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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT: Energy Bill

At the suggestion of Jack Marsh I have phoned John Rhodes in Hawaii and Hugh Scott in Bermuda to advise them of the President's Leadership Meeting tonight on the Energy Bill and solicit their views.

Senator Scott said to tell the President that he very strongly recommends that the bill be signed.

He said that he believes that those who are very vocal against the bill at this time could not themselves ultimately be counted upon to help sustain a veto because of the pressures that would build.

Senator Scott said he believes that the public is fed-up with the long energy battle and wants a resolution of the issue.

He said the Republicans opposed to the bill were like the last ditch Republicans who opposed Social Security and the party has paid the penalty ever since.

Scott said he seriously doubts if a veto could be sustained in the Senate and he strongly urges the President sign the bill.

John Rhodes

Bud Brown had already gotten to John Rhodes and given him a strong argument in favor of a veto.

John told me that his gut horseback instinct was to recommend a veto and he doubts if anyone could ascertain at this time whether a veto could be sustained.

He said he thought if the Administration came down hard on the bill from the start and really worked there was a good chance it could be sustained.



Rhodes criticized the fact that the bill contains a rollback and he attacked the "composite" pricing feature as ridiculous.

However, John said that he wanted to meet with Frank Zarb just as soon as he returned from Hawaii and have a briefing on the details before making final judgement on his recommendation for action to the President.

bcc: Jack Marsh



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT: Republican Leadership Meeting

Bill Seidman recommends, and I concur, that the leadership meeting tonight include a status report on New York City.

The Hill is awash with rumors about a possible Administration switch on the issue.

Seidman and myself have received inquiries from Republican leaders about our position.

Tonight's meeting would be a good opportunity to review the situation with the leaders.

bcc: Bill Seidman
Jack Marsh
Dick Cheney
Alan Greenspan



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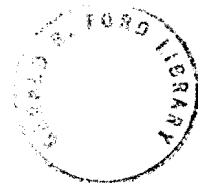
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*
SUBJECT: Meeting with Republican Congressional Leadership -
Republican Members of the Energy Bill Conference

Attached is a list of those participating in this evening's
7:30 p.m. meeting in the Cabinet Room.

Unfortunately, several of the leaders who probably would
argue in favor of a signing will not be present. This
includes Hugh Scott, Carl Curtis and John Anderson.



PARTICIPANTS

The President

SENATE

Bob Griffin
Paul Fannin
Cliff Hansen
Dewey Bartlett
Jim McClure
Ted Stevens
Lowell Weicker
Glenn Beall
Howard Baker
John Tower
Bob Stafford

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Jim Broyhill
Bob Michel
Sam Devine
Jack Edwards
Barber Conable
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Ron Nessen
Jim Cannon
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Bill Seidman
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Vern Loen
Bill Kendall
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Charles Leppert
Tom Loeffler
John Hill
Eric Zausner
Bob Wolthuis

