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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1976

MEETING WITH GOVERNOR DANIEL EVANS (R-WASHINGTON)

Monday, February 23, 1976  
2:00 p.m. (15 minutes)  
Oval Office

From: Jim Cannon

I. PURPOSE

This is a timely opportunity to continue your dialogue with various Governors as they are in town for their Mid-Winter Meeting.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background

As you know, Governor Evans has been a strong supporter. The Governor is the past President of the National Governors' Conference and is now the Vice Chairman of the Human Resources Committee. Governor Evans is well respected and considered to be an articulate spokesman on the issues.

The Governor has long been an advocate of a budgetary consultation process for the Federal, State and local units of government. In this regard, he has been a key factor in the development of the "New Coalition."

After the Governor's meeting with you, he will be attending a meeting of the Human Resources Committee. The chairman of this committee, Governor Andrus, and members of our staff and HEW will be present to listen to the Governors' suggestions on welfare reform. This meeting provides a timely and appropriate manner for the Administration to respond to the telegram sent to you by Governors Carey (D-NY), Byrne (D-NJ), and Shapp (D-Pa.) and Lucey (D-Wis.) requesting a meeting on this subject. Governor Evans is scheduled to lead off the discussion for this meeting.



From that meeting, Governor Evans will go to another with the New Coalition, and a discussion of the reenactment of Revenue Sharing is on the agenda for that meeting.

B. Participants

Governor Daniel Evans (R-Washington)

C. Press Plan

To be announced.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. I am glad to have this opportunity to meet with you today. As you know, we have been working with the National Governors' Conference in arranging the State of the States presentation with my Cabinet last December.
2. I understand it was well received by the Governors as well as the meeting we had with a number of the Governors prior to the publication of my Budget.
3. Certainly your efforts over the past years in developing a consultation process on the budget has been most helpful especially the input that has been received by the Domestic Council and OMB.
4. As you know, we are working now with the Governors' Conference and other Intergovernmental groups in developing block grant legislative proposals.
5. I understand you will be going on to a meeting with the Human Resources Committee as well as other meetings during the day, and if you see any of my former colleagues up on the Hill, tell them that we need that Revenue Sharing legislation.