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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

August 25, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT: Proposed Cabinet Agenda, Wednesday, August 27th

You requested that the Cabinet meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th, center on questions pertinent to the return of the Congress from its recess. Accordingly, you might wish to consider the following items for inclusion in the agenda.

1. Assessment of the relationship with the Congress to date.
Jack Marsh. (15 minutes)

At the first meeting of the Cabinet this year you will recall that Jack Marsh presented a strategy for dealing with the Congress which included the concept of the "rolling majority." It may be useful to preface the discussion at this Cabinet meeting with an assessment of how that strategy has worked thus far.

Approve *JEC* Disapprove _____

2. Several appropriations bills will be emerging from the Congress shortly after its return from the recess. You might wish to have Jim Lynn describe the outlook with particular emphasis on those which appear to present serious problems. (15 minutes)

Approve *JEC* Disapprove _____

3. As soon as the Congress returns, major attention will be directed toward the decontrol issue. Frank Zarb could brief the Cabinet on the outlook and Jack Marsh could indicate to the individual Cabinet members the kind of support which will be required from them to uphold your position. (20 minutes)

Approve *JEC* Disapprove _____

4. There are indications that a conflict may be emerging between the Congressional committees established to review intelligence community activities, particularly the Committee in the House, and the Administration. If you wish, Phil Buchen could describe the situation to the Cabinet. (10 minutes)

Approve MR9

Disapprove _____

5. The Turkish aid issue will again be considered upon the return of the Congress. Since the Cabinet members were asked to assist during the last vote, it might be appropriate for Jack Marsh and Brent Scowcroft to update the Cabinet members on the situation and indicate what further assistance will be required from them.

Approve MR7

Disapprove _____

6. You might wish to ask the Cabinet members briefly to report on their own perceptions of upcoming Congressional concerns. This might be done either by: (10 minutes)

Going around the table in a formal fashion _____

or

Simply asking if any of the Cabinet members wish to make comments.

MR7