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CABINET MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

Tuesday, July 19, 1976

9:30 - 11:00

Cabinet Room

Pr. Casper was
tired in politics.
Bene.

Mark Bavel

Allen

Frost

Pearson

Trot

Starr

Brook

Childs

Hofner

Wong

W. G. L.

W. G. L.

W. G. L.

Pearson

Spencer

Stone



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1976

CABINET MEETING

Tuesday, July 20, 1976

9:30 a.m. (60 minutes)

The Cabinet Room

From: James E. Connor



I. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

1. Background: You last met with the Cabinet on June 29th when the entire agenda covered a report on your Puerto Rican International Summit meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to brief the Cabinet on matters relating to the Convention and on the status of our legislative proposals in the Congress.
2. Participants: List attached at Tab A.
3. Press Plan: Announcement to Press, David Kennerly Photo.

II. TALKING POINTS

1. I want to use our meeting today to discuss two broad areas that are of concern to us. First, I would like to have Rog Morton brief us on the status of Convention planning. Rog has brought several of his people with him who will explain to us the status of the delegate count, logistical activities related to the convention, and activities that are under way with regard to the Platform.
2. After that, I would like Jim Lynn to bring us up to date on the status of our legislative proposals in the Congress.
3. Rog, will you lead off. [Attached at Tab B are some talking points which you may wish to use in discussion of the subject of Cabinet officers testifying before the Platform Committee hearings in Kansas City when that issue comes up in the discussion.]



4. We have sent up to the Congress a number of items that are extremely important in our program for the American people. We have had a number of accomplishments over the past 2 years, and we intend to run on these accomplishments. But, in addition, there have been a great many important items that we have submitted to the Congress which the Congress has failed to act upon. We also intend to run on their inaction as well as our own accomplishments. I have asked Jim Lynn to identify the main areas that we intend to press the Congress on. I will be sending up a message later this week which will highlight these areas, and I hope you will all join me in pressing for quick action by the Congress on them.

Jim,...



7. Am - Cognac code to go
Income - use to in firm
Boules Ent. a.

Ins - unsubs out -
P us - ? take on wfyrs
amt on for os cover go on R's

8. Food stamps -
Put in very nicely good position
we not going to ask for anything more
But then feel to give -
Utters to Am.

9. Grant report - de Reg - keep person on
Arrested - ~~Admission~~ - keep person on
Nata carrier (Theats)
Prudent Inst -
Ayuda Cont 11 Report
Reg Report Act

R. Ayuda - your man at outlet -
Henry in Suite -
17 - mention in Home - lives
Henry in September

9. Unemp Comp Amendments - no cong act too

10. Spending - vs Tax cuts

P 11. to day estimate of tax withholdings -

P 12. Extension of F.I.T.



Attendees for Cabinet Meeting, Tuesday, July 20, 1976

The President

The Vice President

Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger

Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld

Attorney General, Edward Levi

Secretary of the Interior, Thomas Kleppe

Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz

Secretary of Commerce, Elliot Richardson

Secretary of Labor, W. J. Usery, Jr.

Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare, F. David Mathews

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Carla Hills

Secretary of Transportation, William Coleman

Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, George Dixon (Secretary Simon is on
vacation)

Counsel to the President, Philip Buchen

Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, Frederick B. Dent

Director of the Office of Management and Budget, James Lynn

Counsellor to the President, Robert T. Hartmann

Counsellor to the President, John O. Marsh, Jr.

White House/Executive Office:

James Cannon, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs

Richard Cheney, Assistant to the President

James Connor, Secretary to the Cabinet

Max Friedersorf, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers

Ronald Nessen, Press Secretary to the President

Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

L. William Seidman, Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs

Edward Schmults, Deputy Counsel to the President

Michael Duval, Special Counsel to the President

David Gergen, Special Counsel to the President

Agencies:

Russell Train, Administrator, EPA

Frank Zarb, Administrator, FEA

PFC:

Rogers C. B. Morton

Stan Anderson

Roy Hughes

Bill Timmons

RNC:

Mary Louise Smith

(Note: Amb. Scranton is out of the country until July 26th)

19 - 2 -

5 - [unclear]

8 - 1 - [unclear] a Cup

6 - No [unclear] [unclear]

3. Block Grant Proposals
 - Education - best project
 - Social Services -
 - Social Security -

4. Defense
 Supplemental for disallowed money
 + added money for shipbuilders

5. Crime:
 Mandatory sentencing? - part of
 S-1--

Drugs - money not work

Intelligence

Law - Part not mandatory sentencing?

A.P. - Ed to take [unclear]

6.) Merit - cut out of this
 No moment in [unclear] [unclear]



CABINET MEETING - TALKING POINTS ON PLATFORM

- There is, of course, a great danger that deliberations on the Republican Platform will result in extremely divisive fights on emotional issues. Such fights could impact on the nomination by alienating delegates who feel particularly strongly on certain issues. Also, if one side were to win several floor fights on issues, it could be an indicator of his strength for the nomination.
- Thus far, we have been very quietly developing a solid relationship with Governor Ray and other officials on the Platform Committee and their staff. It is critically important that all contacts with the Platform Committee be thoroughly coordinated.

Mike Duval of my staff is responsible for coordinating the presentation of Administration policy to the Platform Committee. Any position on specific planks and overall theme should be given to Mike, so that I can review these positions before they're presented to the Committee.

I will also make the final decision on whether Administration officials, including members of the Cabinet, testify before the Platform Committee hearings in Kansas City.

Bill Timmons and his assistants will be working on the politics of the Platform, including the critical task of lining up votes in the full Committee and its subcommittees.

Prog:

1) 1102 or 1103 is complete. Baker. write another 16 more
v/c + ~~from the group to~~ = 1118

2) Expect to meet in next 10 days or so

3) By end July - clear NO of construction - say
to committee

4) 2 - platform system -
new people for campaign
Paul Timmons - for correction
Don open for PRC at convention
Baker - for delegate contact - +
career teams
Stu - Speech - on special election campaign
Buy up PR & Press

Resubmit to chair by this latest date
to deliberate -

Lyons Bill signed - How many

musts

1) G-R-S - How many - such as order

2) Energy
Stoutenow ad -
Delegation
EIA
Labor Urgent - Bureau
not over 2
NFAA.

