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MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT
AND MR. VENEMAN
Tuesday, September 16, 1975
4:00 p.m.

Vice President's Office

- 1) Name —
timetable —
- 2) Jobs — new forms
- 3) budget priorities
- 4) why new paper

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- 2) new spending

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"THE STATE OF THE REPUBLIC ON ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY"
(Outline for State of the Union Speech)

(This speech would be delivered in person by the President to the Congress in January 1976 as a State of the Union Message. It would preview and be followed by two further types of Presidential messages: (1) a series of speeches and/or documents each of which would be devoted to a major issue raised in the basic speech; i.e., the economy, energy, the preservation of American values, etc., and (2), a short popular book over the President's signature which would present in the Bicentennial year a comprehensive view of the "enduring truths" of the American Political System)

I. Heritage--The Achievement of America (1776-1976)

A. Preservation and Expansion of Democracy

1. Enlargement of the franchise
2. Extension of civil liberties
3. Protection of the rights of the individual
and society
4. Survival of unity through diversity and dissent

B. The Bounty of Free Enterprise: Scarcity to Abundance

1. Growth of economic opportunity
2. Upward mobility
3. Unsurpassed quality of life through free markets

C. Legacy to the World

1. Industrial example for all nations
2. American goods and technology as a spur and contributions to the economic growth of others
3. Preservation of liberty in two world wars and against the challenge of the ideology of a closed society

II. Opportunity--the Challenges of America in 1976

A. Keeping Democracy in Balance; Emphasize that--

1. Responsibilities accompany rights
2. Too much protection for each is too little protection for all
3. Over-regulation breeds stagnation; over-intervention halts invention

B. Overcoming Stagflation

1. Reduce expectation of inflation
2. Promise that Government will promise less so that each can share more
3. Attack unemployment--not with a shotgun, but with a rifle (specific answers to specific problems)
4. Provide incentives to open sources of energy, rather than foreclose them; (i.e., a price floor for fossil fuels)

C. Leading a Leaderless World

1. Support our promises, but promise only where our assistance will be supported
2. Aid the developing world by backing the developed world
3. Prepare for nuclear proliferation by reducing the incentives that promote it

III. Horizon--The Promise of America (1976-2176)

A. Fulfilling Democracy

1. Teach its strengths, not its weaknesses
2. Emphasize that its equality is one of opportunity, not reward
3. Show that its survival depends on an awareness of its precarious balance: the full extension of any one of its principles tips the scale against all of its others

B. Promoting Economic Growth

1. With efficiency, discipline and productivity, America can continue to grow
2. If abundance leads to guilt over growth, poverty will follow; but if abundance leads to pride of achievement, poverty can be eliminated
3. Growth means high morale; no-growth ultimately means despair

C. Leading the World to the Post-Industrial Era--

1. Through development and growth America can lead the world through the present transition to an unprecedented level of affluence at population levels two to three times those of today
2. Through its technology America can enrich future generations by opening new frontiers of knowledge about man, his earth and the space beyond
3. Through its example America can show the peoples of the world that in the competition of ideologies the choice for political freedom is a choice for maximum self-fulfillment and satisfaction

"AMERICA AT 200"

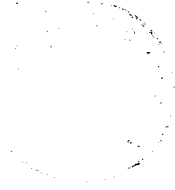
(Outline for a short Presidential book)

(This book issued as a Presidential Document, would expound the intellectual-ideological underpinnings of the second Ford administration. It would simultaneously be: a legacy of political wisdom (more or less in the spirit of Washington's Farewell Address), an analysis and defense of our institutions (as in the Federalist Papers) and a campaign document for the 1976 election.)

PREFACE

Counter-reformation concept

- CHAPTER I Summary of the Prospects for Mankind Study
400 year transformation; inflection point, current malaise
- CHAPTER II Democracy and Its Problems
Difficult, not easy; seldom successful
Responsibilities, obligations, duties of citizens
Consensus hampered by individualism, self-gratification,
and adversary democracy
Current threats to democracy: Pelagianism, educated
incapacity, localism, excessive welfare, lack of dis-
cipline, rising entitlements, poverty of affluence,
inflation, efforts to eliminate business cycle
- CHAPTER III Economic Policy (monetary and fiscal policies;
taxation; income distribution; international trade)
- CHAPTER IV Education
Excessive prolongation of infantilism
Deterioration of U.S. schools
Need for return to fundamentals
- CHAPTER V Law and Order--Crime and Violence
- CHAPTER VI Welfare and Income Distribution
- CHAPTER VII Energy and Resource Issues
- CHAPTER VIII Productivity and Efficiency
- CHAPTER IX The Likely Future



Herman Kahn
Ernest E. Schneider
15 September 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE

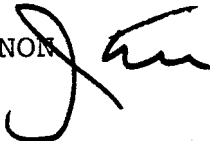
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM :

JIM CANNON



Here is a revised memorandum on the hearings.

If you agree with this you may want to bring this up in the Domestic Council part of the meeting tomorrow.

Attachment



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: Public Forums on
Domestic Policy

Attached is the plan for conducting the Public Forums on Domestic Policy, administered by the Domestic Council. The plan proposes:

- One-day meetings in six cities, with four additional cities optional. Specific dates and locations are listed.
- Each meeting opened by the Vice President in short plenary session, followed by four simultaneous meetings for remainder of day, chaired by Cabinet officers, on the following major policy areas:

Social Programs
Jobs and the Economy
Resources and the Environment
Transportation, Housing and
Community Development

- Testimony from solicited persons representing a broad cross-section of opinion and interests.
- The forums be announced by the President and the Vice President following a Domestic Council meeting during the week of September 15.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

VICE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JAMES M. CANNON

SUBJECT:

Public Forums on Domestic
Policy

I. OBJECTIVES

To conduct a series of six or more meetings, geographically distributed, to:

- o Inform the public about where existing Federal programs are taking us;
- o Obtain public input in the development of Presidential options;
- o Assist the President in formulating his legislative recommendations and initiatives to the Congress in the 1975 State of the Union message.

II. FORUM FORMAT

Each forum will be a one-day meeting, consisting of the following elements:

- A. Pre-forum morning press briefing by the Vice President, who will discuss the forum objectives, concept and participants.
- B. Opening plenary session, chaired by the Vice President. Includes introductions, brief opening remarks, etc. Should not exceed 30 minutes.
- C. Four separate, simultaneous meetings, involving the following:
 - 1. One meeting for each of the four major domestic policy areas.

2. Each meeting chaired by a Cabinet-level official, backed up by representatives from other appropriate Federal agencies, including the Domestic Council.
3. Full day of testimony from selected individuals, knowledgeable in the subject area, representing a cross section of interests and opinions. A total of approximately 50 to 75 persons will testify (12 to 20 per subject area). Each witness will be allowed up to five minutes for testimony or to summarize a more comprehensive written statement.
4. Total seating for each of the four meetings will be approximately 125 persons. Fifty to seventy-five seats will be reserved for the witnesses and support personnel; the remainder will be available to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis.
5. Vice President will rotate among the four meetings, dividing his time equally.
6. Opportunity for submission of written statements from the public.
7. Informal buffet luncheon for the Federal officials, invited participants and selected State and local officials.
8. Wrap-up final session, chaired by the Vice President (optional).

III. DATES AND LOCATIONS

Tuesday, October 21	Denver, Colorado*
Tuesday, October 28	Kansas City, Mo.*
Tuesday, November 11	Austin, Texas
Tuesday, November 18	Philadelphia, Pa.*
Monday, December 1	Nashville, Tennessee
Tuesday, December 9	Los Angeles or Sacramento, California

*Locations of Federal Regional Offices

Possible additional cities (dates not currently available in Vice President's schedule):

Tampa/St. Petersburg, Florida
Lansing, Michigan
Hartford, Connecticut
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Note: The Vice President should not be scheduled to participate in any political activities in conjunction with the forums.

IV. CONFERENCE ISSUES

The forums will focus on four major domestic policy areas:

Social Programs
Jobs and the Economy
Resources and the Environment
Transportation, Housing, and
Community Development

Under each general policy area specific issues will receive focus through the scheduling of witnesses. For example, welfare reform can be a discussion issue through scheduling witnesses concerned with that subject for a block of time; the same with health care, etc.

V. PARTICIPANT SELECTION (WITNESSES)

Participants will be selected from recommendations received from: State and local officials; labor, business, consumer groups and similar key constituencies; local Federal officials (Regional Offices); White House lists. Congressional recommendations, though not solicited, will also be considered.

A limited number of witnesses will come from State and local governments in the region covered by each forum.

Members of Congress from the region covered by the forum will be briefed on the purpose and plans of the forum by the Congressional Liaison office. Although not specifically invited to the forum, Members will be welcome to attend, as observers, and will receive appropriate introductions.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT STRATEGY

- A. During the week of September 15, the Congressional leadership should be briefed at a session with the President.
- B. During the same week, the President would call a meeting of the Domestic Council, at which time he describes the program. Immediately following the meeting, the President and Vice President should adjourn to the press room. The President would announce his decision to direct that the hearings be held. The Vice President would brief the press about the purpose and scope of the hearings.
- C. It is important that a distinction be made between the Public Forums on Domestic Policy and the White House Conferences on Domestic and Economic Policy. In order to avoid confusion, it is recommended that the White House conferences be suspended during the period when the forums are scheduled.
- D. Cooperation from the departments and agencies represented on the Domestic Council to provide personnel and financial resources for these forums is essential. It will be necessary to utilize Regional Office personnel in the cities where the forums will be held.

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