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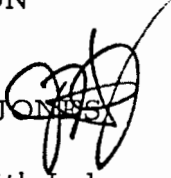
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 27, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON
ROD HILLS

FROM: JERRY H. JONES 

SUBJECT: Meetings with Independent Regulatory
Commissions and a Group of Key
Members of Congress

Your memorandum to the President of May 26 on the above subject has been reviewed and the recommendation as outlined in the memo was approved.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

DECISION

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
May 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON
ROD HILLS *J.C.*

SUBJECT:

Meetings with Independent Regulatory Commissions
and a Group of Key Members of Congress

The purpose of this memorandum is to bring you up-to-date on the status of the meeting with Independent Regulatory Commissions and key members of Congress which you proposed in the April 28th Chamber of Commerce Speech and to obtain your decision on a recommended three stage set of meetings.

Recently, we met with a group of Congressional staff people who are interested in regulatory reform and have talked with John Marsh and Max Friedersdorf.

It is our recommendation, based in part on these conversations, that the proposed meetings occur in three steps:

1. After your return from Europe, a meeting would be arranged with the Leadership of Congress. At that meeting - which will avoid the specifics of regulatory reform - you would reiterate your concerns over regulation and ask for the cooperation of the Leaders. Specifically, you would ask the Leadership to choose ten members from each house to meet with you (and other Administration officials) in mid-June.
2. At the second meeting, the twenty key Congressional leaders would meet with you and various Administration officials for two hours, or more. At this meeting, you would emphasize the need for cooperation and the seriousness of the regulatory crisis. Also, you would discuss the major Administration initiatives and try to highlight the areas where agreement seems possible. It would be hoped that protracted discussion of areas of disagreement could be avoided. The

give-and-take discussion would have as its objective establishment of general agreement on which are the reform areas where the needs for change are most serious and the possibility for action is highest.

3. Finally, you would have a meeting ten days or two weeks later with the Independent Regulatory Commissioners. At this time you would ask for their cooperation voluntarily to evaluate and consider the economic impact of proposed regulations, to make improvements in consumer services and to assure fair and expeditious hearings on regulatory matters. After you had opened the discussion, other pre-selected Administration officials and Regulatory Commissioners would address relevant issues of regulatory reform. This would be followed by an open discussion between the participants and a frank exchange of views.

If this three step proposal meets with your approval, we will arrange for a meeting with the Congressional Leadership. In addition, where appropriate we will coordinate the specific format of each meeting with relevant Congressional members and staff and a small working group of Administration people. Prior to the meetings, you will be provided with the necessary briefing papers on the Commissions.

Decision

Approve 

Disapprove _____

See me _____