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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 16, 1975

CABINET MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 1975

11:00 a.m. (90 minutes)

The Cabinet Room

From: James J. Connor

I. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

1. Background: You last met with the Cabinet on August 27th when the agenda included an assessment of the relationship with the Congress, a briefing on the status of Appropriations Bills, discussion of the decontrol issue, a presentation on the Congressional Committees dealing with the Intelligence Community Activities, and a report on the Turkish Aid situation.
2. Participants: Attached at Tab A.
3. Press Plan: Press Photo at Beginning of the Meeting and David Kennerly Photo.

II. TALKING POINTS

1. I would like to take a moment to welcome the new Under Secretary of Labor, Bob Aders. We are glad to have him as a member of this Administration. [John Dunlop will be leaving mid-way in the meeting and Bob Aders will be representing the Department of Labor for the balance of the meeting.]
2. Before we take up the items on the agenda, I have a few items I would like to bring to your attention.

Jim Lynn has provided me with a report (attached at Tab B) which tracks the progress of the initiatives I have announced since assuming office. After reviewing the status of these initiative, I want you to know that I am concerned about the progress we are making--I think we can do better. Jim has copies for you and will distribute them after the meeting. I would like to highlight the following areas:

Reauthorize Child Nutrition Programs - (Agriculture)

The Administration block grant proposal was submitted in June, but Congress has not seriously considered it and is about to extend and expand (by \$1.3B) the present categorical programs.

Expand Crop Insurance Program and Eliminate the Costly Disaster Payment Program - (Agriculture)

Since the disaster payment program cost was \$556 million last year, we should move quickly on the legislation we have submitted.

Executive Agency Regulatory Reform - (Domestic Council)

The Domestic Council Review Group was announced on July 16, but serious six-agency startup plans need to be completed very soon.

Foster Development and Production of Naval Petroleum Reserves - DOD

House and Senate have not yet scheduled a conference to resolve differences in respective bills. We should actively support acceptable provisions such as the expansion of production and move to change the unfavorable aspects of these bills.

Transfer PHS Hospitals to Communities - (DHEW)

The Department has not provided draft legislation to transfer two hospitals; instead it has proposed to study the feasibility of closing one or two hospitals.

Unfreeze Supplementary Medicare Insurance Premiums - (DHEW)

While legislation has been introduced in the House and the Senate, these bills are not moving. Attempts to submit this amendment to an acceptable bill which is moving through Congress have also failed. Strong Administration support is needed to promote this legislation.

Enact Budget Reduction Legislation (Multi-Agency)

The 1976 Budget proposed legislation to reduce budget outlays by 13.5 billion in FY 1975 and FY 1976. Necessary legislation has been submitted, but much of this legislation is not moving in Congress (e.g., Social Security Cost Control Act).

Only \$116 million out of a total of \$738 million in proposed recissions proposed in FY 1975 were achieved. We must do much better than this in FY 1976 to reach our budget goals.

You will recall that last Spring I directed that individual agency Consumer Representation plans be developed and submitted to Virginia Knauer by early October. I want to ask you to insure that these reports reach Mrs. Knauer on time. In addition, I would also like to suggest that once the plans are made available to the public, each agency hold public hearings on them, both to gain feedback on the plans and demonstrate that the Administration is serious about improving consumer representation in the Federal decision-making process, and to provide a basis for receiving consumer reaction to the plans. Jim Lynn, do you have anything to add?

I would like to remind you all of the importance of the Bicentennial period which is now upon us and ask that each of you support your respective Federal Agency Bicentennial Task Force Member.

Specifically, I want to bring to your attention the science and technology exhibit at Cape Canaveral. The exhibit is scheduled to run for 100 days, starting in June 1976. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has primary responsibility for development, implementation and management of the project, but at the same time support from other agencies will be necessary in terms of funds, personnel and exhibits.

I want to urge you to cooperate with NASA on this important project. Jack Marsh's office will be sending each of you more detailed information on the project, and I'm sure you will see to it that the appropriate people in your departments are instructed to lend whatever assistance is necessary and appropriate to make this project a success.

2. Now, let's move to the items on the Agenda. John Dunlop has to leave very shortly to attend a meeting of the Labor Management Committee, so we'll start with the grain situation. As you know, there has been considerable movement recently in this area, and I'd like to have John and Earl Butz describe the latest developments for us. John,... Earl,...

3. The busing situation is another area which has received a great deal of public attention in recent weeks. I'd like to have Ed Levi and David Mathews give us an up-to-date report on the situation, particularly that in Boston. Ed,... David,...

4. As you are all aware, the New York financial situation is again an item of high public visibility. It appears that the city is once again attempting to build up pressure for possible Federal bailout. I have asked Alan Greenspan, Jim Cannon and Jim Lynn to give us us a report on the situation. Let's start with Alan.

Jim Cannon and Jim Lynn, do you have anything you want to add?

5. In preparation for a State of the Union message, I have asked the Domestic Council to provide me with options for restructuring existing programs and to develop initiatives which recognize present budgetary constraints and the basic principles of this Administration. It is essential that we look at domestic policy from a broad point of view. I am asking the Domestic Council neither to isolate the issues, nor to isolate themselves with only a Washington perspective.

Meetings are being held among representatives of the Domestic Council, OMB, the EPB and individual Cabinet members to discuss priority issues for 1976.

The review process will include a series of Public Forums held throughout the country to obtain public input into the development of 1976 programs. The first two of these meetings have been scheduled in Denver, Colorado, on October 21, and Tampa, Florida, on October 29.

I've asked the Vice President to take a few minutes to describe the review process and the Public Forums in further detail. Nelson,

6. I think it would be useful for all of us to have an up-date on recent development in the economic area. I have asked Alan Greenspan to provide that for us. Alan, ...

7. Finally, I've asked Frank Zarb to give us an up-date on what is happening in the energy area. Frank,...

Attendees
Cabinet Meeting
September 17, 1975

The President
The Vice President

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 (Note: Secretary Dunlop will be able to stay only for the first 45 minutes of the meeting due to a meeting of the Labor-Management Committee - Under Secretary Robert Aders will serve as his alternate for the rest of the meeting)

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

(Note: Secretary of State Kissinger is out of the city and State Department has not been able to provide a representative to attend on his behalf)

The Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Stephen Gardner (for Secretary Simon, who has another commitment)

The Under Secretary of Labor, Robert O. Aders (for the portion of the meeting Secretary Dunlop will be unable to attend)

The Counsel to the President, Philip Buchen

The Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, Frederick B. Dent

The Counsellor to the President, Robert T. Hartmann

The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, James T. Lynn

The Counsellor to the President, John O. Marsh, Jr.

The U. S. Representative to the United Nations, Daniel Patrick Moynihan

The Assistant to the President, Donald Rumsfeld

White House/Executive Office:

William Baroody, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison

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

Ronald Nessen, Press Secretary to the President

General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President

L. William Seidman, Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs

Agencies:

Russell Train, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency

Frank Zarb, Administrator, Federal Energy Agency

Other:

Mary Louise Smith, Chairman, Republican National Committee

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STATUS OF PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

SECTION 1

SUMMARY STATUS

SUMMARY STATUS OF PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

| | INITIATIVES TRACKED JAN-SEPT 1975 | TOTAL CURRENTLY PENDING | INITIATIVES CONCLUDED * |
|------------------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| USDA | 14 | 11 | 3 |
| CIA | 1 | 1 | - |
| CSC | 3 | 3 | - |
| COMMERCE | 3 | 3 | - |
| DEFENSE | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| DOMESTIC COUNCIL | 3 | 3 | - |
| ERDA | 2 | 2 | - |
| EPA | 1 | 1 | - |
| FEA | 14 | 12 | 2 |
| GSA | 1 | 1 | - |
| HEW | 29 | 23 | 6 |
| HUD | 1 | 1 | - |
| INTERIOR | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| JUSTICE | 6 | 6 | - |
| LABOR | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| NRC | 1 | 1 | - |
| OMB | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| STATE | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| TRANSPORTATION | 8 | 8 | - |
| TREASURY | 16 | 12 | 4 |
| VA | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | 141 | 114 | 27 |

* INITIATIVES WHICH EITHER HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
OR ARE NO LONGER BEING PURSUED.

STATUS OF PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

SECTION 2

CURRENT INITIATIVES

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (TO BE SUBMITTED) | SCHEDULE | AGRICULTURE | | |
|---|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Improve the Food Stamps Program (2/13 Decision; 7/25 message) | Report pursuant to Sen. Res 58 transmitted June 30. Followup legislative Proposals to be sent as soon as cleared. | USDA submitted draft bill to OMB June 27; revised draft submitted to OMB 9/3; now in final stages of review. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Sec Butz |
| Remove restrictions on production of rice, peanuts, and long-staple cotton. | Use indirect approach in seeking administration objective on peanuts. | Administration bill on rice and ELS cotton sent to Congress March 11. Rice legislation is expected to clear House Ag. Comm. in mid-Sept. and has been introduced into the Senate. ELS Cotton legislation has been introduced but no hearings scheduled as yet. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Dep Asst Sec Bell |
| Reduce interest subsidies on REA two percent loans. | Submission scheduled for mid-September | USDA proposal being reviewed by Treasury and OMB. | Mitchell | Deputy Asst. Sec. Bostic |
| Improve grain inspection program. | Secure enactment as soon as possible. | Legislation submitted to Congress on Sept 3. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst Sec Feltner |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

AGRICULTURE (CONTINUED)

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|---|---|--------------------|------------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Reduce interest subsidies on FMHA farm ownership loans. | Secure enactment as soon as possible. | Submitted to Congress on Sept 3. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Deputy Asst Sec Bostic |
| Amend P.L. 480 to waive food shipment restrictions during period of export controls (10/8 EA). | Senate hearings on S. 1654 anticipated next month. | Administration bill (HR 3033) introduced 2/6; referred to H. Agriculture Committee. In Senate, incorporated in S. 1654 (Humphrey) which contains other features unacceptable to the administration. | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | Dep Asst Sec Bell |
| Substitute expanded crop insurance program for disaster payments (Budget) | Secure enactment as soon as possible. | Proposed legislation sent to Congress 3/27, and introduced as S. 1647. Hearings may be held in early fall. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Dep Asst Sec Bell |
| Substitute comprehensive block grant to States for all existing categorical child nutrition programs (Budget) | Administration proposal not being actively considered by the Congress. Conference Committee reconsideration of H.R. 4222 has not yet concluded. | Block grant legislation sent to Congress 6/9. Sen-House conferees reported out HR 4222 which extends and expands existing categorical programs. Senate voted (76-0) on 9/5 to recommit H.R. 4222 to the Conference Committee because it would increase FY 1976 spending over the the Congressional Budget Resolution. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Sec Feltner |
| Limit Food Stamp CPI increase to 5% through 6/30/76 (Budget) | Eventual enactment appears highly unlikely. | Legislation submitted to Congress with Presidential letter on 3/19. White House Congressional Liaison has been seeking sponsors. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Sec Feltner |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

AGRICULTURE (CONTINUED)

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|--|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Limit child and elderly nutrition CPI increase to 5% through 6/30/76. (Budget) | Enactment appears highly unlikely. | Legislation submitted to Congress with Presidential letter on 3/19. White House Congressional Liaison has been seeking sponsors. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Sec Feltner |
| ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES | | | | |
| Intensify enforcement of State school meal program administration in the 300 largest school systems to reduce outlays by \$10 million in fiscal year 1975 and additional amounts in subsequent years. (11/26 BRM) | Completion of 45 school systems was scheduled in fiscal year 1975. A minimum of 80 are scheduled for completion in 1976, and the remainder of 186 in 1977. | Only 34 were completed in FY 1975. Estimates of actual outlay reductions are not available. Initial two-week visits to 80 additional systems, follow up corrective action in these 80 system, and completion of corrective actions pending from the fiscal year 1975 visits are planned for 1976. FY 1977 plans are not yet firm. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Sec Wright |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES
(ON THE HILL)

SCHEDULE

STATUS

ACTION OFFICIALS

OMB

DEPARTMENT

Limit increase in CIA
retirement annuities to
5% through 6/30/76
(SOTU)

Annuity increase (5.1%)
has already been trig-
gered and become effective
August 1. Secure enactment
as soon as possible to
avoid another increase
before 6/30/76.

Legislation sent to Con-
gress with Presidential
letter on 3/19. W. H. Con-
gressional Liaison is
attempting to obtain sponsors.

Asst. Dir.
Ogilvie

Leg Counsel
Cary

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|--|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Limit increase in pay of Federal civilian employees to 5% through 6/30/76 --military pay would automatically also be limited, without requiring legislation. (Budget) | President's pay resolution released September 1 calls for 5% limit on October comparability increase. Senate vote scheduled for mid September. | Legislation submitted to Congress with Presidential letter on 3/19. House rejected O'Neill Amendment capping pay in the Congressional Concurrent Budget Resolution. Military procurement bill provides a 5% limit on military pay increases through 6/30/76 unless civilian employees get a greater increase. | Assoc Dir Collier | Chairman Hampton |
| Limit increase in retirement annuities of Federal civil service retirement system to 5% through 6/30/76. (Budget) | Secure enactment as soon as possible to avoid another increase before 6/30/76. | Legislation submitted to Congress on 3/19. White House Cong. Liaison seeking sponsors. White House announced interagency panel June 13. Vice Pres. Rockefeller selected as chairman; DOT Norman Hurd, as Executive Director. Call for public comment issued June 30 in Fed. Register. Public comments on issues completed July 11. Hearings completed. | Assoc Dir Collier | Chairman Hampton |
| ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES | | | | |
| Review and recommend to President appropriate future levels of total compensation for Government employees. | No current schedule in Congress. Report to President being drafted for submission November 1, 1976. | Pending in House Subcommittee on Retirement and Employee Benefits (Postal Service and Civil Service Comm). Annuity increase (5.1%) triggered August 1. | Asst Dir Preston | Chairman Hampton |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

COMMERCE

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|---|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Require mandatory auto and appliance efficiency labelling (SOTU) | House floor acting on labelling expected in September. | Senate bill S. 349 (Tunney), generally acceptable to Administration, passed Senate July 11. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst Sec Johnson |
| ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES | | | | |
| Obtain agreements for voluntary appliance energy efficiency improvements (SOTU) | Obtain comments from manufacturers on proposed efficiency goals and develop revised, final goals by mid-September. | Have agreements from 100% of major manufacturers. Proposed efficiency goals for all 13 major appliances have been published. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst Sec Johnson |
| Establish a program of industry energy conservation audits (10/8 EA) | Reporting system to be expanded to include other heavy energy user industries by September 30. Next regular status report due December. | Status report from 6 heaviest energy user industries completed & under review by Commerce and FEA. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Under Sec Tabor |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975
DEFENSE

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|--|---|--|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Uniformed Service Retirement Modernization Act - RMA (Budget) | No schedule established for HR 7769. | Bill submitted to Congress 5/30 by DOD. And introduced as HR 7769 on 6/10. On 8/1, the Senate rejected the conference report on the Military Procurement Authorization Bill which contains an amendment by (Towers) adopting the "Save Pay" provision of the RMA. Towers' amendment would preclude an individual from receiving less retired pay than he would have received had he retired at any date subsequent to the date he became eligible to retire. | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | Asst Sec (M&RA) Brehm |
| Repeal of 5 U.S.C. Section 5343 (d) which allows circumvention of policy of payment to wage board employees of prevailing rates in certain geographic areas (Budget) | No schedule established. | DOD submitted bill to Congress 6/12. Introduced as HR 8149 on 6/23. | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | Asst Sec (M&RA) Brehm |
| Expand production of Navel Petroleum Reserves at Elk Hills (NPR #1) and authorize exploration, development and production in Alaska NPR #4. (10/8 EA-SOTU) | No schedule established for the Conference Committee. | On 7/29, the Senate debated and passed an NPR bill (S. 2173); subsequently redesignating it as HR 49. House passed HR 49 on 7/8 in place of Title 1 of the Energy Act. | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | DOD, ASN(I&L) Bowers |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

DEFENSE (CONTINUED)

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|---|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Reduce DOD manpower. (Civilian, Active Duty military, and Reserve forces). Included in the military Procurement Authorization bill. (Budget) | Conferees will meet to settle House-Senate dif- ferences 9/17. | On 8/1. Senate rejected the conference report on the Military Procurement Authorization Bill. House accepted the Conference report on 7/30. Conferees met on 9/11. | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | Asst Sec Brehm |
| Phase-out of commissary subsidy for commissary labor. The implementing general provision is contained in the 1976 DOD Appropriations Request in the 1976 Budget (Budget) | H. Appropriation Committee to report 9/19 with House floor action expected 9/24. Senate will take up Concurrent Resolution 198 in September. | On 7/31. House passed Concurrent Resolution 198. expressing Congressional opposition to elimination of subsidy for commissary labor H. Appropriations Committee mark-up of the 1976 appropri- ations request began 7/14. S. Appropriations Committee mark-up delayed until after August recess. | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | Asst Sec Brehm |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

DEFENSE (CONTINUED)

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES
(ON THE HILL)

SCHEDULE

STATUS

ACTION OFFICIALS

OMB

DEPARTMENT

Limit increase in military retirement annuities to 5% through 6/30/76. (SOTU)

Annuity increase (5.1%) has already been triggered and become effective August 1. Secure enactment as soon as possible to avoid another increase before 6/30/76.

Legislation submitted to Congress with Presidential Letter 3/19. White House Congressional liason office attempting to find sponsors.

Assoc Dir
Ogilvie

Asst Sec
Brehm

ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES

Reduce reserve strength to FY 1975 budget levels (11/26 BRM).

Legislation will not be introduced by House. Monthly status on reduction of manpower level to be tracked by M&RA.

RESERVE STRENGTHS:
Authorized Avg. Strength:
925.021

Assoc Dir
Ogilvie

Asst Sec
Brehm

| | Average Strength | End Strength |
|------|------------------|--------------|
| June | 904.737 | 896.454 |
| July | 890.765 | 890.765 |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

DOMESTIC COUNCIL

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (TO BE SUBMITTED) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|---|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Monitor the Development of Social Security Financing legislation. | Present an options paper to the President in October. Develop comprehensive legislation by early 1977. | A task force with representatives from CEA, Treasury, DOL, HEW, and OMB has been set up to develop options. SSA briefed the task force on 9/5. The task force is now defining the scope of issues to be addressed. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Assoc Dir Quern |
| Follow-up on President's meeting with independent regulatory commissioners (July 10, 1975) to achieve internal commission reforms. | Report from commissions to the President on progress due December 31, 1975. OMB staff assessment due to Domestic Council Review Group by October 8. | President held meeting with commissioners to discuss reforms on July 10, 1975 in the areas of consumer representation, economic analysis, regulatory delays, and competition in regulated industries. | Assoc Dir Collier | Assoc Dir Leech |
| Monitor the review and reform of regulations in the Departments of HEW, Agriculture, DOT, FEA, Labor, and EPA. (Cabinet Meeting 7/16) | Meeting with Task Force to be set later in September. | Domestic Council review Group to work with Departments to examine and reform regulations and regulatory processes | Assoc Dir Collier | Assoc Dir Leech |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|--|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Authorize ERDA to charge commercial level rates for uranium enrichment private participation and to increase government revenues (Budget) | Obtain Congressional approval as soon as possible. | Administration bill submitted to Congress 6/25. Joint Committee on Atomic Energy has referred the proposal to GAO for review. GAO is completing its report, with indications of no serious objections. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Deputy Admin Fri |
| Authorize ERDA to (a) make cooperation arrangements with industry to secure construction of private uranium enrichment plants and (b) initiate design for expansion of an existing Government plant on a contingency basis. | Obtain Congressional approval as soon as possible and at the latest by the end of this session. Joint Committee hearings likely by mid-October, after completion of GAO report which is due Oct 1. | Submitted to Congress by the President on 6/26. ERDA currently briefing key Congressmen. Joint Committee on Atomic Energy has requested GAO to conduct a comprehensive review of the proposal. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Assist Admin Roberts |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES
(ON THE HILL)

SCHEDULE

STATUS

ACTION OFFICIALS

OMB

DEPARTMENT

Amend Clean Air Act to resolve problems resulting from court decisions on air quality deterioration, to allow use of intermittent control systems through 1985 at isolated power plants, and to effect 5-year pause in automobile emission standards at the current Federal Interim standards for hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides.

Secure decision as to whether the Administration is willing to take responsibility for delays in setting new standards.

The House Public Works Committee has ended its mark-up and has circulated a staff discussion draft of Clean Air Act Amendments bill. The Senate Public Works Committee completed hearings on auto emissions on May 21 and has also prepared a draft bill. President-Statement, White House Fact Sheet, and ERC Memorandum were released at June 27 Press Conference. The President has recommended retention of the 1975 Federal Interim Standards through model year 1981. A bill implementing that recommendation was sent to the Congress on July 28. The President also requested that both House and Senate Subcommittees re-open hearings on automobile standards so that Administration witnesses can present testimony. Senate Subcommittee chairman agreed to hold new hearings but only if the Administration takes responsibility for delays in setting new standards. A response from Administrations required before new hearings are scheduled.

Assoc Dir
Mitchell

Asst Admin
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PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Deregulate new natural gas (SOTU) | Press for Senate floor action. | Unacceptable Senate Commerce Cte. bill has been reported to Senate floor. Administration (9/10) has submitted legislation to allow inter-state pipelines to purchase gas in the inter-state market on an emergency basis, and to save power plants from burning natural gas during emergencies. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Gen'l Counsel Montgomery |
| Convert utilities to use of domestic coal (SOTU) | Work with House Commerce Cte. and Senate Public Works Cte. to achieve desired extension of coal conversion authorities. | No action to date on Administration June 20 request for six-month extension. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Acting Asst Admin Craven |
| Remove obstacles to siting and development of energy facilities (SOTU) | Attempt to schedule hearings in House and Senate. | Administration bill is still blocked. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Acting Asst Admin Craven |
| Provide grants to States to subsidize winterizing of low income family dwellings (SOTU) | Senate Cte. markup scheduled early Sept. | House passed HR 8650 which includes acceptable winterization bill on September 8. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst Admin Sant |
| Develop strategic petroleum storage system to guard against future supply disruptions (SOTU) | Work in House and Conference to obtain acceptable bill. | On 7/29, S.677 was amended to NPR bill and sent to conference. Includes 7 year development timetable which Administration opposes. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Deputy Admin Zausner |
| Obtain emergency standby authorities, including allocation, price controls and rationing (SOTU) | Work with House to achieve acceptable bill. | Sen. Jackson; bill (S622), which passed Senate 4/10, and Dingell bill contain unacceptable standby provisions. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Gen'l Counsel Montgomery |
| Authorize the President to use tariffs, import quotas, import price floors, and other measures to reduce domestic price uncertainty. (SOTU) | Attempt to schedule hearings as soon as possible. | Administration bill has shown no progress. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Deputy Admin Zausner |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Reform State utility commission processes primarily to reduce regulatory lag and improve rate setting procedures (SOTU) | House Commerce expected to hold hearings on reform bill after completing omnibus energy bill. | Senate Gov. Ops. Cte. is planning to draft legislation. Administration has sent Labor-Management Committee's utility financing proposals to Congress in the form of legislation. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Acting Asst Admin Craven |
| ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES | | | | |
| Decontrol crude oil prices (SOTU) | Continue to work with Congress on Gradual Decontrol Plan. | President's veto of 6-month extension of price control substained. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst Admin Smith |
| Review regulatory process and financial situation relating to electric utilities (SOTU) | FEA review ongoing. No completion date scheduled. | President has endorsed Labor-Management Committee proposals to aid utilities. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Actg Asst Admin Craven |
| Develop utility coal conversion program (10/8 EA) | Obtain legislative authority to issue further orders as soon as possible. | 25 prohibition orders issued June 30. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Actg Asst Admin Craven |
| Develop synthetic fuels program (SOTU) | Draft report completed. Task Force awaiting instructions to proceed on implementation steps after ERC decision. | Task force recommendations presented to ERC on Tuesday 7/22. Formal agency comment on report received. Awaiting ERC/ | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Actg Asst Admin Craven |
| Presidential decision. | | | | |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975
 GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Authorize disposal of stockpile materials (Budget) | Interagency study in response to NSSM re- commending stockpile policy to be sent to NSC by September 30. | Lead. tin and silver legislative package transmitted to Congress Feb. 27. House stockpile committee hearings held for tin silver March 25. Defense witness did not support Administrat- ion position effec- tively killing bills. Disposed of commodities in excess supply to be determined from current study. | Assoc Dir Collier | Asst to Admin Thawley |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (TO BE SUBMITTED) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Higher Education Act Amendments (3/20 Decision) | Legislation will be submitted as soon as issues are resolved. An issue paper on student loans will go to the President the week of 9/15. | HEW testified before Senate subcte 7/23. Draft bill on non-student aid parts of the Higher Education Act received for clearance 5/23; all issues resolved except post-secondary education commissions. Draft amendments on student aid submitted informally to OMB for review; all issues resolved except guaranteed student loans and federal-state initiatives. Resolution of federal-state initiatives issue depends on the results of state consultations which HEW has not yet scheduled. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Morrill |
| Transfer St Elizabeth's Hospital to D.C. (Budget) | Submit legislation to Congress as soon as possible. | HEW draft bill received in OMB for clearance 3/10; final agency comments received 4/11. Several issues require resolution, but no action has been taken for several months. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Morrill |
| Assist State efforts to collect child support payments from absent parents of AFDC children (Budget) | Future submission will depend on HEW's review of it's position in view of the enactment of PL 94-98. FY 1976 budget assumed savings of \$15 million during FY 1975, but this will not be possible. | HEW draft legislation cleared by OMB with changes, which are under review in HEW. House passed its version, HR 8598, on 7/21. Legislation (PL94-98) with some desirable support amendments was enacted on Aug 11 but it did not include many of the corrective changes the President urged. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Morrill |
| Allied Services proposal to foster the integration of human services at the State-local level (Budget) | Submit legislation by Sept. 19. | HEW draft legislation to OMB cleared June 27. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE (CONTINUED)

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (TO BE SUBMITTED) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Social Security Act Simplification (Presidential letter 12/28) | President requested detailed plan from HEW by April 1. | Detailed specifications received by OMB 4/10; now under review in OMB. Comments will be given to HEW shortly. Bill concurrently being drafted. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Morrill |
| Require AFDC recipients registered for WIN to participate in job search under certain circumstances (Presidential decision late June). | HEW will submit draft legislation to OMB by September 30. | HEW and DOL are drafting legislation. Language being circulated internally for comment. | Dep. Dir O'Neill | Asst Sec. Morrill |
| Social Security Cost Control Act of 1975 (would revise OASDI, Medicare, AFDC, and social services programs to save \$397 million in FY 1975 and \$2,658 million in FY 1976 (Budget)) | Secure enactment as soon as possible (FY 1975 savings assumed effective date of March 1). | Legislation was submitted to Congress 2/26, introduced in the House as HR 4820, and introduced in the Senate 5/13 as S. 1720. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE (CONTINUED)

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Maternal and Child Health, Crippled Children's Services and Medicaid Cost Control Amendments of 1975 (would achieve savings of \$210 million in FY 1975 and \$770 million in FY 1976) (Budget) | Secure enactment as soon as possible (FY 1975 savings assumed effective date of March 1). | Legislation was submitted to Congress 2/26, introduced in the House as HR 4821, and introduced in the Senate 5/13 as S. 1721. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |
| Extend HMO authorities (Budget) | Authorizations expire 6/30/76. Secure enactment as soon as possible. | House and Senate introduced their own bills 6/12 (S 1926, HR 7847). HEW testified before House Health Subcte 7/14 and submitted amendments to the House Committee on 7/17. House bill HR 7847 became HR 9019 and, was ordered reported on 9/4. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |
| Unfreeze Supplementary Medicare Insurance premiums (Budget) | HEW will try to get this provision introduced as an amendment to another bill but is waiting for an appropriate bill. | Legislation was submitted to Congress 1/31, introduced in the House as HR 4822, and introduced in the Senate 5/13 as S 1722. Similar provision has been incorporated in legislation to provide Health insurance to the unemployed (H.R. 5970), which the administration opposes which is not moving. Proposal was offered as amendment to unemployment insurance legislation in Senate, but was tabled 42-36 on 6/20. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE (CONTINUED)

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Extend and revise National Health Service Corps authorities (Budget) | Attempt to secure enactment of an acceptable bill. | Bill submitted to Congress on 5/7, and introduced in both Houses (HR 7048, S 1753). House passed its own bill, HR 4114, on 5/7, and then also included a 1-year extension of the corps authorities in S.66 which has now become law. Further extension expected to be considered in health manpower bill. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |
| Extend and revise health professions training programs (Budget) | Further health manpower hearings scheduled by Sen. Kennedy on Sept. 16th and 19th. Floor action is expected in late October. | Legislation has been introduced in both Houses (HR 4717 and S.996). House passed separate nurse training bill (HR 4115) on 5/7. House passed HR 5546 amended, a bill for other health professions education on July 11. Sen. Kennedy held oversight hearings on health manpower on 7/31. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |
| Extend and revise Communicable disease control program authorities (Budget) | Authorities expire 6/30/75. House Health Subcte scheduled hearings on House bill (HR 8278) for late Sept. Executive session will be scheduled immediately following hearings. | Draft bill submitted to Congress on 5/6, and introduced in both Houses (HR 7050, S 1756). Senate Cte held hearings on 5/7. House Sen. and passed their bill (S. 1466) with some objectionable amendments on 7/30. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE (CONTINUED)

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Require reimbursement of free-standing health centers in Medicaid program (Budget) | Secure enactment as soon as possible. | Submitted to Congress on 6/6 as part of a bill with numerous other Social Security Act amendments. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Sec Kurzman |
| Extend and revise health research training programs authorities (Budget) | Authorities expired 6/30/75. Secure enactment as soon as possible. | Legislation was submitted to Congress 5/13, and introduced in the House (HR 7049) and Senate (S 2012). House Cte. ordered its own bill (HR 7988) reported on 9/14. Sen. full Cte. ordered its own bill (HR 7988) reported on 9/14. Sen. full Cte. ordered its own bill (S. 988) reported. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |
| Revise education impact aid (Budget) | Attempt to secure enactment as soon as possible. | Legislation submitted to Congress 3/4. Not yet introduced; Congressional sponsorship not optimistic. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |
| Extend and revise Vocational Education Act (Budget) | Attempt to secure enactment as soon as possible. Executive session is planned for October to write a clean bill. | Draft bill submitted to Congress on 4/17. Introduced in both Houses (S1863, HR6251). Many bills have been submitted to Congress and several hearings have been held. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |
| Library Partnership Act (Budget) | Secure enactment before July 1, (date assumed in 1976 Budget). | Legislation submitted to Congress 3/6; not yet introduced. Congressional sponsorship not optimistic. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE (CONTINUED)

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Older Americans Act extension (3/75 Decision) | Secure enactment of acceptable bill as soon as possible. | House has passed HR 3922, a very different and objectional bill. Senate passed version of HR 3922 on 6/26 and appointed conferees. House and Senate bills in conference. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |
| Developmental Disabilities Act extension (3/75 Decision) | Secure enactment as soon as possible. Conference report on House and Senate bill filed 9/11. Floor action expected by the end of Sept. | Introduced in Senate as S. 1194. Objectionable bill, H.R. 4005, was passed by House on 4/10. Senate passed S462 on 6/2. House and Senate bills in conference. on 7/30 conference committee agreed to file conference report. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Secy Kurzman |

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HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE (CONTINUED)

| ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Eliminate unnecessary bank balances under Medicare (Budget) | Administrative action was scheduled to be completed by July 1. | Implementation is commencing on a nation-wide basis. A model invitation for bid has been approved by Office of the Secretary. The model agreements and IFBs has been released for regional office use of contracting with banks. In the interim, three prototypes are in operation. | Dep Dir O'Neill | SSA, Comm Cardwell |
| Mandate prior month accounting for income determination and revise redetermination periods for AFDC eligibility (Budget) | Regulations, were scheduled to finalized by May 1. | Regulations have been signed by the Secretary and were published for comment in the Federal Register on August 19. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Acting SRS Admin. Svahn |

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HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE (CONTINUED)

ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES

SCHEDULE

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OMB

DEPARTMENT

Identify criteria for transferring PHS hospitals to local community use in 1976 (Budget)

Paper due April 15 outlining criteria and procedures to be followed.

In 12/74 HEW was advised of the President's decision to transfer one or two PHS hospital to local community use. HEW has proposed to extend its deadline for developing criteria and procedures for identifying candidates from 4/15, 5/15, 5/28 and 5/30 to an unspecified date. On July 2, the Secretary recommended to OMB a 35 week study to apply tentative criteria developed by HEW on the length and process proposed in its letter. On August 1, HEW was asked to reconsider the possibility of developing a more expedited process. The Health Services Administration has submitted a memo addressing the OMB request to Asst. Sec. Cooper.

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Actg Asst Sec
Cooper

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

SCHEDULE

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ACTION OFFICIALS

(ON THE HILL)

Develop and implement standards for new buildings (SOTU)

Senate Cte. action not yet scheduled. Secure enactment as soon as possible.

House passed HR 8650, the Building Energy Conservation Standards Act, on 9/8. Does not contain sanctions, but does contain home weatherization provision.

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PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

INTERIOR

| ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Accelerate OCS leasing. (SOTU) | DOT option paper on S. 521 and S. 586 due Sept. 9/15. First draft of DOT paper now under review. | President's decision on OCS revenue sharing is to defer until needs and equities are better understood. OMB has prepared memo to President on this. Senate has passed a bill with impact grants and loans that amends Coastal Zone Act; (2) a bill that amend OCS Act and provides similar revenue sharing features. House has held initial hearings. Several committees are involved. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst Sec Hughes |
| Design new coal leasing program and assure rapid production from existing leasing (SOTU) | Continue to monitor Interior progress | Interior is developing a program and is coping with problems of new regulations, proposed legislation, law suits, and writing EIS's | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Deputy Under Sec. Lyon |
| Speed development of Arctic gas (10/8 EA) | Policy Task force will hold meeting 9/18. | Draft environmental impact statement is available. FPC and Interior are continuing to review alternatives. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst to Under Sec. John Latz |
| Develop "toxic collar" coyote control program to be conducted by the Fish and Wildlife Service. | Sodium cyanide registration by EPA awaiting Administrator's final decision by 9/17. Administration Law Judge recommends use of M-44 device with 26 restrictions. Toxic collar can be experimental use permit. House will not take action on reprogramming until September. EPA research funds will transferred of funds for operational use. Research plan ready to go as soon as EPA funds transfer. | Reprogramming letter from Interior approved and sent to Congress. Funding arrangement involves EPA, Ag., and Interior. Interior is preparing final program plan, but Congressional delays on reprogramming and on passage of the Agriculture appropriations bill cause implementation of operational program to be delayed. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Acting Sec. Kent Frizzell |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

INTERIOR (CONTINUED)

ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES

SCHEDULE

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ACTION OFFICIALS

Approval of Northern Mariana Islands as a U.S.A Commonwealth.

In September the Senate Armed Services Committee is likely to hold hearings. Foreign Relation Comm. now appears certain to hold a hearing. Interior Comm. expected to report Covenant favorably within 2 weeks after congress reconvenes.

House passed H.J. Res 549 on 7/21 and Senate Interior Committee held hearings on S.J. Res. 107 (Admin. bill) on 7/24. H.J. Res. 549 includes two additional Sections which would: amend the Micronesian Claims Act of 1971 (Sec. 2) and give President authority to extend to all territories any Federal assistance provided to States (Sec. 3). OMB letter re HJ Res. 549 was delivered to Senate Interior Committee on 7/23. The letter recommends against enactment of either Sec.2 or Sec.3. Senate Interior Comm. views on Sec. 2 & Sec.3 not clear

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PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975
JUSTICE

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Amend the Antitrust Civil Process Act to broaden antitrust investigation authority, making it comparable to FTC's authority (10/8 EA) | Achieve enactment by December 30. | Legislation introduced in House and Senate as S.1284. Senators Hart, Fong introduced new civil process bill (S. 1637) on May 5. Senate judiciary ordered S. 1284 reported July 28 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. | Assoc Dir Collier | Asst Atty Gen Kauper |
| Achieve repeal of Federal fair trade enabling statute (Mc Guire Act) to promote greater wholesale-retail price flexibility (Presidential statement) | Achieve enactment by September 30. | House hearings completed. Hearings in Senate were February 18, 19. Recessed subject to call. House passed HR 6921, July 21, 1975, by 380-11. Thusfar in 1975, 13 states have reported their fair trade laws. | Assoc Dir Collier | Asst Atty Gen Kauper |
| Achieve enactment of criminal reform legislation and expand authorization of LEAA program to \$1.5 billion per year. | Achieve enactment by Spring, 1976. Senate Judiciary hearings planned for mid-October. | Presidential message to Congress, June 19th called for numerous reforms featured in S.1-Criminal Justice Reform Act including mandatory sentencing for serious crimes, large criminal fines, programs of aid to crime victims, and expanded prison facilities. Crime Control Act introduced as S.2212 by Sen. Hruska on July 29, and as HR 8967 by Rep. Rodino. | Assoc Dir Collier | Deputy Atty Gen Tyler |
| Achieve enactment of gun control legislation. (crime message) | Achieve enactment in 94th Congress. | Legislation would establish mandatory waiting period for purchase of weapons, increased permit fee structure for sellers of handguns, and outlaw Saturday night special. Submitted to Congress July 22. Introduced by Sen. Fong as S.2186 and Cong. McLong as HR 9022 On July 26. | Assoc Dir Collier | Deputy Atty Gen Tyler |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975
 JUSTICE CONTINUED

| ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Institute a program of coordinating and expanding of Department's programs against white-collar crime (crime message). | Draft operating plan for Department Deputy A/G Tyler by September 30th. | President directed the Attorney General to develop an initiative against white collar crime, focussing on more effective coordination of existing justice agencies and programs. The Attorney General has revived the Executive Committee on white collar crime which is currently inventorying Department activities and developing an operating plan and approach to the problem. | Assoc Dir Coller | Atty Gen Levy |
| Achieve reform of Robinson-Patman Act to permit increased competition. | Decision of President on approach to achieve reform by September 30th. | President called for reform of Robinson Patman on his speech to this Chamber of Commerce on April 28th. Several policy papers have been reviewed by the EPB to define the scope of this initiative. | Assoc Dir Coller | Asst Atty Gen Kamper |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

LABOR

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES_
SCHEDULE
(ON THE HILL)

STATUS

ACTION OFFICIALS

OMB

DEPARTMENT

Limit benefit increases under FECA to 5% through June 30, 1976 (Budget).

CPI increase became effective in June 1975. Secure enactment as soon as possible to hold down further increases before 6/30/76.

Legislation submitted to Congress on 3/19, and introduced "by request" in the House (HR 6386). White House Cong. Liason has been seeking Senate sponsor.

Dep Dir
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Adopt interim Un-employment Insurance Improvements, and create a commission to develop more fundamental reforms (7/2 Decision).

Secretary Dunlop testified on the administration proposal in July. House Subcte. plans markup by Oct. 20.

Departmental draft bill submitted to Congress and introduced on 7/14 (HR 8614). Senate and House bills have also been introduced. House Ways and Means Comm. hearings held 7/15-30.

Dep Dir
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PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES
(ON THE HILL)

SCHEDULE

STATUS

ACTION OFFICIALS

OMB

DEPARTMENT

Assure more rapid siting and licensing of nuclear plants and encourage plant standardization (SOTU).

Obtain Congressional approval as soon as possible. Committee will hold additional hearings later this month. State officials, industry representatives, and members of the public will testify.

Hearing held 6/25. According to NRC, the hearing appeared to go well, but Committee does not appear to attach any agency to this bill.

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PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES ACTION OFFICIALS (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
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| Achieve enactment of National Commission on Regulatory Reform (10/8 EA) | Bill is in trouble. | Legislation submitted to Congress on January 31. Congressional enactment appears unlikely | Assoc Dir Collier | N/A |
| Achieve amendment of the policy goals of the Employment Act of 1946 to emphasize general price stability (10/8 EA) | Seek enactment as soon as possible. | Legislation submitted to Congress on January 31, and referred to committees. Enactment likely but not imminent. March 24th House resolution encouraging Federal Reserve credit ease adopted similar price stability goal. | Assoc Dir Collier | N/A |
| Monitor the effort to solve SSI overpayment problems (Presidential Decision 8/27). | Memo to be sent to President by early October. | OMB has requested that HEW submit a plan for review by Sept 15. | Dep Dir O'Neill | SSA Comm. Cardwell |
| ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVE | | | | |
| Implement government-wide system to ensure economic analysis of major proposals for legislation and for promulgation of rules or regulations. (Executive Order 10/28) | Interagency workshop on inflation impact analysis scheduled for 2nd week of October. Evaluation of first 6 months experience to be completed by mid-October. Final approval of all agency criteria to be completed by September 26. | President's Executive Order on Inflation Impact Statements issued Nov 28, 1974. OMB Circular A-107 to implement the order issued March 28, 1975. Thus far, 15 of 25 participating agencies have approved criteria for identifying "major" proposals. | Assoc Dir Collier | N/A |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATE | STATUS | | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| Passage of Mansfield-Scott bill which lifts American arms embargo against Turkey. (4/10/75 Pres. Message) | House is expected to consider S.2330 during the last half of September | | On 7/31, the Senate passed S.2330 containing the compromise version of the Mansfield-Scott bill (S.846). The compromise was previously defeated in the House on 7/24. | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | | Undersecty of State Maw |
| Authorize Foreign Assistance Program for 1976 and 1977 (Pres. letter 5/15/75) | Hearings on economic aid have been largely completed in the S. Foreign Relations Committee. | | HR 9005. International development and Food Assistance Bill, passed House 9/10. Congressional Hearings on Security Assistance await Presidential budget amendments on Middle East aid, etc. | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | | Secretary Kissinger |
| Limit increase in Foreign Service retirement annuities to 5% through 6/30/76 (Budget). | Secure enactment as soon as possible. Next annuity increase of 5.1% became effective August 1. | | Legislation sent to Congress with Presidential letter on 3/19. Has been introduced in the Senate by Sparkman as S 1369. | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | | For Serv. Dir Gen'l Laise |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

TRANSPORTATION

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (TO BE SUBMITTED) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Enact ammendments to Regional Rail Reorganiza-tion act to establish and finance restructured Northeast Rail System. | House hearings underway on rail reorganization plan. Amendments pack-age to be submitted by September 23. | Legislation in clearance process. | Assoc Dir Collier | Deputy Sec Binden |
| Enact Air Carrier Regulatory Reform | Introduce legislation by September 22. | Special option papers prepared and discussed by EPB on 7/31 and 8/27. Bill in clearance | Assoc Dir Collier | Deputy U/S Snow |
| Enact Motor Carrier Regulatory Reform (Budget) | Introduce legislation by October 8. | Decision memo sent to Pres-ident July 30th. | Assoc Dir | Deputy U/S |
| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | | | | |
| Revise Airport and Airway Development Act and Airway Revenues Act (Budget) | No schedule. | Legislation submitted to Congress March 17. House hearings complete. Senate hearings in process. | Assoc Dir Collier | Deputy Sec Barnum |
| Enact the Rail Revitaliz-ation Act to modernize railroad regulation | Senate hearings underway. | Submitted to Congress on May 19. House hearings complete. | Assoc Dir Collier | Deputy U/S Snow |
| Achieve enactment of legislation to revise the Highway Trust Fund. (Presidential Message 7/7). | No schedule. | House and Senate hearings underway. | Assoc Dir Collier | Deputy Sec Barnum |
| Enact legislation to es-tablish comprehensive oil spill liability standards and com-prehensive fund. (Presidential Message 7/9). | No hearings scheduled. | Referred jointly in Senate to Commerce, Interior and Public Works Committees, and in House to Public Works, Merchant Marine and International Re-lations Committees. Introduced 7/22 as S. 2162. | Assoc Dir Collier | Deputy Sec Barnum |
| ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES | | | | |
| Establish a voluntary pro-gram to improve auto mileage efficiency 40% by 1980 (SOTU) | Continue to oppose man-datory standards in House and Senate bills. | Senate passed bill (S.1883) July 15 requir-ing 50% improvement by 1980. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst Sec Stoney |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | TREASURY | |
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| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Special \$25 billion financing facility for industrial countries (Financial Solidarity Fund) (President letter to Congress 6/6) | Secure enactment as soon possible. | Legislation sent to Congress, 6/6. Introduced by Sparkman as S. 1907 and referred to Senate Foreign Relations Committee 6/9. Introduced by Rees as H.R. 8175 and referred to House Banking and currency 6/24. Senate hearings held July 30 and 31. | Assoc Dir Collier | Asst Sec C. Cooper |
| Achieve enactment of \$2/bbl. petroleum excise tax and import fee (SOTU) | Consider alternative means of achieving desired impact. | Administration proposal is blocked. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst Sec Parsky |
| Enact residential energy conservation tax incentives (\$500 million annually for 3 years) (SOTU) | Senate Finance Committee hearings underway. | House passed bill June 19, which allows tax credit of up to 30% of cost of home insulation items to a maximum of \$150. Also includes a 25% credit up to \$2000 for installing solar energy equipment in homes. | Assoc Dir Collier | Asst Sec Parsky |
| Provide \$2 billion special distribution to non-tax-payers (\$80 per adult) (SOTU) | Senate Finance Committee hearings underway. | No special distribution featured in House bill. | Assoc Dir Collier | Asst Sec Parsky |
| Achieve enactment of natural gas excise tax of 37c/thousand cu. ft. (SOTU) | Senate Finance Committee hearings underway. | House bill has excise taxes on petroleum and natural gas, but rates are different and most uses are exempt. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst Sec Parsky |
| Establish 10 ATF strike forces on gun control in major metropolitan areas (Crime message). | No schedule. | President's crime message featured increase in ATF agents for Federal gun control law enforcement as a principal initiative. Legislation for supplemental appropriation is now pending in Congress. | Assoc Dir Collier | Asst Sec MacDonald |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 12, 1975

TREASURY (CONTINUED)

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Enact windfall profits tax to capture crude oil profits in excess of "base" period levels (SOTU) | Senate approval of windfall profits tax expected in Sept. if phases on immediate oil price decontrols are achieved. | Senate Finance Cte reported out windfall profits tax July 30. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst Sec Parsky |
| Achieve enactment of General Revenue Sharing Extension through 1982 (Budget) | House hearings scheduled for 9/24-25. Secure Senate action and enactment as soon as possible. | Legislation submitted to Congress April 25th; and introduced in both Houses (HR 6558, S1625). | Assoc Dir Collier | Under Sec Schmults |
| Allow corporations to deduct dividends paid on qualified preferred stock for tax purposes (10/8 EA) | Working with House Ways and Means to report a bill as soon as possible. | Treasury drafting preferred language for submission to Ways and Means staff. This may be considered as part of capital formation package at some later date. | Assoc Dir Collier | Asst Sec Hickman |
| Return \$2 billion of energy tax revenues to State and local governments through General Revenue Sharing mechanism (SOTU) | No current schedule | Decision paper forwarded to the President on formula and approach. | Assoc Dir Collier | Asst Sec Parsky |
| Eliminate withholding tax on income from foreign portfolio investments in the U.S. to encourage such investment (SOTU) | Work with House Ways and Means to report a bill as soon as possible. | Treasury drafting preferred language for submission to Ways and Means staff. Sec. Simon testified July 8. | Assoc Dir Collier | Asst Sec Hickman |
| Achieve enactment of legislation to reform financial institutions' powers and improve mortgage financing channels (10/8 EA) | No current schedule. | Senate hearings held May 14-16th and June 11. House hearings will probably be included as part of Financial Institutions and National Economy study by St. Germain Subcommittee. Prospects for Senate passage good this year. House passage uncertain. | Assoc Dir Collier | Dep Sec Gardner |

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

| LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES (ON THE HILL) | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|--|---|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Repeal the 2-year extension of the GI bill eligibility period (Budget) | \$161M budget savings assumed for FY did not occur. Enactment anytime this year to produce greater FY 1976 savings appears highly unlikely. | Legislation submitted to Congress 2/6, and has been introduced in both Houses (HR 3702; S. 817). The VA Administrator views enactment as extremely remote. The Senate Veterans Affairs Cte. has indicated no action will be taken on this legislation. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Dep Asst Admin Grubb |
| Require reimbursement from private health insurers for certain VA-provided medical care (Budget) | Schedule Senate hearings and secure enactment as soon as possible. | Legislation submitted to Congress 2/6 and has been introduced in both Houses (HR 4009; S. 817). Veterans Affairs Cte. held hearings on July 11. Senate Cte. has taken no action. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Dep Asst Admin Grubb |
| Provide grants to States for construction and operation of veterans cemeteries (Budget) | Enactment before July 1, assumed effective date, did not occur. Secure enactment as soon as possible. | Resubmission of 93rd Congress proposal. Submitted to Congress on 4/3, and has been introduced in both Houses. (HR 5803, S1361). House Veterans Affairs Subcte. has held oversight hearings. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Dep Asst Admin Grubb |
| Terminate wartime GI Bill benefits (5/7 Decision) | Secure enactment as soon as possible. | Submitted to Congress on 5/7, concurrent with proclamation ending Vietnam Era, and introduced as HR 7726 and S. 1805. House Cte. ordered reported HR 8406 on 9/11. The bill would terminate GI bill benefits for vets entering service after 1/1/76 and would also terminate the 5-point veterans preference effective 5/7/75. House floor action anticipated on 9/22. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Dep Asst Admn Grubb |

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES
(ON THE HILL)

SCHEDULE

STATUS

ACTION OFFICIALS

OMB

DEPARTMENT

Provide one year authority for pay bonuses for VA physicians (5/75 Decision)

Secure enactment of acceptable bill as soon as possible. Conference scheduled for mid September. Proposed effective date was July 1, 1975.

VA bill introduced in Senate as S1859. House and Senate version differ from the Administration proposal. House passed HR 8240 on 7/21 (382-3), which includes bonus for dentists. Sen. Cte. bill (S 1711) passed on 8/1.

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STATUS OF PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

SECTION 3

COMPLETED INITIATIVES

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

AGRICULTURE

| INITIATIVES | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Assess need for authority to allocate fertilizer | Removed Feb. 3 | Study completed. | Assoc Dir Hill | Asst Sec Ahalt |
| Raise purchase price of food stamps to 30 percent of monthly net adjusted household income. | Removed Feb. 14 | Congress passed legislation prohibiting increased charges for food stamps through 12/30/75. | Deputy Dir O'Neill | Asst Sec Feltner |
| Hold special export credit sales of farm products to \$450 million in FY 1975. | Removed March 28 | End of Fiscal year approached. OMB and USDA agreed on implementation. | Assoc Dir Hill | Asst Sec Yeutter |

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DEFENSE

INITIATIVES

SCHEDULE

STATUS

ACTION OFFICIALS

OMB

DEPARTMENT

\$300 million supplemental for S. Vietnam military assistance.

Removed Feb 28

Superseded by \$722m request by State Department

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FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

| INITIATIVES | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|--|-----------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Intensify public education on energy conservation. | Removed June 27 | Supplemental approved. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Asst Admin Sant |
| Place import fees on crude oil and petroleum products (SOTU) | No schedule. | Second dollar increase took effect June 1. President has decided to receive \$2.00 fee if acceptable decontrol solution is reached. | Assoc Dir Mitchell | Gen'l Counsel Montgomery |

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HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELFARE

| INITIATIVES | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|--|-----------------|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Amend public assistance regulations to improve program administration, and reduce errors and fraud | Removed Feb 28 | Regulations were published | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Sec Young |
| Disallow hospital cost above the 80th percentile for Medicare. | Removed June 27 | Regulations published May 30th. | Dep Dir O'Neill | SSA Comm Cardwell |
| Make permanent the authority for assistance to repatriated U.S. citizens and their dependents. | Removed July 3 | Legislation enacted | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Sec Kurzman |
| Require 20% grantee cost-sharing in health service programs. | Removed July 18 | On July 11, the President decided that this should not be published as a regulation as planned | Dep Dir O'Neill | Actg Ass Sec Cooper |
| Limit Social Security and SSI benefit increases to 5% through 6/30/76. | Removed July 11 | Legislation was not enacted. Full cost of living increases became effective. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Asst Sec Kurzman |
| Eliminate Medicare nursing differential | Removed June 20 | Regulations published May 23. | Dep Dir O'Neill | SSA Comm Cardwell |

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| INITIATIVES | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|--|-----------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Trust Territory of the Pacific Island. | Removed March 7 | Legislation cleared | Assoc Dir Hill | Asst Sec Hughes |
| Enact surface mining legislation which balances need for increased coal production with need for environmental protection. | Removed June 13 | Veto sustained on objectionable legislation passed by Congress. | Assoc Dir Hill | Carlson |

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LABOR

| INITIATIVES | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|--|-----------------|--|---------------------|---------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Study of unemployment benefit exhaustions.(3/5 Decision). | Removed June 27 | Study overtaken by subsequent legislative proposals (extended UI benefits bill, and interim UI changes bill). | Dep Dir O'Neill | Sec Dunlop |
| Extend Unemployment insurance benefit duration. (Decision). | Removed July 3 | Legislation submitted to Congress April 30. Enrolled bill signed by the President June 30. | Dep Dir O'Neill | Sec Dunlop |
| Obtain \$1.6B supplemental funds to continue 310,000 public service jobs for six months through 7/1/76. (3/5 Decision). | Removed July 3 | Request submitted to Congress on 3/7, and included in \$5.3B Emergency Employment bill. Presidential veto sustained, and \$1.6B continuing resolution enacted. | Asst Dir Mcomber | Compt Zuck |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

| INITIATIVES | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|--|---|---|---------------------|------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Achieve \$6 B budget reduction through 5% Federal pay and benefits and other annuities ceilings (SOTU) | Legislative proposals cleared for transmittal the week of March 10. | Development of legislative proposals coordinated by OMB. Separate proposals then transmitted to Congress by responsible program agencies. | Asst Dir McOmber | N/A |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

| INITIATIVES | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|--|------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Authorize \$222 million additional military assistance for Cambodia. | Removed April 18 | Further progress is blocked by uncontrollable events | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | Asst Sec Habib |
| Authorize and appropriate \$722 million emergency military assistance for South Viet Nam. (Replaces \$300 M supplemental for S. Viet Nam-SM 1/28/75) | Removed May 2 | Further progress is blocked by uncontrollable events | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | Under Sec of State Maw |
| Authorize and appropriate \$250 million emergency humanitarian and economic aid for S. Viet Nam. | Removed May 2 | Completion has been officially recognized by the President approving P.L. 94-23 | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | Admin-Aid Parker |
| Clarification of legal restrictions on use of U.S military forces for purposes of evacuating Americans & S. Vietnamese. | Removed May 2 | Further progress is blocked by uncontrollable events | Assoc Dir Ogilvie | Under Sec of State Maw |

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES TRACKING SYSTEM--September 15, 1975

TREASURY

| INITIATIVES | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Special financing facility for industrialized countries (OECD petrodollars recycling). | Removed Feb 3 | Removed from list. | Assoc Dir Scott | Asst Sec Cooper |
| Reduce 1974 individual income taxes by 12% on \$1,000 (\$12 billion). | Removed March 21 | Enacted | Assoc Dir Scott | Asst Sec Hickman |
| Reduce 1974 individual taxes \$16.5 billion by increasing low income allowances and lowering tax rates. | Removed March 21 | Failed to be included in emergency tax legislation finally enacted. | Assoc Dir Scott | Asst Sec Hickman |
| Reduce corporate tax rate from 48% to 42%. | Removed March 21 | Failed to be included in tax legislation enacted. Investment tax credit enacted instead. | Assoc Dir Scott | Asst Sec Hickman |

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

| INITIATIVES | SCHEDULE | STATUS | ACTION OFFICIALS | |
|---|--|---|--------------------|----------------------|
| | | | OMB | DEPARTMENT |
| Accelerate payment of dividends on veterans life insurance policies. (1/29 Decision) | Completed payments to 2.6 million policy holders by April 1. | Payments to all policy holders completed ahead of schedule. | Dep Dir O'neill | Dep Admin Vaughn. |

STATUS OF PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

SECTION 4

RESCISSIONS AND DEFERRALS

STATUS OF PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES
OUTLAY SAVINGS FOR 1975 RESCISSIONS

(In millions of dollars)

Eighty-seven items were proposed as rescissions of spending authority in 1975. If all the rescission requests had been approved, \$738 million in 1975 outlays and \$1,009 million in 1976 outlays would have been saved. Only 39 items were either partially or fully approved. Outlay savings achieved through rescission requests amounted to \$116 million for 1975 and \$92 million for 1976. This can be illustrated as follows:

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|---------|
| Savings: | 1975 | 1976 |
| Approved | \$116 | \$92 |
| Lapsed | -- | 85 |
| Denied | 622 | 832 |
| Total Savings Proposed | \$738 | \$1,009 |

Of total savings proposed, more than 50% of all rescission proposals were for HEW and more than 30% were for Agriculture. Similarly, lost outlay savings were concentrated in the Departments of Health, Education, and Welfare and Agriculture as follows:

Lost Outlay Savings

| Agency | 1975 | % of total lost | 1976 | % of total lost |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|
| HEW..... | \$328 | (53%) | \$478 | (57%) |
| Agriculture..... | 213 | (34%) | 285 | (34%) |
| All other..... | 81 | (13%) | 69 | (9%) |
| Total, lost outlay savings | \$622 | (100%) | \$832 | (100%) |

OUTLAYS SAVINGS SCORECARD
OUTLAY SAVINGS FOR 1975 DEFERRALS

(In millions of dollars)

Deferrals

Deferrals for part or all of fiscal 1975 were reported for 161 items. Potential outlay savings of \$435 million for 1975 and \$1,839 million for 1976 were related to the initial deferrals. Subsequent releases by the Executive Branch reduced the savings obtainable to \$333 million for 1975 and \$770 million for 1976. Of these releases, the release of Federal-aid highway funds accounted for \$1 billion in 1976.

Congressional action reduced outlay savings.

Outlay savings from deferrals were reduced to \$247 million in 1975 and \$120 million in 1976 by Congressional overturn of five deferrals. The items involved and their effects on outlay savings are described as follows:

| | (Outlays in millions of dollars) | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|
| | 1975 | 1976 |
| Savings obtainable: | \$333 | \$770 |
| Agency and subject | | |
| Transportation, highways | -- | -600 |
| Corps of Engineers and Interior, public works projects | -57 | -- |
| HUD, comprehensive planning grants | -10 | -40 |
| ERDA, largely research | -15 | -10 |
| Commerce, NOAA activities | -4 | -- |
| Savings achieved | \$247 | \$120 |

The deferrals which were overturned were generally for programs that have a direct local impact. Public works, highways, and community planning grants are examples.

OUTLAY SAVINGS FOR 1976 RESCISSIONS 1/

(In millions of dollars)

| | Proposed | | Pending in | | Enacted | | Lost outlay | |
|-----------------------|----------|------|------------|------|---------|------|-------------|------|
| | 1976 | 1977 | 1976 | 1977 | 1976 | 1977 | 1976 | 1977 |
| Agriculture..... | 5.0 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 11.0 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| HEW..... | 6.7 | 0.3 | 6.7 | 0.3 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Transportation..... | 36.7 | 64.0 | 36.7 | 64.0 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Community Services... | 10.0 | -- | 10.0 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Totals..... | 58.4 | 75.3 | 58.4 | 75.3 | -- | -- | -- | -- |

 1/ Outlay savings for the transition quarter have been added to the 1976 amounts for Agriculture (\$1.0 million). HEW (\$1.0 million) and Transportation (\$16.0 million).

OUTLAY SAVINGS FOR 1976 DEFERRALS 1/

(In millions of dollars)

| | Deferrals transmitted | | Overturned | | Released by the Executive Branch | | Present outlay savings | |
|--|-----------------------|-------|------------|------|----------------------------------|------|------------------------|-------|
| | 1976 | 1977 | 1976 | 1977 | 1976 | 1977 | 1976 | 1977 |
| Agriculture..... | 17.4 | 49.1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 17.4 | 49.1 |
| HEW..... | 18.0 | -14.7 | 2/ | -- | -- | -- | 18.0 | -14.7 |
| Interior..... | 7.2 | 1.0 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 7.2 | 1.0 |
| Treasury..... | 151.0 | -93.4 | 2/ | -- | -0.3 | 0.3 | 150.7 | -92.7 |
| GSA..... | 1.8 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.8 | -- |
| Community Services... | 16.5 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 16.5 | -- |
| American Revolution Bicentennial Adm..... | 1.0 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.0 | -- |
| Totals..... | 212.9 | -58.0 | -- | -- | -0.3 | 0.3 | 212.6 | -57.3 |

 1/ Outlay savings for the transition quarter have been added to the 1976 amounts for Agriculture (\$5.9 million), HEW (\$-10.9 million), Interior (\$1.0 million), and Community Services Administration (\$4.5 million).

2/ Negative amounts result from shifting outlays from 1976 to 1977.