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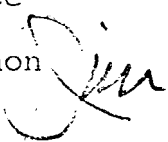
October 15, 1975

MEETING WITH SECRETARY COLEMAN

Wednesday, October 15, 1975

2:00 p.m. (60 minutes)

The Oval Office

From: Jim Cannon 

I. PURPOSE

To discuss a variety of transportation and domestic issues.

II. BACKGROUND

Secretary Coleman has requested this meeting to express concern about the general context in which Administration proposals are being viewed. He feels that the programs are being viewed in a negative context rather than a positive, fiscally responsible context.

There are several key pieces of legislation currently before the Congress, and his discussion will likely touch upon those which he feels require additional White House and Administration support if they are to pass.

The Secretary also has concerns about other domestic issues which he has previously discussed with other Cabinet members.

III. KEY POINTS THE SECRETARY WILL MAKE

1. Railroad Legislation: The Secretary fully supports all of the Administration's proposals before the Congress, but is particularly concerned about the status of the Northeast Corridor. The Secretary has proposed a plan of action, but OMB has raised budgetary questions which would curtail Coleman's proposal. He will likely ask for some guidance on budgetary levels.
2. Highway Legislation: The Secretary is concerned that the Administration's highway legislation is dead in the water and that without more White House and Administration support little progress will be made.

3. No-Fault Insurance: Based on a resolution of a Constitutional issue raised by the Attorney General and based on new evidence of cost savings to the consumer, the Secretary would like you to reconsider your position on Federal no-fault insurance standards.
4. Washington Metro: The Secretary will report on his efforts to structure long-term financing of Washington Metro. The D.C. Government has transferred highway funds to help support Metro completion, but additional financing will be necessary. A decision must also be made on whether to reduce the system miles in order to have an operating subway within the near term.
5. New York City Finance Problems: The Secretary has some specific ideas regarding the New York problem. He met with Secretary Simon this morning to discuss them.
6. Busing: The Secretary is concerned about growing problems with forced busing and would like to discuss with you his thoughts on the matter.
7. Affirmative Action: The Secretary is particularly concerned about Affirmative Action programs to improve the role of minorities in government. He would like to review some actions he has taken at DOT and to present some suggestions for a broader Federal program.