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MEETING WITH DUNHAM AND LEACH
REGULATORY REFORM UPDATE
Wednesday, September 10, 1975
3:30 p.m.

Mr. Cannon's Office

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 25, 1975

TO: JIM CANNON
FROM: PAUL LEACH

FYI

SUMMARY OF DOMESTIC COUNCIL REVIEW GROUP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1975

THE ROOSEVELT ROOM

1. Rod Hills requested that the group make a greater effort to make more specific assignments to specific individuals with specific due dates.
2. Transportation Regulatory Reform. Stan Morris reported that a Presidential decision on truck mergers should be forthcoming this week and that we should work to get a bill to Congress as soon as they return. It was agreed that we should spell out to the Department what background data and analyses are needed to support the bill. DCRG will undertake to assist in preparing such analyses. The remaining issue on the air bill appears to be mergers. A memo on the air bill will be prepared for circulation to the EPB by Monday afternoon, 8/25. Short presentations on both bills will be developed for the September 3 meeting with Congressional staff. Rod Hills requested that the group give some thought to how to make sure the procedural aspects of our consideration of the Pan-Am - American merger actually work. Justice will outline a plan for how the process will work by 8/27.
3. Robinson-Patman. A proposed decision memo on Robinson-Patman was distributed. It presents three substantive options for changing the law and two procedural options for how to pursue the change. Comments are due to Stan Morris by 8/21/75. Justice was requested to prepare a step-by-step strategic plan and schedule by which to direct the public relations/Congressional dealings aspects of the proposed revisions. The plan is due 8/27. Memo to go to the EPB from Rod Hills - week of 8/25 to 8/29. Joe Sims will prepare a presentation for the upcoming meeting with representatives of the small business community. He will also check on the possibility of getting Mr. Folsom of the FTC to participate in discussions of the economic impact of Robinson-Patman.
4. Dependent Agencies. Lynn May is working with DOL staff to set up a meeting with Secretary Dunlop on DOL regulatory activities. Background papers on USDA, EPA, and DOT should be circulated next week. Paul MacAvoy reported on Business Roundtable's interest in commenting on OSHA regulations. They are summarizing the responses to their questionnaire on problems with OSHA regulations -- this is due to Paul in two weeks. Rod Hills suggested we give thought to ways of using various groups of this type to do some research for us. He also asked that a central group be designated to gather and review agency responses to the Moss questionnaire. OMB is doing this. So far, FCC, FDA, and CPSC have sent us their reports.



5. Stan Morris requested comments on the environmental tax incentives paper as soon as possible. This approach will be considered in connection with the review of dependent agency activities.

6. Rod Hills noted the desirability of having an established method for coordinating DCRG comments on regulatory speeches. There was some confusion on the President's speech to the hardware group on 8/25. Diane Steed announced that the White House press advance office was working on a joint press conference for Rod Hills and Paul MacAvoy following the President's speech in Chicago on Monday. OMB is preparing a detailed fact sheet on the whole regulatory reform effort for use at that session. Stan Morris mentioned that a draft consumer speech will be circulated for comment by the end of the week. Also, it was agreed that we should try to add an Administration spokesman to the concluding panel discussion of the AEI Conference on Regulatory Reform on September 10-11. Rod Hills will talk to Baroody.

7. Cable TV. Lynn May mentioned the package OTP has prepared on cable TV issues and announced that a more specific issue paper would be circulated next week.

8. September 3 meeting with Congressional staff. It was agreed that OMB would prepare an agenda for the 9/3 meeting centering around the ABC TV special on the regulators and providing for an informal discussion of Administration regulatory reform initiatives: truck, air, inflation impact, etc. We will arrange a pre-brief session to run through the presentations and determine a strategy for framing the issues. Agenda is due to Rod by COB 8/25.

9. ETIP. Jordan Lewis discussed his plan for researching the regulatory lag problems in the independent agencies. It was agreed that he should undertake a limited review using his methodology on the ratemaking practices in the FPC. The results of this effort will determine whether or not such a study produces meaningful, useful results and should be pursued in other agencies.

**Note: Due dates are underlined.

