

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION TELEPHONE CALL FROM JAMES LYNN SEPTEMBER 9, 1974

- (1) Jim Lynn called on September 9 asking if I really wanted Curtis invited to the Economic Summit. I said yes, and he could use my name if he wanted.
- (2) I asked him how he felt about the pardon and he said he vacilates and at the moment he favors what Ford did. The only thing that concerns him is he doesn't think that the White House is selling what he has done properly. He said there are three points they could make: (1) that those who are critical of Nixon's statement as not being forthcoming enough are wrong in that Nixon said as much as he could possibly say without jeopardizing the cases of the defendants in the Watergate trials; had he gone farther in admitting guilt it would have been tantamount to accusing the others; (2) those who suggest that this will cover up facts are wrong in that this may in fact get more facts out in that he will have to testify if subpoenaed and, since he has been immunized, he will be under the penalty of perjury if he fails to tell everything he knows; (3) he had a point concerning whether or not it was a fair shake as between the others and he feels that the

offenses can be considered separable.