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MEETING WITH SECRETARY MATHEWS,  
MARJORIE LYNCH, ART QUERN,  
SARA MASSENGALE

January 14, 1976  
11 a.m.

Mr. Cannon's Office

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON  
FROM: ART QUERN  
SUBJECT: Talking Points for Meeting with Secretary Mathews

The main purpose of today's meeting with Secretary Mathews is to make certain that:

1. HEW is adequately prepared to present the President's proposals to the Congress and the public.
2. HEW staff is ready to support the President's more controversial proposals such as the block grants.

The talking points I would suggest, therefore, are:

1. David, Marge, we wanted to get together today to express our appreciation for the cooperation and long hours of work by Bill Morrill and others who have worked over the past weeks with OMB and the Domestic Council.
2. We wanted to make sure that you feel we are clear on all the questions which need to be resolved prior to your going before the press and the Congress to present, explain and defend the President's proposals.
3. Finally, we did want to check with you about reactions to these ideas on the part of key members of your staff and the level of support you expect to receive from them.

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