the Governors' Conference and wants to be as helpful as possible.

He will try to be an active Chairman of the Governors' Conference and his reputation as a thoughtful moderate on issues will be helpful to the Administration in building support for or neutralizing opposition to the specific positions you take from time to time. He will want to talk with you about the "New Coalition" of Governors, Mayors, State Legislators and County Officials which the Domestic Council and OMB have been working with to develop a consultation process on issues and the federal budget.



In addition to your telephone conversation of last week you saw Governor Ray in February at a State Dinner and in October of 1974 during your trip to Des Moines, Iowa.

B. Participants

Governor Robert Ray (R), Iowa, Jim Cannon and Jim Falk.

C. Press Plan

To be announced. Press photograph to be taken at the beginning of the meeting.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Contratulations again on your election as Chairman of the Governors' Conference.
2. In regard to the Governors' Conference you and your Republican colleagues did a fantastic job of preventing anti-Administration positions from being taken and I want you to know how much I appreciate your fine efforts.
3. Additionally, I want to thank you for your very friendly and supportive statements about me.
4. I look forward to working with you both as a Republican Governor and as Chairman of the Governors' Conference and want to assure you that we want to hear from you and have an open and regular process of communication, both personally and through the Domestic Council.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date June 13, 1975

TO: Jim Cannon

FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH

X FYI

 For appropriate action

COMMENTS

Copies of this were sent to
Dick Dunham and Mike Duval.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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JUN 12 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. JIM CANNON
THE WHITE HOUSE
FROM: MR. JAMES T. LYNN
SUBJECT: Highway Legislation

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[Handwritten signature: Bob Ray]

Your note of June 2, 1975, expressed the concern that the change in the highway legislation permitting state preemption of 1¢ of the gas tax in 1977 might result in a tax reduction before the states had adequate time to act on state legislation to increase taxes.

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The proposed legislation, however, would not reduce the Federal gas tax in a state until that state increases the state gas tax by at least 1¢. Therefore, the 1¢ of Federal tax will not come off until the state acts on its own tax. Some states will probably not be able to enact such legislation by October 1976, the first date on which preemption is permitted. Many states are, however, expected to take advantage of this preemption feature during 1977.

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