MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

CABINET ENERGY MEETING

PARTICIPANTS:

George P. Shultz, Secretary of the Treasury

Claude S. Brinegar, Secretary of

Transportation

Melvin R. Laird, Counsellor to the President for Domestic Affairs

Bryce N. Harlow. Counsellor to the President

Major General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy
Assistant to the President for National

Security Affairs

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday - December 12, 1973

3:00 p.m.

PLACE:

The Cabinet Room
The White House

Harlow: One of the biggest problems is dealing with that of excess profits. There is a proposal in the present bill.

Shultz: I am consulting with key Congressmen quietly. It is complicated and we must move slowly.

<u>Laird:</u> How about saying we will come up with something within 30 days and get the scheme taken out of the bill?

Brinegar: I want to mention the gateway question. The ICC has given different truckers different routes -- they may require a Chicago-Los Angeles route to go by way of New Orleans. The ICC is just proposing dropping gateway where 20 percent of the circuitry is involved. It will cost some jobs and financial problems, but will save lots of money. There are 900,000 to 1 million with the major truckers and 200,000 with the independent truckers.

I believe the speed limit should stay at 50-55 miles per hour.

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