

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 19, 1976

Meeting with the Cabinet  
4:00 p.m. (15 minutes)  
The Cabinet Room

From: James E. Connor



I. PURPOSE

To give the members of your Cabinet a preview of your State of the Union Message.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background: This meeting has been arranged to give the Cabinet members the opportunity to hear personally from you what you plan to emphasize in your SOTU Message this evening. Certain of the Cabinet members took advantage of the invitation yesterday to come to the Cabinet Room to read an advance copy of the message, but not all of them have seen the advanced text.

B. Participants: Attached at Tab A.

C. Press Plan: Announcement to the Press. David H. Kennerly Photo.

III. TALKING POINTS:

I appreciate your coming here this afternoon. As you know, the State of the Union Message is one of the most important speeches made by the President during the year, and I wanted to have the opportunity to discuss briefly with you what I plan to tell the Congress and the American people tonight.

Meeting of the Cabinet to Preview the SOTU Message  
January 19, 1976 - 4:00 pm

Attendees:

The President

The Vice President

Secretary of the Treasury, William Simon

The Attorney General, Edward Levi

The Secretary of the Interior, Thomas Kleppe

The Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz

The Secretary of Commerce, Rogers Morton

The Secretary of HEW, F. David Mathews

The Secretary of HUD, Carla Hills

The Deputy Secretary of Defense, William Clements (Secretary Rumsfeld  
is preparing for his trip to NATO)

The Under Secretary of Labor, Robert Aders (for Secretary Dunlop)

The Deputy Secretary of Transportation, John Barnum (for Secretary Coleman)

The Counsel to the President, Philip Buchen

The Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, Frederick Dent

The Counsellor to the President, Robert O. Hartmann

The Director of OMB, James Lynn

The Counsellor to the President, Jack O. Marsh

James Cannon, Assistant to the President

Richard Cheney, Assistant to the President

James Connor, Secretary to the Cabinet

Alan Greenspan, Chairman, CEA

Ronald Nessen, Press Secretary

L. William Seidman, Assistant to the President

Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President

Frank Zarb, FEA



Note: Secretary Kissinger will be on his way to Moscow and Secretary Robert Ingersoll is out of town, so there will be no State Department Representative according to Secretary Kissinger's office.