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WASHINGTON

Don R / Jim C.

Since we have no
time present, let's
do all.

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WASHINGTON

May 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT: CABINET AGENDA, MAY 7, 1975

Because of the unique, informal, setting of the Sequoia, you might wish to depart from the usual Cabinet agenda. One approach would be to have the meeting center around a topic of interest to you and all Cabinet members. There are several such topics, but one which appears to be of particular interest now is the Congressional situation. A discussion on The Congress would permit all of the Cabinet members to give their perspectives on the Congressional situation, to let you identify your own specific areas of Congressional concern, and to elicit suggestions from the members of the Cabinet on ways in which they might assist the Administration in achieving its objectives. If you desire to have the discussion center around the topic of The Congress, I will ask Jack Marsh to develop a detailed agenda and talking points for your use.

Approve NR7 Disapprove _____

Should you wish to have the agenda follow the usual pattern, several items have been suggested for your consideration. These are:

(NO)

Mr. Hartmann suggests that he brief the Cabinet on the results of the private RNC polls regarding your program and public support.

Approve NR7 Disapprove _____

Mr. Train has suggested that because of the location on the Potomac, it might be appropriate for him to lead a discussion of water quality issues including EPA standards and the public works implications of water quality improvement programs.

Train

Approve NR7 Disapprove _____

Frank Zarb suggests that you might wish to have him discuss the status of your energy program, particularly the recent decisions on the oil import tariff and decontrol of old oil.

Zarb

Approve MR7 Disapprove _____

Jim Cannon is particularly concerned that the Cabinet members have not followed up vigorously on your directive that they meet with their respective Congressional Committee members in order to alert them to the serious problems a Consumer Advocacy Agency would present. He would like briefly to discuss the importance of the subject and to have you strongly restate your directive that the Cabinet members should discuss the issue with their Committee members.

Jim Cannon to do talking 2/25

Approve MR7 Disapprove _____

A brief Congressional review might be presented by Jack Marsh.

Approve MR7 Disapprove _____

You might wish to have a discussion of the Vietnamese Refugee problem in which Secretary Schlesinger could report on the present status of the evacuees, Jack Marsh could discuss Congressional attitudes, and you could present your views on the subject to the Cabinet members and ask for their strong support in helping to shape public opinion on the issue.

message to do Schlesinger 2/25

Approve MR7 Disapprove _____

We are now engaged in the process of following up on your Yale Law School speech. Since several of the Cabinet members will be involved in the preparation of the package, it might be appropriate for you to discuss directly before the Cabinet your approach to the criminal problem as outlined in your speech.

Schlesinger

Approve MR7 Disapprove _____