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## Honorable James Cannon 2nd Floor, West Wing

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE CABINET

SUBJECT:

CABINET MEETING, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1975

11:00 A.M., THE CABINET ROOM

The President has approved the following agenda for the Cabinet Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th, at 11:00 a.m.

Introduction	The President	5 minutes
Assessment of the Relationship With The Congress	Jack Marsh	15 minutes
Briefing on Status of Appropriations Bills	Jim Lynn	15 minutes
Discussion of the Decontrol Issue	Frank Zarb and Jack Marsh	20 minutes
Presentation on Congressional Committees Dealing With In-		
telligence Community Activities	Phil Buchen	10 minutes
Update on the Turkish Aid Situation	Jack Marsh and General Scowcroft	10 minutes
Conclusion	The President	15 minutes

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ECRETARY TO THE CABINET

# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

August 26, 1975

## CABINET MEETING

Wednesday, August 27, 1975
11:00 a.m. (90 minutes)
The Cabinet Room

From: Jame F. Conno

## BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

- 1. Background: You last met with the Cabinet on August 8, when the agenda included a report on your European trip, an up-date on the Energy Situation, a report on the Economic Effects of decontrol, Phil Buchen's briefing on permissible campaign activities, discussion by Secretary Dunlop on job creations and the unemployed, and a presentation by Jim Cannon on coordination with Governors and Mayors.
- 2. Participants: Attached at Tab A.
- 3. Press Plan: Press Photo at Beginning of Meeting and David Kennerly photo.

## II. TALKING POINTS:

1. As you may be aware, I have asked that we devote this entire meeting to matters that will be coming up when the Congress returns next week. Before we begin with the formal agenda items, however, I want to mention to you the subject of Agency 1977 budget submissions.

I know you are all now involved in preparing your budget recommendations for fiscal year 1977. It is extremely important that your submissions get to OMB on time. We will be making important policy decisions

that could affect the numbers you submit, and therefore we all need maximum time for making up "second round" numbers reflecting such policy decisions.

## Jim Lynn, do you want to add anything?

- 2. The first items on our agenda is a presentation by Jack Marsh. Some of you may recall that at the first meeting of the Cabinet this year Jack presented a strategy for dealing with the Congress which included the concept of the "rolling majority." I thought it would be useful to all of us to have Jack give us an assessment of how that strategy has worked thus far. Jack,...
- 3. As you are aware, during September the Congress will be taking action on a number of appropriation bills. This includes an attempt to override my veto of the Education appropriation. In a number of these appropriations, significant increases are being discussed. These include:
  - ...over \$800 million for Labor-HEW
  - ... More than \$200 million for Commerce in the Senate bill
  - ... Nearly \$70 million for Justice in the Senate bill
  - ... Other major increases for HUD and for Transportation

We must get such increases out of these bills.

I want each of you to consider this of top priority and to spend whatever time it takes, with members of Congress and otherwise, to get these bills in proper shape. I will veto where I have to, but I'm sure you will all agree that for a multitude of reasons it is better that I get a decent bill on my desk in the first place.

In addition, Jack Marsh or Jim Lynn will be contacting each of you within a few days to explain how you may assist in the Education Veto override vote. As you know, we lost on the health override veto--- I don't want the Education veto overriden.

I've asked Jim Lynn to give us his views on these appropriations bills, particularly those which present serious problems, and how we can all work together to get the desired results. <u>Jim</u>,...

4. As soon as the Congress returns, major attention will be directed toward the decontrol issue. I have asked Frank Zarb to brief us on the outlook from the Congressional standpoint. Frank,...

Now that Frank has given us his estimate of the situation, I would like Jack Marsh to indicate how each Cabinet member can put forth the kind of support that will be required to uphold the Administration's position. Jack,...

- 5. As you know there has been a great deal of activity in the Church Committee dealing with intelligence community activities, and I am informed that we can expect that the House Committee will be even more aggressive in pressing demands for more and more information from the Administration. I have asked Phil Buchen to give us a report on the situation regarding both committees. Phil,...
- 6. When the Congress returns, the Turkish aid will again be considered. The Senate has passed legislation to partially lift the embargo and the House Rules Committee may take up the measure on September 9, clearing the bill for a House vote. You are all aware of the vital importance I attach to this matter.

I appreciate the fine efforts made by various Cabinet members prior to the last vote, even though we were not successful. Nevertheless, we have another chance, and I have asked Brent Scowcroft to give us an update on the situation. Brent...

Once again, we will be asking for your support in making sure we win this vote. I have asked Jack Marsh to explain just what it is we will need and where your support will be most crucial. Jack,...

7. By now most of you have had pretty extensive dealings with the Congress, in hearings, in testimony and in contacts with individual Senators and Congressmen. I'd like to ask if any of you have any comments you would like to make or suggestions you might want to offer which will help us move our programs through the Congress.

Attendees for Cabinet Meeting Wednesday, August 27, 1975
11:00 a.m.

### The President

The Secretary of the Treasury, William E. Simon

The Secretary of Agriculture, Earl L. Butz

The Secretary of Commerce, Rogers C. B. Morton

The Secretary of Labor, John T. Dunlop

The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Forrest David Mathews

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Carla A. Hills

The Secretary of Transportation, William T. Coleman

The Acting Secretary of the Interior, Kent Frizzell

The Deputy Secretary of State, Robert S. Ingersoll (for Secretary Kissinger who is in the Middle East)

The Deputy Secretary of Defense, William P. Clements, Jr. (for Secretary Schlesinger, who is in Korea)

The Deputy Attorncy General, Harold Tyler (for Attorney General Levi, who is on vacation)

The Counsel to the President, Philip Buchen

The Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, Frederick Dent

The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, James Lynn

The Counsellor to the President, Robert T. Hartmann

The Counsellor to the President, John O. Marsh

The U. S. Representative to the United Nations, Daniel Patrick Moynihan

The Assistant to the President, Donald Rumsfeld

#### White House/Executive Office:

James Cannon, Assistant to the President

Richard Cheney, Deputy Assistant to the President

James Connor, Secretary to the Cabinet

Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers

Ronald Nessen, Press Secretary to the President

General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President (National Security Affairs)

L. William Seidman, Assistant to the President

Robert Wolthius (for Mr. Friedersdorf, who is on vacation)

John Venneman, Office of the Vice President

#### Agencies:

Russell Train, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency Frank Zarb, Administrator, Federal Energy Agency

Mary Louise Smith, Chairman, Republican National Committee

(Note: The Vice President is out of the city)

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