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MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT,
VICE PRESIDENT AND MR. LYNN
Wednesday, August 6, 1975
2:30 p.m.
Oval Office

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 6, 1975

WEEKLY DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES REPORT
FOR THE PRESIDENT

1. Domestic Policy Review Group

On July 24, you directed the Domestic Council to undertake a review of major domestic issues and develop discussion papers which would be the basis for your 1976 State of the Union Message and legislative program.

This review is underway, with Jack Veneman as study director. The Vice President, with Veneman and I, will develop options for overall strategy and conceptual approach for your programs.

Starting this month, we will begin meeting with each member of the Domestic Council to revise and update their earlier proposals, ideas, and issues; assess them with OMB and your senior advisers; and prepare them for presentation to you for consideration.

Timetable: First discussion papers will be ready in September and continue through October and into November.

2. Food Stamps

Since April, our Domestic Council Review Group on Federal Assistance Programs has been at work to develop proposals. Top priority has been given to Food Stamps, which has the fastest growing cost of any of these programs and which is one of the most politically complex.

The first question is: Should Congress continue to try to sort out the issues, or do you want to propose a solution for the food stamp problem?

If you do want to propose a solution, we will need two one-hour meetings with you on this subject, spaced about two weeks apart.

At the first meeting, we would need to get your guidance on basic issues such as conceptual approach, eligibility, levels of assistance, federal management, and relationship with the states.

At the second meeting, we would present specific options, based on your earlier guidance, for decision.

3. Office of Science and Technology

We have the Teague-Mosher Bill and the House Committee's request for Administration comment. Comments are being drafted and will be staffed out and sent to you.

4. New York City

Bill Simon, Bill Seidman, Dick Dunham and I are continuing to watch this most carefully. Our principal concern now is what might happen should New York City default and what impact this might have on other public bonds, banks, and other financial institutions.

5. Uranium Enrichment

Senator Pastore has asked the GAO to do a complete review of your uranium enrichment proposal. GAO expects to complete its report by September 30-- which probably means that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (JCAE) will not schedule hearings until October.

The JCAE has also asked the Congressional Research Service for an evaluation which has been scheduled for completion by September 15.

Both GAO and CRS officials have been contacted and offered the full cooperation of the Administration in providing information, briefings, etc., needed to complete their studies.

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