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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 7, 1975

CABINET MEETING

2:00 p.m. (90 minutes)

The Cabinet Room

From: James E. Connor



I. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

1. Background:

You last met with the Cabinet on July 16 when the agenda covered a discussion of the changes in the refugee program, your meeting with the Commissioners of the Independent Regulatory Agencies on regulatory reform, a report from Jack Marsh on problems in the Congressional mail area, Jim Schlesinger's report on activities in Berbera, and a status report from Frank Zarb on the energy program.

2. Participants:

Attached at Tab A.

3. Press Plan:

Press Photo at Beginning of Meeting and David Kennerly Photo.

II. TALKING POINTS

1. As you all know, David Mathews was sworn in as the new Secretary of HEW earlier today. We are pleased to welcome him to the Cabinet, and I am sure we all look forward to working with him.
2. In addition, I have asked Cap Weinberger to join us at this meeting so that I could have the opportunity to thank him for his services to the Nation and to me and to give him

the opportunity to give us the benefit of his thoughts on his years of service with the Government. We will reserve some time at the end of the meeting for that purpose.

3. We returned last Monday night from a lengthy and busy European trip, and I wanted to take this opportunity to brief the Cabinet on it.

I would like to ask Secretary Kissinger if he would like to make any comments. Henry,...

Are there any questions?

4. You are all aware of how rapidly events have been occurring in the energy area. I have asked Frank Zarb to give us an up to date report on the situation. Frank,...
5. One of the key concerns we will be hearing about over the next month is the economic effect of immediate decontrol of "old" oil, and I have asked Alan Greenspan to give us a report on that situation. Alan,...
6. With the new Campaign Reform Act in effect, I think we all need to be sure about what is considered "permissible" activity for Cabinet Officers and White House staff to undertake in the upcoming campaign. I have asked Phil Buchen to give us a briefing on this issue. Phil,...
7. We've heard a lot of talk in the past few months about concern for the unemployed and creating jobs. I've asked John Dunlop to brief us today on what creating a good job really means. John,...
8. In the conduct of the business of government, we often tend to think of our responsibilities as federal responsibilities and our programs as federal programs. In recent years, a significant change has occurred, and today many of our federal programs are more truly described as national programs; that is, they are federally funded but administered by state and local governments.

This trend has produced an increase in federal spending over the past 10 years from \$12 billion in FY 66 to over \$56 billion in FY 76, a significant pattern of growth that makes it absolutely necessary for our administration to have a sound relationship with state and local governments in order to succeed.

As you know, I have assigned primary responsibility for intergovernmental relations at the White House to the Domestic Council and Jim Cannon. I would like Jim to take a few minutes to talk about this important area.

Jim, . . .

10. I read a remarkable speech a short while ago that Cap Weinberger gave at the Commonwealth Club. I know that Cap has given a lot of thought to his government experience and I'd like to take a few moments before we adjourn to ask Cap if he will share some of his thoughts with us.

Cap, . . .



Revised 9:50 a.m.  
Friday, August 8, 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Attendees  
Cabinet Meeting  
Friday, August 8, 1975

The President

The Secretary of State, Henry A. Kissinger  
The Secretary of Defense, James R. Schlesinger  
The Attorney General, Edward H. Levi  
The Secretary of Agriculture, Earl L. Butz  
The Secretary of Commerce, Rogers C. B. Morton  
The Secretary of Labor, John T. Dunlop  
The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Forrest David Mathews  
The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Carla A. Hills  
The Secretary of Transportation, William T. Coleman  
The Acting Secretary of the Interior, Kent Frizzell  
The Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Stephen S. Gardner (for Secretary  
Simon, who is on vacation)  
The Former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Caspar W. Weinberger  
The Counsel to the President, Philip Buchen  
The Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, Frederick Dent  
The Counsellor to the President, Robert Hartmann  
The Counsellor to the President, John Marsh  
The U. S. Representative to the United Nations, Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
The Assistant to the President, Donald Rumsfeld  
The Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Paul O'Neill (for  
James Lynn, who is on vacation)

White House/Executive Office:

William Baroody, Assistant to the President  
James Cannon, Assistant to the President  
James Connor, Secretary to the Cabinet  
Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers  
Ronald Nessen, Press Secretary to the President  
General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President  
L. William Seidman, Assistant to the President  
Raymond P. Shafer, Counsellor to the Vice President

Agencies:

Russell Train, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency  
Frank Zarb, Administrator, Federal Energy Agency

Note: The following will not attend: The Vice President (he will be in New York);  
Mary Louise Smith (she will be in California); Richard Cheney and  
Max Friedersdorf (they are both out of the city)