MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMCON: President’s Meeting with Joint Congressional Leadership

DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 14, 1975
8:00 a.m.

PLACE: The Cabinet Room
The White House

[The meeting began with a discussion of the domestic energy program.]

President: One other action already taken by the Senate and now reported out of the House International Relations Committee is the bill on restoring Turkish aid. [He described the Fraser Amendment.]

Speaker Albert: Telegrams are coming at 1,000 a day.

President: I would hope this bill could get through the House and go to Conference. Our AHEPA friends are making what I think is a serious mistake trying to block this bill. If they do, they will jeopardize NATO, harm our national security in Europe and the Mediterranean, and the closure of those bases could severely hurt both our own national security and NATO.

If we can get the bill through the House, maybe we can get something out of conference.

Albert: We will get some sort of bill through.

President: One other item. As you know, the plebiscite in the Marianas is very favorable and there is legislation in both Houses to approve that.

Secy Hathaway: We do have legislation in both Houses and we would hope it is approved.
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(Ewing Division)

1. We have a Truman legacy where the Senate — now
expected out of the BC is still on track and united.
(General Press conference)

2. The Congress are coming at 1:00/2:00.

3. The House will be here in a few hours.

4. Our people are doing what

5. I think in terms of what to try. I don't think this

6. They are doing well, especially NATO, because

7. The House is ready to talk. They are ready.

8. We will get some sort of bill there.

9. On the other hand, we now have, from

10. It seems very simple that there is a bill in both

11. We are both sides in both houses and

12. It appears.