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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH  
MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ.*

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February 17, 1975

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cc: Secretary Morton  
Secretary Simon  
Asst. Sec. Tom Enders  
Chairman Greenspan  
Administrator Zarb

W.H. - Seidman  
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February 18, 1975

TO: VERN LOEN  
~~CHARLES LEPPERT~~  
MIKE DUVAL

FROM: Glenn Schleede

Attached for your information.

cc: Eric Fygi  
Jim Rubin

*Referred to Commerce Committee (House) as an Official Executive  
Commissioner*



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

February 10, 1975

OFFICE OF THE  
ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On January 30, 1975, the President transmitted to the Congress a proposed omnibus energy bill -- the Energy Independence Act of 1975. Included within this proposed omnibus bill are several amendments to the Clean Air Act.

It has been brought to my attention that during the final stages of preparation of this omnibus bill for transmittal to the Congress, certain material was inadvertently left out of the final package. Attached is the material which should be placed in the omnibus bill at the appropriate point in Title V - Clean Air Act Amendments of 1975, Section 503-Automobile emission standards.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Russell E. Train

Russell E. Train  
Administrator

Honorable Carl Albert  
Speaker of the House  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Enclosure

ATTACHMENT

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"The regulations under subsection (a) applicable to emissions of oxides of nitrogen from light-duty vehicles and engines manufactured during model years 1977 through 1981, inclusive, shall contain standards equivalent to the emission standards for this pollutant that apply to new vehicles and engines offered for sale in all of the States (except California) during the model year 1975."



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February 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

THRU:

VERN LOEN *VL*

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ.*

SUBJECT:

Proposed Ullman - Committee on Ways  
and Means Energy Hearings

John Meagher called to state that Al Ullman is planning two (2) weeks of panel hearings on the total energy situation starting March 3 or 10. No public announcement has been made of these panel hearings yet. Administration witnesses will not be asked to testify until after the panels have been heard by the Committee. The panel hearings will be televised but no decision has been made on live television.

Meagher has asked me to supply him with a list of non-administration witnesses who can testify on all aspects of the energy situation by noon, Friday, February 21st, who are favorable to the President's energy program and can rebut the testimony of panelists called by Ullman and the Majority in opposition to the President's energy program. Meagher has asked that we not publicize our assistance so that it does not appear that the Administration has named the witnesses to be called by the Committee Minority.

Do we have names of non-administration people who assisted in putting the President's energy program together who could fill this role?

I have asked Duval, Schleede and Eric Zausner for this information.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GLENN SCHLEEDE

THRU:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
VERN LOEN

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ.*

SUBJECT:

Omission of Sec. 503(d) auto emission  
standards from the Omnibus Energy  
Bill - H. R. 2650

The House Parliamentarian informs me that the Train letter to the Speaker on the omission of section 503(d) has been referred to the House Interstate Committee as an official Executive Communication.

In addition, I have checked this with Dennis Taylor, Mr. Rhodes legislative assistant who states that section 503(d) should have been printed in the Rhodes bill H. R. 2650. Both Taylor and the House Parliamentarian have requested the official papers to determine if it is a GPO printing error.

I have just received word that Mr. Rhodes is requesting that H. R. 2650 be reprinted inserting Sec. 503(d) which was left out of the original printing of the bill inadvertently by GPO.



New Section 503(d) - to be  
inserted on p.49

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February 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN O. MARSH  
MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

THRU: VERN LOEN VL

FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT DPB

SUBJECT: President's Energy Plan ✓

During a conversation with Chuck Wiggins yesterday, he gave me an actual example of how the President's energy conservation plan actually worked for a California family.

A Los Angeles Times reporter, who had gasoline credit cards for himself and his family, had figured out the actual amount of gasoline consumed each month. He took his wife's credit cards away and gave her a like amount each month. He found that because she was making a free economic choice she elected to spend less on gasoline and reduced the gasoline consumption by 1/3 thus spending the money on other things of her choice.

This strikes me as a very interesting example on how the President's program can work and it might be useful for public use sometime in the future.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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February 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN O. MARSH

THRU: MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
VERNON LOEN *VL*

FROM: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *Clg.*

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In general the panel of three (3) economists opposed the President's energy program.

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Mr. Owens opposes the President's imposition of oil import tariffs and rationing. He favors going to a import quota system gradually while retaining the mandatory allocation program and a gradual decontrol of old oil with a phase out of the two-tier pricing system. The Subcommittee has requested the Treasury Department for an analysis of his testimony as to its tax aspects.

Mr. Adelman supported his own theory of requiring the OPEC cartel to bid on providing the U. S. with oil.

#### Auto Industry Panel

Chrysler supported the amendments to the clean air act and stated it could not voluntarily meet the standards without the delays requested by the President.

General Motors supported the President's program in its "broad thrust" and favored the decontrol of old oil.

Ford supports the President's reliance on the price mechanism and the deregulation of old oil but states that the program should be implemented on a gradual basis. Ford supported the clean air act amendments and called for less stringent ones.

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Petrochemical Users Panel

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Panel on Policy Alternatives

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A copy of the list of witnesses appearing before the Dingell Subcommittee is attached.

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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE  
OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN D. DINGELL,  
D-MICHIGAN, 16TH DISTRICT

IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1975

WITNESS LIST SELECTED FOR DINGELL  
ENERGY AND POWER HEARINGS

Congressman John D. Dingell, D-Michigan, Chairman of the House Energy and Power Subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee today announced the witness and panel list for hearings in the Subcommittee, February 17-21.

The new Subcommittee is taking testimony on President Ford's energy messages to Congress and the pressing energy problems facing the Nation and affecting all sectors of the economy.

Witnesses include representatives of energy producing and consuming industries, the Federal Government, consumer groups, and State and local governments.

"The Subcommittee, in these initial morning and afternoon hearings, is seeking a complete overview of the energy supply, distribution and user demand problems," stated Chairman Dingell.

He added, "Following the week of overview on energy matters, the Subcommittee will make determinations as to which specific energy proposals, legislation, alternatives and recommendations will receive our attention first."

The witness list is attached.

(MORE)

WITNESS LIST  
HEARINGS ON PRESIDENTIAL ENERGY PROGRAM

Monday, February 17 - Room 2123 Rayburn House Office Building

10 a.m.

Administration Witnesses:

Honorable William E. Simon, Secretary, Department of the Treasury  
(tentative)  
accompanied by --  
Honorable Ed Fiedler, Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy  
Honorable Frank Zarb, Administrator, Federal Energy Administration  
Honorable Thomas Enders, Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs,  
Department of State  
Honorable Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors

Tuesday, February 18 - Room 2123 Rayburn House Office Building

2 p.m.

Panel of Economists:

George L. Perry, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution  
Charles R. Owens, Charles Owens and Associates  
M. A. Adelman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Thursday, February 20 - Room 2123 Rayburn House Office Building

10 a.m.

Auto Industry Panel:

Chrysler, Ford, General Motors, American Motors

United Auto Workers - Duane (Pat) Greathouse, Vice President

Utilities Panel:

Thomas J. Galligan, Jr., Boston Edison Company  
W. Donham Crawford, President, Edison Electric Institute  
Alex Radin, American Public Power Association  
Ben Fuqua, Florida Power and Light Company

2 p.m.

Energy Producers Panel:

Frank Ikard, President, American Petroleum Institute  
Bud Lawrence, Vice President, American Gas Association  
Carl Bagge, President, National Coal Association  
C. John Miller, President, Independent Petroleum Association  
of America  
Walter Rogers, President, Interstate Natural Gas Association  
of America

Industrial Consumers Panel:

National Association of Manufacturers - witnesses to be  
announced  
Milton Stewart, National Small Business Association

Friday, February 21 - Room 2123 Rayburn House Office Building

10 a.m.

State Government Panel:

Honorable Thomas P. Salmon, Governor of the State of Vermont and  
Chairman, National Governors Conference Committee on Natural  
Resources and Environmental Management  
Honorable Dolph Briscoe, Governor of the State of Texas

Local Government Panel:

Conference of Mayors - witnesses to be announced  
League of Cities - witnesses to be announced  
National Association of Counties - witnesses to be announced

Consumers Panel:

Lee White, Consumer Federation of America  
~~Gary DeLoss~~, Public Interest Research Center  
Witness to be announced - Farm Bureau  
Jim Cubie, Congress Watch

*Garry DeLoss*

*Group*

2 p.m.

Transportation Industry Panel:

Paul Ignatius, Air Transport Association  
Carl Lyon, American Association of Railroads  
Charles Webb, National Association of Motor Bus Operators  
William A. Bresnahan, American Trucking Association  
John Creedy, Water Transport Association  
Bill Stokes, American Public Transit Association

Petrochemical Users Panel:

Witnesses to be announced

Panel on Policy Alternatives:

Honorable John Sawhill, Former Administrator, Federal Energy  
Administration  
Honorable Peter Peterson, Chairman of the Board, Lehman  
Brothers, Former Secretary of Commerce

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Charlie --

Mike Duval's office called to say that there will be a meeting today - 2/12/75

Ken Cole's Office - 2nd Flr. West Wing  
11:30 a. m. - brief meeting - about 15 minutes

Subject - Dingell Hearings

Participants - Ken Cole

Jim Cavanaugh - P

Frank Zarb - P

Wm. Seidman - P

Mike Duval - P

Glenn Schumacher - P

Terry Wagoner - P

Duval wants you to extend an invitation to Max Friedersdorf to attend the meeting. CHAS. LEPPER - P.

Neta

2/12/75

FOR 2-17-75

ZARB - FOR

Hickman - GARDNER - TRESY. - ED FIEDLER

ENDERS - STATE



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February 11, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH  
MAX FRIEDERSDORF

THRU:

VERN LOEN

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ*

SUBJECT:

Dingell Hearings On President's Energy  
Program - Suggested Witness List

Attached for your information is the proposed witness list for the hearings on the President's energy program before the Subcommittee on Energy and Power of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and Chaired by John Dingell.

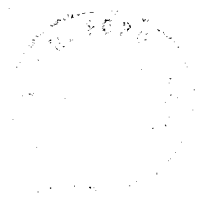
At the request of Mike Duval and Glenn Schleede we had the two principal subcommittee staff people for a working lunch here at the White House Mess. The purpose of the working lunch was to give Duval and Schleede and the two principal staff people (Curtis and Vlcek) the opportunity to exchange information on the purpose and conduct of the hearings beginning February 17th.

The Subcommittee on Energy and Power is composed of the following members:

Dingell, Chairman  
Staggers  
Murphy (NY)  
Eckhardt  
Ottinger  
Krueger  
Wirth  
Sharp  
Brodhead  
Moffett

Brown (Ohio), Ranking Minority  
Devine  
Broyhill  
Heinz  
Moorhead (Calif.)

cc: Bennett



SUGGESTED WITNESS LIST

February 17

- Administration:

Witnesses to be identified by the President  
[These should include Zarb; Simon; Charles Robinson, Undersecretary  
for Economic Affairs, Department of State]

February 18

p.m. Only

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Charles Schultze, the Brookings Institution, Former OMB Director  
under President Johnson

George L. Perry, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution  
Charles R. Owens, President of Charles Owens and Associates,  
consultants on energy, economics and public policy, Former  
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Policy Planning and Regu-  
lation at FEA and Director of the Energy Division, Cost of  
Living Council

Hazel Henderson, Princeton University

M. A. Adelman, M.I.T.

Hendrik Houthakker, Harvard University

(Alan Greenspan, Council of Economic Advisors, if not present on  
February 17)

*Milton Friedman, U. of Chicago*

February 20

a.m.

- Labor and Consumer Panel

Andrew J. Biemiller, AFL-CIO

Leonard Woodcock, UAW

Lee White, Consumer Federation of America

- Utilities Panel

Thomas J. Galligan, Jr., Boston Edison Company, representing  
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p.m. (February 20)

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America

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Milton D. Stewart, National Small Business Association

February 21

a.m.

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*Briscoe of Texas*

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p.m.

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- Petrochemical Users

Witness to be designated, PEG  
Witness to be designated, SOCMA

- *Auto Users*  
*Manufacturers*  
*AAA*  
*Agri. Business*

DINGELL HEARINGS

Date (Feb.)

Committee Action

Administration Response

Monday, 17th

Administration witnesses

- Define energy problems
- Defining specific need for immediate action. Include international implications and national defense argument.
- Goal - to find exactly why 1,000,000 barrels a day in '75 and 2,000,000 barrels in '77.
- Briefly cover how President's program solves entire problem and why it must hang together as a total package.
- Cover decontrol on April 1. Be prepared to respond as to whether or not the President will do this or will he compromise.

Tuesday, 18th

Panel of economists

- Basic thrust of testimony will be that the President's program does not make economic sense, will be deflationary, will be inflationary and will severely hurt the poor, etc.
- Have Greenspan join the panel as a witness.
- Try to get private economists on panel also, such as George Schultz.
- Have white paper prepared on "ripple effect", impact on income levels, etc.



Date (Feb.)Committee ActionAdministration Response

Weds., 19th

No hearings scheduled

Have major Administration PR event to make the following arguments:

- Labor and consumers are protected under President's plan compared to other plans.
- Utility companies will be taken care of.
- State and local governments taken care of.
- Transportation and energy-intensive users taken care of.

Thurs., 20th

- Labor and consumer panel. AFL-CIO, Woodcock and Lee White.
- Utilities panel.
- Energy producers panel (Ikard, Bagge, and somebody from the independents)
- Industrial consumers' panel

Refer to announcements of preceeding day and have sympathetic Congressman or Senator rebut point by point, preferably during the Committee hearings.

Date (Feb.)Committee ActionAdministration Response

Fri., 21st

- State governors
- Mayors and county executives
- Transportation
- Petrochemical

- Consider having Governor Edwards at the White House for meeting or to meet with Morton.
- Get a strong statement by key airline presidents to undercut the transportation argument.

SUGGESTED WITNESS LIST

February 17

- Administration:

Witnesses to be identified by the President  
[These should include Zarb; Simon; Charles Robinson, Undersecretary  
for Economic Affairs, Department of State]

February 18

p.m. Only

- Panel of Economists:

John C. Sawhill, Former FEA Administrator  
Charles Schultze, the Brookings Institution, Former OMB Director  
under President Johnson

George L. Perry, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution  
Charles R. Owens, President of Charles Owens and Associates,  
consultants on energy, economics and public policy, Former  
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Policy Planning and Regu-  
lation at FEA and Director of the Energy Division, Cost of  
Living Council

Hazel Henderson, Princeton University

M. A. Adelman, M.I.T.

Hendrik Houthakker, Harvard University

(Alan Greenspan, Council of Economic Advisors, if not present on  
February 17)

*Milton Friedman, U. of Chicago*

February 20

a.m.

- Labor and Consumer Panel

Andrew J. Biemiller, AFL-CIO

Leonard Woodcock, UAW

Lee White, Consumer Federation of America

- Utilities Panel

Thomas J. Galligan, Jr., Boston Edison Company, representing  
Edison Electric Institute

Alex Radin, American Public Power Association

Guy W. Nicholls, on behalf of New England Power Pool and New  
England Electric System

p.m. (February 20)

- Energy Producers Panel

Frank Ikard, American Petroleum Institute  
Witness to be designated, American Gas Association  
Carl Bagge, Coal Association  
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America

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*Manufacturers*  
*AAA*  
*Auto Business*

John D.  
Memo for Jack Marsh

Thru Max Z

V.L.

From:

<sup>handed</sup>  
Col. Leppert, Jr.

✓ Subject:

Report <sup>ON DINGER</sup> on Russell Hearings on the President's Energy Program.

The information contained in this report is <sup>substantive</sup> a summary of the hearings & are reported by the panel accordingly.

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one.

United Auto Workers Panel

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Utilities Panel

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Energy Producers Panel

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Industrial Consumers Panel

✓ Stated there was no need to cut back on consumption as rapidly as proposed in the President's program. Strongly supported voluntary conservation as still possible + citing the previous embargo. Nuclear on the <sup>DEREGULATION</sup> deregulation of natural gas + oil.



State Government Panel

Opposed the President's program + the decentral of oil. Supported ~~the~~ an extension of the Mandatory allocation program.

Local Government Panel

Favored ~~the~~ conservation policy on a voluntary basis + opposed the decentral of oil.

Consumers Panel

Opposed the President's program as to expensive + inflexible. Opposed the importation of oil import trips + deregulation of natural gas. Supported an import quota system on foreign oil.

Transportation Panel

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Petrochemical Users Panel

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+ lighting.

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Next  
up  
Sub  
Thurs.  
Fri  
Sat.

Memo for Jack March  
Thurs: June 5.

Auto Industry - OK on emissions  
v tariff v decentral

Utilities - in form of P program  
in rate base - v dereg.  
of that gas or increasing  
price of fuel.

Energy balances - for P's program but  
against taxing or forcing  
increase prices. - dereg  
of that gas & old oil -  
grant windfall under  
JMW book.

Industrial - grant P's program

State Local Govt - against P's program for  
price increases

Transp. - v price increases but  
exempted

Petroleum - limited expansion

Policy alternatives - Service - focuses consumer  
Petroleum - price decentral do gradually



Adams - for P<sub>i</sub> program - Cents

- ① Adams' known & made for case
- ② numbers don't hold up.
- ③ More info should be provided  
example - Henry - no core on limit  
of credits to 1 billion bbl per day to  
Guinea - ask for chart on the  
oilium, <sup>P program</sup> for each of different  
energy sources & impact of P<sub>i</sub>  
program on the price on gas by  
yr. basis.

Not a plenty argument  
not made.

Economists - Perry - opposed to duty on imports  
a excise tax on domestic oil  
from our free price system  
for domestic production - grant  
w/ full profit tax - various decry.  
of the not a gas - favors cost  
of imports grows a bidding  
system w/ foreign oil producers to  
break OPEC.

Takes neg't for any loss  
of the testimony as to that  
US gas

Quinn - V. <sup>oil</sup> Staff, opposes rationing  
foreign product import quota return  
standby alloc. program & gradual  
deregulation w/ phase out of two  
tier pricing.

Adelman - his own theory on cartel  
bidding to govern U.S. w/ oil



Auto Industry - Chrysler - favor air delays  
waiver voluntary unless  
delays air

~~no cost~~  
Main Q. - there is no  
clear way to cut  
out imports in 1 or 2  
year or one year  
what is there to propose

GM - supports program in  
"road block" - favor decentral  
of old air

Ford - favor P's release on  
pure mechanism - will delay  
of old air - <sup>but</sup> perhaps whole  
program should be done  
gradually. favor auto industry  
exemptions but should be less  
stringent

UAW - opposed to pure mechanism  
as inflationary - needs  
redirection. not called for  
no dereg of Nat'l gas. Multi  
tier price system - <sup>from</sup> anti trust  
vs. energy companies.

Whelan's - oppose increased capital  
fees - favor favor air impact future  
favor rate <sup>structure</sup> & facilities  
city + clean air act amendments.  
Oppose decentral of Nat gas

Energy Producers - Miller - favor decentral  
old act, v. would face profits  
unless flow back. favor  
dereg of Nat's gas - Oppose  
to raise tax on Nat & gas.



Industrial Consumers - No need to cut back  
as fast as P program  
value by conservation  
panels - unless an  
amount of old oil.

State Gov's Panel - oppose decurtail of old oil  
+ extend allocation prog.

Mayors - <sup>from</sup> conservation - oppose decurtail  
of old oil

Consumers - against P's program - see white  
p. 1. too expensive - no tariffs  
froms given a cap, against  
decurtail of old oil.

Transportation - R's truck program will require  
increase for R.  
Water carriers - same increase  
rates.

Tankers - increase rates

Autos - want exemption  
P program cost \$500 in a year

Petrochemical - want exemption from excise  
tax - any tax on feedstocks  
should be eliminated.



Peterson - Decentralize oil gradually  
from flow back program  
" Mandate conservation in  
heating & lighting

Truhitt - too much in unbalanced economy.  
no price decentralize of oil  
gradually abandon two tier  
price system & return to single  
ceiling price for all oil - let oil  
price rise 10% per yr to ceiling.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 2-20-75

TO: Chas. Leppert

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf

For Your Information \_\_\_\_\_

Please Handle ✓

Please See Me \_\_\_\_\_

Comments, Please \_\_\_\_\_



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Max:

Does Charlie have any feedback on  
Dingell hearings?

Jack



FEB 17 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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February 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH *JM*  
MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.F.*

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ.*

SUBJECT:

Format for Dingell Hearings on the  
President's Energy Program  
February 17, 1975

The format for the Dingell hearings on the President's Energy Program on Monday, February 17, 1975, subject to last minute changes, will be as follows:

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- (5) Mr. Zarb and Mr. Enders should be prepared to return after a luncheon break to resume the hearings at 2 p. m.
- (6) Mr. Simon is expected to present his testimony upon arrival between 2 - 2:30 p. m. and respond to questions of Members along with Mr. Zarb and Mr. Enders as a panel.
- (7) ABC-TV will provide television coverage of the hearings on Monday, February 17th in addition to other media coverage.

- (8) I am advised that the Enders article "Agreement to Share Oil In New Cutoff Defended" appearing in the Washington Post, Saturday, February 15th will provoke some questions from Members.

cc: Secretary Morton  
Secretary Simon  
Asst. Sec. Tom Enders  
Chairman Greenspan  
Administrator Zarb

W.H. - Seidman  
Cavanaugh  
Loen  
Schleede



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN O. MARSH

THRU: MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
VERNON LOEN *VL*

FROM: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *Clg.*

SUBJECT: Report on Dingell Hearings on the  
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The information contained in this report is a subcommittee minority staff appraisal of the hearings and are reported by the panels appearing.

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Attachment

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE  
OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN D. DINGELL,  
D-MICHIGAN, 16TH DISTRICT

IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1975

WITNESS LIST SELECTED FOR DINGELL  
ENERGY AND POWER HEARINGS

Congressman John D. Dingell, D-Michigan, Chairman of the House Energy and Power Subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee today announced the witness and panel list for hearings in the Subcommittee, February 17-21.

The new Subcommittee is taking testimony on President Ford's energy messages to Congress and the pressing energy problems facing the Nation and affecting all sectors of the economy.

Witnesses include representatives of energy producing and consuming industries, the Federal Government, consumer groups, and State and local governments.

"The Subcommittee, in these initial morning and afternoon hearings, is seeking a complete overview of the energy supply, distribution and user demand problems," stated Chairman Dingell.

He added, "Following the week of overview on energy matters, the Subcommittee will make determinations as to which specific energy proposals, legislation, alternatives and recommendations will receive our attention first."

The witness list is attached.

(MORE)

WITNESS LIST  
HEARINGS ON PRESIDENTIAL ENERGY PROGRAM

Monday, February 17 - Room 2123 Rayburn House Office Building

10 a.m.

Administration Witnesses:

Honorable William E. Simon, Secretary, Department of the Treasury  
(tentative)  
accompanied by --  
Honorable Ed Fiedler, Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy  
Honorable Frank Zarb, Administrator, Federal Energy Administration  
Honorable Thomas Enders, Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs,  
Department of State  
Honorable Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors

Tuesday, February 18 - Room 2123 Rayburn House Office Building

2 p.m.

Panel of Economists:

George L. Perry, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution  
Charles R. Owens, Charles Owens and Associates  
M. A. Adelman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Thursday, February 20 - Room 2123 Rayburn House Office Building

10 a.m.

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Chrysler, Ford, General Motors, American Motors

United Auto Workers - Duane (Pat) Greathouse, Vice President

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of America

Industrial Consumers Panel:

National Association of Manufacturers - witnesses to be  
announced  
Milton Stewart, National Small Business Association



Friday, February 21 - Room 2123 Rayburn House Office Building

10 a.m.

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Honorable Thomas P. Salmon, Governor of the State of Vermont and  
Chairman, National Governors Conference Committee on Natural  
Resources and Environmental Management  
Honorable Dolph Briscoe, Governor of the State of Texas

Local Government Panel:

Conference of Mayors - witnesses to be announced  
League of Cities - witnesses to be announced  
National Association of Counties - witnesses to be announced

Consumers Panel:

*Garry DeLoss* Lee White, Consumer Federation of America  
~~Garry DeLoss~~, Public Interest Research Center *Group*  
Witness to be announced - Farm Bureau  
Jim Cubie, Congress Watch

2 p.m.

Transportation Industry Panel:

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Carl Lyon, American Association of Railroads  
Charles Webb, National Association of Motor Bus Operators  
William A. Bresnahan, American Trucking Association  
John Cready, Water Transport Association  
Bill Stokes, American Public Transit Association

Petrochemical Users Panel:

Witnesses to be announced

Panel on Policy Alternatives:

Honorable John Sawhill, Former Administrator, Federal Energy  
Administration  
Honorable Peter Peterson, Chairman of the Board, Lehman  
Brothers, Former Secretary of Commerce

March 4, 1975

Dear Mr. Scheuer:

Here as requested is a copy of the slide presentation that the President delivered this morning for the Democratic freshmen.

It was nice visiting with you there and I hope the meeting was deemed mutually beneficial.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Vernon C. Loeb  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

Honorable James Scheuer  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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CRITERIA FOR THE ENERGY PROGRAM

1. CONSERVATION
2. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY
3. NATIONAL SECURITY
4. EQUITABLE APPLICATION OF PROGRAM ON A  
NATIONWIDE BASIS

WHY AN ENERGY CRISIS?

1. INCREASED CONSUMPTION
2. DEPLETION OF RESOURCES
3. INCREASED IMPORTS
4. LOSS OF U.S. SURPLUS IN LATE 60's
5. GROWTH OF A CARTEL

RESULT: U.S. LOST CAPACITY TO SET

WORLD PRICE OF CRUDE.

OIL DOLLAR OUTFLOW

1970            --            3½ BILLION

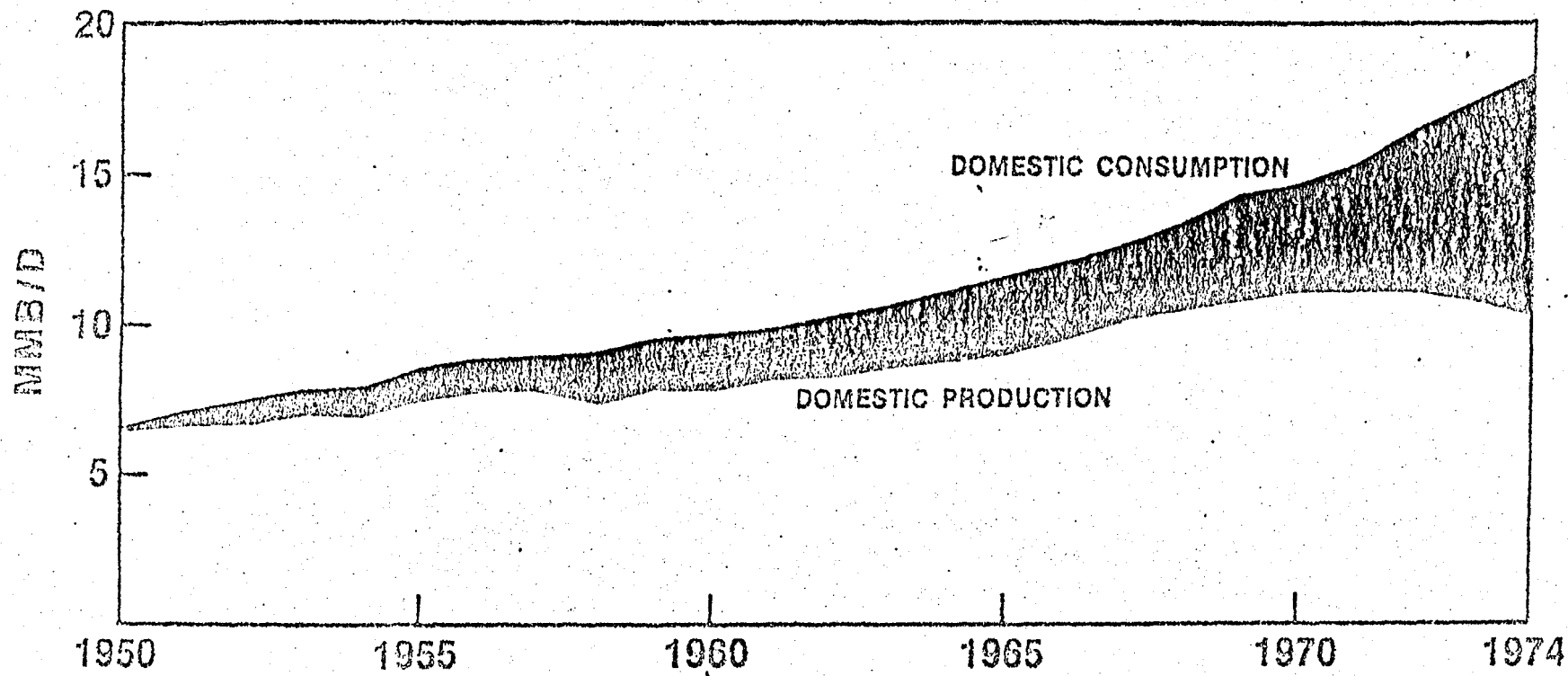
1974            --            25 BILLION

1977            --            32 BILLION

PRESENT U. S. DEPENDENCE FOREIGN

OIL -- 38%

# PETROLEUM TRENDS



ENCOURAGE ENERGY CONSERVATION

1. IMPORT FEES (BY PRESIDENTIAL ORDER)
2. EXCISE TAX AND IMPORT FEE ON OIL  
(CONGRESSIONAL ACTION)
3. EXCISE TAX ON NATURAL GAS (37 CENTS  
PER THOUSAND CUBIC FEET)
4. PUBLIC EDUCATION

ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION

1. NEW NATURAL GAS DEREGULATION
2. CRUDE OIL PRICE DECONTROL
3. ELK HILLS NAVAL PETROLEUM
4. CONVERSION TO THE USE OF DOMESTIC COAL
5. ALASKA AND OFF-SHORE SOURCES



RETURN OF \$30 BILLION

1. \$16.5 BILLION INDIVIDUAL TAX CUTS
2. \$2 BILLION TO NON-TAXPAYERS (\$80 PAYMENT)
3. \$0.5 BILLION HOME INSULATION TAX CREDIT
4. \$6 BILLION CORPORATE TAX CUT (DROP RATE 48% TO 42%)
5. \$2 BILLION TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
6. \$3 BILLION FEDERAL COST OFFSET

TOTAL: \$30 BILLION

## RATIONING

1. FIVE TO TEN YEAR PROGRAM
2. 30% LESS GAS FOR INDIVIDUALS (9 GALLONS  
PER LICENSED DRIVER A WEEK)
3. 10% LESS FOR BUSINESS
4. BUREAUCRATIC AND COSTLY
5. NO DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOURCES

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March 5, 1975

IN BODY

HEARINGS BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND POWER

HONORABLE JOHN D. DINGELL

Mr. Speaker, in February the President's omnibus energy bill-- the Energy Independence Act of 1975, was assigned to Committee. Nine of the thirteen separate titles of this comprehensive package were assigned to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

In this Congress our Committee has formed a new Subcommittee on Energy and Power in order to give focus to our decisionmaking responsibilities on energy policy matters. As Chairman of that Subcommittee, I want to take this opportunity to assure my colleagues in the House that I will commit my full capacities to move expeditiously and bring legislative recommendations to this Floor in the very near future.

To gain an understanding of the dimensions of our energy difficulties and to give focus to our deliberations, the Subcommittee during the week of February 17 held hearings on the President's energy proposals. Our task was to identify the underlying goals of the program, to evaluate the means selected to accomplish these goals, and to take the economic measure of the policies to which this Congress has been asked to accede. These matters were explored in thirty hours of intense review of the President's program concentrated in four days of hearings.

We discovered in these proceedings that great controversy attends the energy policy decisions made by the President. But perhaps the most dominant point made by all witnesses is that energy policy is inextricably linked with economic policy. Decisions in one area hold considerable implications for the other.

The development of a rational, cohesive energy policy, therefore, must necessarily be linked to tax policy and strategems for pulling this nation out of its recessionary spiral.

In recognition of this interrelationship, my good friend and colleague, Chairman Ullman of the Ways and Means Committee, and I propose to commit our Committees to a parallel course of action for the purpose of developing a cohesive and comprehensive energy program.

For my part, I intend to once again convene the Subcommittee on Energy and Power beginning the week of March 10 for a series of concentrated hearings to stretch over a two-week period. The Committee will invite testimony from a number of balanced panels on the subject of Federal and state allocation and price regulation of natural gas, coal, and petroleum and its products. We will also examine various proposals to equip the President and other agencies of the Federal government with emergency powers.

Our purpose will be to draft legislation which responds to our most pressing and immediate needs. Although the focus of this legislation will be in the near term, it will necessarily provide the dimension for future long range energy policy decisionmaking.

Toward that end, I also intend to convene the Energy and Power Subcommittee beginning the week of March 24 for the purpose of defining the policy parameters of legislation to be drafted by the staff during the

Easter Recess. In giving legislative form to the Subcommittee's policy decisions, committee counsel will be instructed to work with the staff of the Ways and Means Committee to assure to the maximum extent practicable consistency with the tax policy decisions of that Committee. It will be our purpose to bring legislation to the Floor by mid or late April to be combined with the legislative recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee into a comprehensive energy package.

The Subcommittee at the earliest opportunity thereafter will begin consideration of proposals related to the price regulation of electric utilities and siting of energy facilities--Titles VII and VIII of the Administration's bill and related proposals. These hearings are tentatively scheduled to commence the week of April 28.

Let me make the record clear on another matter. Although the Energy and Power Subcommittee will invite testimony on the subject of price regulation of natural gas, I am not committed to an effort to bring legislation to the Floor addressing the subject of natural gas price deregulation. As my colleagues know, this is a matter of great controversy and one I have for some time opposed. I will not burden this record with my reasons for doing so in the past, but I believe them to be cogent and still applicable.

I want to emphasize I have held many discussions with Chairman Ullman of the Committee on Ways and Means. It is our intention to work closely together as our two committees draft legislation within respective jurisdictions on the subject of energy.