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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Richard M. Nixon
Vice President Gerald R. Ford
The Cabinet

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, November 6, 1973, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Cabinet Room

SUBJECT: Energy

Vice President Ford: Can you get this legislation through in a single bill? There are many jurisdictions and I don't see how you are going to manage.

Love: We are trying to put all the emergency aspects into a single bill, but the long-range aspects will have to be handled separately.

Laird: We want to send up a list of what we want and not get into the housekeeping aspects of jurisdiction.

Vice President Ford: Is this to be acted on before Congress adjourns?

President Nixon: Yes, even if we have to hold them in session.

[There was a long discussion about the merits of sending one versus many bills, or just a message.]

Laird: The best thing is to put all the emergency things in a single bill and push it through.

Morton: The primary authority needed this winter is to depress demand.

Brinegar: The shortage will begin to depress the GNP unless we move to gas rationing very soon.
Shultz: I think we should ration through a tax rather than direct rationing.

President Nixon: Rationing requires a strong patriotic spirit -- which collapsed after VE day, not VJ day. If we can keep the effect one step removed from the citizen (through a producer tax), we are better off.

[There was discussion of rationing, a speed limit, turning the lights down in federal buildings.]

President Nixon: In connection with energy, I want you to realize that it might be necessary to apply pressure to Israel. Israel had been completely intransigent after first indicating some flexibility, and apparently they think they can just stay where they are. It may be necessary for us to go to the UN and we may have to apply pressure on Israel. I hope it won't be necessary, but if it is, I expect the Cabinet to understand.

Note: Secretary Kissinger did not attend the meeting. He was in the Middle East at the time.
Can you get this logic into a single cell? There are many jurisdiction - do all the one you are going to manage.

We are trying to put all the seniors into a single cell, but long range aspects will have to be handled separately.

We cannot send up a list of what we want to get into a long-range aspect of jurisdiction.

Ford: Do this IC on a Tuesday before 9am and adjourn?

Yes, even if we have to hold them in session.

Big disagreement about one vs many call, or just a message.

Hand: Best thing is to put all the money thing in a single bill and push it through.

Water: Referral committee needed this morning at its expense.

Barnes: - Should we begin to adjust the RV and notebook to yes returning very soon.

Shultz: I think we should return these tax rather than.

PWS - Rationing requires strong patriotic spirit - collapsed after US, not US day. If we can have effect on trip demand from c seat as (then we produce tax)

we are better off.

Rationing (speed limit/ limits on fuel/ distance/ no more discussion)

Drew said in connection with energy that it might be necessary to apply a price to foreign. Said I had been completely erroneous after first indicating some flexibility + differently thought they could just stay when they were. It may be necessary for us to go to the DOE and see how they plan to apply means.

Hope we can return, but if it was the DOE's decision to understand.

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E.O. 11905, SEC. 3.5
NSC Memo, 11/24/66, State Dept. Guidelines
21/2/67