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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Cabinet Meeting

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 30, 1974  
11:00 a.m. [Scheduled for 1 hour]

PLACE: The Cabinet Room

President: We have a lot of business so let's get right at it.

Ash: Personnel items and reclamation are still going on.

Recissions and reductions to get under \$300 billion are under advisement by the President.

President: Inflation is still ranked by the people as the most serious problem we have.

Every Department has the responsibility to know what its out of the ball game is. I expect each to carry out its part of the program. Butz first.

Butz: [Talked about restrictive support legislation.]

Dent: Trying to get out the word on energy conservation.

[Much discussion of Jones Act and National Security waiver.]

Lynn: Trying to get a consensus on improving our long term approach to credit.

Morton: Deep water ports looks okay. Strip mining is tougher.

Navy Petroleum Reserves #1 and #4. We are trying to get together a proposal for you.

[Issue between DOD and Interior on how to explore #4.]



Hebert is being very tough.

President: We ought to be able to talk Hebert into something on #1, even if we have to earmark funds.

Morton: Oil shale -- will have evaluation by January.

Justice (Silberman)

Brennan:



# Cabinet Mtg 30 Oct.

P Short of business so lets get right at it.

Ask Personnel items + relations still going over.

Revisions + relations to get under \$200 bil  
are being discussed under advisement  
by C. P. Co.

P Explanation is still wanted by people as to what  
business problems are here.

Every Dept has exp to know what <sup>its</sup> part of a bill

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Dwight (Talked about restrictive support legis.)

Dwight Trying to get onto covered on energy conservation

(Much discussion of Jones Act & Natl Security issues)

Levyon Trying to get a consensus on improving our long term  
approach to credit

Morton Deepwater ports looks OK. Strip mining is tougher.

Wavy Pet Revisions #1 & #4. We trying to get together a  
proposal for you.

(Some let DOD + Justice on how to replace #4)

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P We ought to be able to talk Helbert into something on #1,  
even if we have to ~~cancel~~ earmark funds.

Morton Oil Shale - will have eval by Jan

Justice (Sullivan)

Brewer

