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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M. F.*
SUBJECT: Congressional Briefing Strategy Prior to the
State of the Union Message

The following suggestions are made for briefing the Congressional Leadership, et.al., prior to delivery of your State of the Union Message:

HOUSE

1. You have a meeting scheduled on Friday, January 10, with the Speaker (3:30 p.m.), and with Al Ullman (5:30 p.m.).
2. We are arranging for Frank Zarb and Bill Seidman to see Representative James Wright (D-Tex) this week. Wright has been designated as the chairman of a 10 man committee appointed by the Speaker to coordinate Democratic economic/energy policy in the House. (The meeting will be more in the form of consultation without disclosing the scope of your decisions.)
3. We also recommend Zarb/Seidman meet or talk with Representative Tom Foley (D-Wash), Chairman of the Democratic Study Group; Representative Phillip Burton (D-Calif), Chairman of the Democratic Caucus; and Representative Richard Bolling, for consultation purposes.
4. A meeting is also recommended with House Minority Leader Rhodes on Thursday or Friday, January 9 or 10, for pre-State of the Union briefing and consultation.
5. Seidman and Zarb also should consult this week with Representatives Conable (R-NY), Anderson (R-Ill), Devine (R-Ohio) and Michel (R-Ill).



SENATE

1. You are meeting on Wednesday, January 8, at 5:30 p.m. with Majority Leader Mansfield.
2. We recommend a meeting on Thursday or Friday, January 9 or 10, with Minority Leader Scott for briefing and consultation.
3. Seidman should meet with Senator Humphrey, Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee for consultation purposes.
4. Since you are meeting with Chairman Ullman this week, you probably should also meet with Chairman Russell Long of the Senate Finance Committee prior to the State of the Union.
5. Seidman and Zarb should also meet or talk with Senators Griffin and Tower for consultation purposes this week.

HOUSE/SENATE

Immediately prior to delivery of the State of the Union Message, the Bi-partisan Leaders should be briefed by the President in the Cabinet Room.

APPROVE HR7. DISAPPROVE _____

APPROVE WITH CHANGES _____

