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CABINET MEETING

Wednesday, July 16, 1975

11:00 A. M.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1975

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Wednesday, July 16, 1975

11:00 a.m. (65 minutes)

The Cabinet Room

From: James E. Connor



I. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

1. Background:

You last met with the Cabinet on June 25th when the agenda covered a discussion of affirmative action, a review of the crime message, presentations on the legislative clearance process and the refugee resettlement program, and a review of the railroad situation.

2. Participants:

Attached at Tab A.

3. Press Plan:

Press Photo at Beginning of Meeting, and David Kennerly Photo.

II. TALKING POINTS

1. This is Pat Moynihan's first meeting in his new position as U. S. Representative to the United Nations. I know you all join me in welcoming him, and we all look forward to working with him.
2. Stan Hathaway went into the Bethesda Naval Hospital last night for tests and observation. We don't know yet how long he will be there, but for the time being Kent Frizzell will serve as Acting Secretary of the Interior.

3. Before we start on the agenda, I want to comment on some of the changes that have taken place in the refugee program.

As most of you know, responsibility for the program has been transferred from the State Department to HEW. Everyone should realize that this transfer has occurred simply because most of the refugees are now here in the United States. It does not signal a lower priority, and no one should take this as an occasion for pulling back their people who have been working on the refugee task force. Those people from various departments and agencies such as State and Defense need to stay in place until the task force director has been satisfied that the work has been done.

OMB has been working with the task force for the past three weeks on a full management plan for the resettlement effort, including identification of added personnel that may be required. In the next few days your departments and agencies will be asked to provide a few more people. I will expect you to respond promptly and fully.

4. Last week I met with the Commissioners of the Independent Regulatory Agencies on regulatory reform. Several of you were at the meeting, but several were not. I would like to ask Jim Cannon and Rod Hills who worked on that effort to review that meeting for us.

Jim,...

Rod,...

I am sure all of you realize that reform is not restricted only to the Regulatory Agencies. We have had discussions before about the problems of Agency and Departmental regulations, and you all know my feelings on that issue. I would like each of you who have regulatory responsibilities to focus on five areas.

- 1) Review your major programs to insure that the benefits are worth the costs, and continue your efforts to make the inflation impact effort a success.
- 2) Minimize regulatory delays.
- 3) Continue your efforts to be more responsive to legitimate consumer interests.

4) Identify areas where regulation no longer makes sense and recommend changes to me.

5) Assist the independent agencies to do a better job.

The Domestic Council Review Group on Regulatory Reform will coordinate this effort. Within the next two weeks the heads of major Executive Departments and Agencies will be called together to select jointly specific objectives for reform. We intend first to look at EPA, FEA, Agriculture, HEW, Labor and Transportation.

I want you to give this effort your maximum support. I want an interim report by October and a completed effort by the end of the year. I intend to show the American people in my next State of the Union Address that we have concrete results in this area.

5. Jack Marsh has indicated to me that there have been some problems in the Congressional mail area. From my own years of experience, I can tell you how important it is that Congressional mail be answered promptly, accurately and politely. Jack has set up some new procedures here, and I would like him to describe them to you.

Jack,...

6. You have all been reading some press reports about activities in Berbera in Somalia. I have asked Jim Schlesinger to brief us on what has been happening there.

Jim,...

7. This week we have taken some steps in the energy area, and I am sure that during the course of the rest of the month you will be hearing much more about the subject. I would like Frank Zarb to brief us on the status of the energy program now.

Frank,...

Attendees for Cabinet Meeting
Wednesday, July 16, 1975
11:00 a.m.

The President
The Vice President
The Secretary of the Treasury, William Simon
The Secretary of Defense, James Schlesinger
The Attorney General, Edward Levi
The Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz
The Secretary of Commerce, Rogers C. B. Morton
The Secretary of Labor, John Dunlop
The Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare, Caspar Weinberger
The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Carla Hills
The Secretary of Transportation, William Coleman
The Acting Secretary of the Interior, Kent Frizzell (for Secretary Hathaway,
who is hospitalized)
The Deputy Secretary of State, Robert Ingersoll (for Secretary Kissinger,
who is out of the city)
The Counsel to the President, Philip Buchen
The Counsellor to the President, Robert Hartmann
The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, James Lynn
The Counsellor to the President, John Marsh
The U. S. Representative to the United Nations, Daniel P. Moynihan
The Assistant to the President, Donald Rumsfeld
The Deputy Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, Clayton Yeutter
(for Ambassador Dent, who is in Geneva)

White House/Executive Office:

James Cannon, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs
Richard Cheney, Deputy Assistant to the President
James Connor, Secretary to the Cabinet
Max Friedersdorf, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs
Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers
Roderick Hills, Deputy Counsel to the President
Ronald Nessen, Press Secretary to the President
General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President

Agencies:

Frank Zarb, Administrator, Federal Energy Agency

Other:

Mary Louise Smith, Chairman, Republican National Committee

(Note: William Baroody ; L. William Seidman and Russell Train
are all out of the city)

Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
1st floor, W. W.

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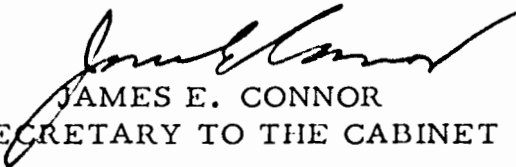
MEMORANDUM FOR

THE CABINET

SUBJECT: REVISED AGENDA FOR CABINET MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1975
11:00 A.M., THE CABINET ROOM

The President has approved the following revised agenda for the Cabinet meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 16th, at 11:00 a.m.

<u>Introduction</u>	<u>The President</u>	5 minutes
<u>Discussion of Regulatory Reform</u>	<u>Jim Cannon and Rod Hills</u>	30 minutes
<u>Congressional Mail Procedures</u>	<u>Jack Marsh</u>	10 minutes
<u>Berbera</u>	<u>Secretary Schlesinger</u>	5 minutes
<u>Up-date of Energy Program</u>	<u>Frank Zarb</u>	15 minutes


JAMES E. CONNOR
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET