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## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

#### Mr. Cannon:

Dr. Cavanaugh asked me to set up a meeting on Swine Flu in your office at 5:00. He asked that Sec. Mathews, O'Neill, Parsons and Schmults attend. Schmults won't be able to he has another meeting scheduled.

Secretary Mathews wants to bring these people with him: Tom-Lias, William Taft; Ted Cooper, James Dickson, William Morrill, James Wilder.

Dr. Cavanaugh said to go ahead and have Sec. Mathews bring the 6 people with him and if we wanted to tell him anything personally, we could call him.



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MEETING ON SWINE FLU Thursday, July 29, 1976 5:00 p.m. Situation Room

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To: Officer-in-charge **Appointments** Center Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on \_\_\_\_\_ July 29\_\_\_\_ 19.76

for \_\_\_\_\_James Cannon\_\_\_\_\_(Name of person to be visited)

of Domestic Council .:

COOPER, TED DICKSON, JAMES LIAS, TOM MATHEWS, SECRETARY MORRILL, WILLIAM TAFT, WILLIAM

WILDER, JAMES

### MEETING LOCATION

| Building White House        | Requested by James Cannon    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Room No. Situation Room     | Room No Telephone6515        |
| Time of Meeting <u>5:00</u> | Date of requestJuly 29, 1976 |

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#### Alternative #2

- Aggregate limit of \$50 million shared by the four manufacturers and protecting only the manufacturers from third party claims (subject to mutually acceptable HEW contract dividing all responsibilities). Government pays on behalf of the manufacturers in excess of the \$50 million aggregate limit.
- The premium for the \$50 million coverage is determined as follows:
  \$1.20 for each \$1.00 of indemnity or expense subject to \$2 million minimum and \$40 million maximum.
- 3. Each manufacturer obtains its own excess insurance program protecting it from a government claim for "bench error." The suggested amount of coverage is \$50 million for each manufacturer (including defense cost regardless of outcome) with a cost estimated to be \$375,000 per manufacturer.
- The term "aggregate" includes indemnity, allocated claim expense, and unallocated claim expense.

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#### FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

Enact legislation amending the Federal Tort Claims Act to provide that any claim brought by a claimant against a drug manufacturer or other person alleging negligence in the manufacture of or administering the flue vaccine shall be deemed a claim against the United States, and the United States shall be substituted as the real party in interest. This would permit the Government to become involved in all flu-vaccine claims at the outset, would require the utilization of the existing administrative claims procedure under the FTCA, would permit the Government to raise all FTCA defenses, and would permit the Government to bring a claim over against a manufacturer for any actual negligence on its part which gave rise to the claim.