

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

January 27, 1975

7:55- 8:AM

Oval Office - Alone

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I met in the Oval Office with the President and then walked over. Talked about the Alfalfa Club.



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8:00Am - 9:20

In the Mansion

Family Dining Room - 1st Fl.

Leadership Breakfast



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10:30 to 10:49

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We talked about the Leadership problem, meeting with the Congress and how subtle and difficult that issue was at keeping pressure on but not seeming like you're belligerent.

I gave him the energy statistics.

We talked about Rocky.

We talked about Newman.

I told the President, I thought he ought to ask Rocky about the papers on science advisor and social advisors

We talked about Moynihan.

DICK, Did you ever show the President the Keating letter. If so, give it back so I can sign it and we can get it out.

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11:07 to 11:35

The Nessen Meeting

The President wants the energy bill -- the one big bill -- ready to go fast. It has to go up this week. DICK, Check with Zarb in OMB and find out where we stand. It can't be any more delay or the President's position is going to be dramatically weakened.

Also, he wants to have a title for that bill so let's make sure someone is working on that now.

The key is to have a good meeting with the Joint Bi-Partisan Leadership probably on Tuesday maybe at 9:30. Friedersdorf is working with Rustand to get that set up.
DICK, You look into it.

The important thing is the talking points for that meeting. It seems to me the key is to (1) keep the economic package separate from the energy, don't compromise on energy by getting something on the economic. Any compromise on energy can't be really procedural. It has to be some way to achieve the goals of independence on a long-term basis. It seems to me that the important thing that Marsh and Friedersdorf have to do is kind of list the priorities -- where the President is pointing -- some kind of a timetable -- some definitions of progress by the Congress -- or milestones. (2) Another issue to be addressed there is the vacation for the Congress -- how the President wants to handle that. DICK, Have someone check and find out if one or two houses have to act with respect to the decontrol of domestic crude as far as vetoing the President's action. Also, check the language of the proclamation he signed as to a termination date.



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11:35 to 12:10

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With Kissinger and Moynihan

Pat told the President that we've learned how to deal with Communist countries .. thoratative countries. Now we've got to learn how to deal with Socialists. India has a population larger than South America and Africa combined.

Pat talked about the pardon and the effect it had.

Pat said that two Presidents have been destroyed by their Asian policy. He said no generals or admirals or secretaries of defense or secretaries of state have been destroyed. The President has to be careful.

He said Diego Garcia is going to be a problem in the next thirty or 60 days. The President has to certify that it's essential in national defense. He said that's a joke.

DICK, check the Q & A book for the President's first press conference when he gave the answer saying there wer e three Soviet bases. Pat says that's totally inaccurate. I'd like to see the Q & A that was sent in by Defense or State or NSC and whether it was inaccurate.

Pat told the President he could not take the Library of the Congress. He just couldn't afford it.



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12:10 to 12:15

Recommended Moynihan for Secretary of HUD

The President said that's an interesting thought. Whatever happened to R.J. Miller?

DICK, you've also got to tell Walker he's got to get hot on a Librarian of Congress now that Moynihan said no.

I told the President Johnny Rhodes said he now knows ..that Jerry Ford now knows he's President and that's healthy.

I also told him that Kissinger told me that Rocky was restive.

I talked to the President about how he was going to handle the Rocky matter and we ended up discussing it. His decision is he's going to tell Rocky he wants Areeda number 1, Cannon or Dunham number 2 and he wants Rocky to dig in and do the job. He's going to pose it to him not as an either/or.

We both agreed that the most troublesome thing was that Rocky's position was either "it's my way or not at all." So the President's standpoint, he really can't have anyone doing that.

I showed the President this memo from Bob Newman. I told him I have not showed it to Henry but I thought he might find it of interest.



We then talked about the problem of whether or not you can have Americans in any kind of a guarantee if there were a demilitarized area and the UN were involved ... and the

problem that if you used Americans you'd have to
use Russians.



DR

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT
Monday, January 27, 1975
2:50 to 3:00 PM
The Oval Office
The President and Richard Cheney

The President called me in when he couldn't get hold of DR.

He handed me a note he'd written to DR, it's attached, about a guy named Gus Groat, he's a former state legislator in Michigan, who's interested in a job someplace in the federal government.

The President recognizes we might not be able to do anything for him cause he wants to stay in the Battle Creek area and none of those jobs are probably Schedule C.

I told him we would look into it and that it might be possible. He thought to have Congressman Gary Brown lend a hand.

Secondly, he gave me a note on a guy named John Hoekye, the spelling may not be right. He supposedly is an able guy, not Cabinet quality, but ought to be looked at. He supposedly has a pretty good background in higher education. Bill Walker allegedly has his name.

He also indicated to me that he'd had a good meeting with the Vice President from 2:00 to 2:30 PM. That they discussed the Science Advisor and the Council of Social Advisors concepts and that the Vice President would report back within two or three days on those subjects.

He also said he felt the Vice President would be more flexible on the role of the Domestic Council. That DR and the Vice President had to sit down and get it resolved within the next day or two to fill in the details, but that he felt the Vice President would agree to play some role.

DR should follow up on this directly with the President before he sees the Vice President tomorrow.



Finally, he said Senator Scott had raised with him the question of Kennedy Center boxes. He said that when he was Minority Leader he and Scott used to get access to the Kennedy Center box to invite other Members of Congress, and that it was very helpful and that Senator Scott evidently felt this practice was no longer continuing. The President asked me about it and I explained to him that we did have a new set of guidelines out, but that the boxes were set aside two nights a week for Congressional Relations purposes and that I'd check with Max to see whether or not they were, in fact, being used by Scott and others.



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16:12 to 16:45
Cabinet Room

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With 30 Senators .. on energy

Meeting was still going on when I left.



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17:50 to 18:20

Cabinet Room

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Leadership Group on Civil Rights



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18:45 to 19:12

He said the meeting with the Senators went well

I gave him the schedule for Tuesday

We talked about Butterfield and agreed that we would .. that I would call him and tell him March 1 or until his successor is confirmed whichever is ^{later} ~~later~~ and that we'd try to help with the legislation to get his survivor benefits reinstated.

Talked about Rocky. The President said Rocky will be getting in touch with me.

The President told me he wanted Areeda with Cannon and Dunham involved -- possibly two separate operations. One for _____ and the other policy development. The President told me to work with Rocky to find the proper organizational arrangement to get the job done. He'll be calling me.

I gave the President the letter from Bill Brock to me to read. I've got to get it back DICK.

I gave him the advance for the Religious Broadcasters. He still has it.

We talked about the election Commission. He wants me to call John Bell and say it looks like it will be a little messy and we won't go with him.

We talked about the Democrats -- Curtis and Duffy -- and he said "Didn't Scott veto Duffy?" "If Curtis doesn't sail up on the Hill the next fallback is Ray Bliss." DICK, Tell Walker.

Done



He said "go with Galvin on STR"

He said check out Clements for HUD with Marsh calling Collins and Tower

I called Marsh, DICK, and he said that Clements told him 15 times and most recently, just a couple of weeks ago, that the only job he wants is Deputy Secretary and he's turned down the Cabinet before and he won't take it. We'll have to see. I told him not to check with Collins and Tower in that case until I got back to him.

DICK, Talk to Bill Walker and tell him to move Robson along for the CAB maybe.

Done



DR

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Monday, January 27th

6:45 to 7:15 PM

The Oval Office

The President, Richard Cheney, Don Rumsfeld for the first part of meeting

DR went over the Domestic Council arrangement with the President. We also talked about STR and HUD. DR's dictated on those.

~~After Don left~~, we talked about Senator Scott and his statement the President was willing to compromise on tariffs, etc. The President said I could set that straight. That wasn't correct.

He also made a decision to discuss both energy and the Vietnam supplemental at the bi-partisan leadership meeting on Tuesday morning, January 28th. I've notified the appropriate people.

He signed off on the schedule for tomorrow.

We went over the schedule proposals, which he handled as follows:

We scrubbed the 5:15 PM meeting scheduled for Tuesday, the 28th, on personnel, and we'll do it in the regular time and allotted to DR, if it's necessary. I think we have all the guidance we need for now.

The President decided to cancel the Laird, Rhodes, Quie event for this week. He will not see them on Wednesday.

He agreed to the National Security Council meeting on Wednesday, at 4:30 PM; to the Meeting with Weinberger and Petersen on Thursday, at 5:00 PM; to opening the Budget Briefing on Saturday; and to the personnel session on Saturday at 11:30 AM with Rumsfeld, Cheney and Walker.

I told him I thought he probably should sit down with Ash before he did the briefing on Saturday and he agreed. I need about an hour's meeting set aside for Friday afternoon at about 2:30 PM or 3:00 PM for the President, Roy Ash and two or three other people to discuss the briefings on the budget. We might want to throw in Nessen, possibly Jack Marsh and Rumsfeld as well as myself.



I gave the President several things to sign, including the nomination for McCloskey as Assistant Secretary of State; the letter to George Bush; the Bulgarian Declaration.

If he gives

