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MEETING WITH
PHIL COHEN

Saturday, June 28, 1975

10:30 A. M.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jim -

Any action necessary on
this handwriting?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Trudy', written in a cursive style.

Trudy

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 1975

MEETING WITH PHIL COHEN

Saturday, June 28, 1975

10:30 a.m. (15 minutes)

The Oval Office

From: Bill Casselman

By P.W.B.

I. PURPOSE

To discuss with Cohen the reaction of criminal justice professionals to the crime message, as well as general criminal justice issues.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background: Cohen is the Director of the National Legal Data Center. The Center serves as a clearing house for legal materials relating to the prosecution of obscenity, rape, child abuse, and habitual offender cases. Cohen is a professor of criminal justice and a former California District Attorney. You last met with him on December 17, 1974, and previously met with him on several occasions while Vice President and Minority Leader.

B. Participants: Phil Cohen and Phil Buchen.

C. Press Plan: White House Photographer.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. What is your reaction, and that of the criminal justice community to my recent crime message?
2. What changes have you observed in the criminal justice system during my Administration?
3. Last time we met we discussed the problem of habitual offenders. How is the anti-career criminal program taking hold from your perspective?
4. What is the general reaction to my proposal for victim compensation?

5. How in your view can the Federal Government best assist state and local prosecutors, as well as police, in dealing with street crime?

*Career Criminal
Program.*

15 cities