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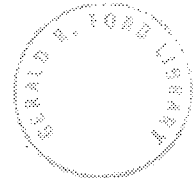
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July 11, 1975

MEETING WITH BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS

Monday, July 14, 1975  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (90 minutes)  
The Cabinet Room

From: Max L. Friedersdorf



I. PURPOSE

To advise the bipartisan leaders of the President's decisions involving energy.

To report to the leaders on the regulatory reform meeting.

To urge the leaders again to move promptly on easing the Turkish arms embargo.

To present the Administration's views on the Mariana Islands legislation.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The President will send his decontrol plan to Congress this week and the Congress will have five legislative days to reject in either body by a majority vote.
2. The unacceptable Dingell decontrol bill is scheduled for Floor action in the House, and the unacceptable conference report on allocation extension (S. 621 and H.R. 4035), through December 31, 1975, is ready for consideration by the House and Senate.
3. A successful meeting with the regulatory commissioners was held on Thursday, July 10. The meeting was preceded by close consultation with the bipartisan leaders and their 24 appointees from the jurisdictional Committees.
4. The House International Relations Committee has reported a bill partially lifting the arms embargo to Turkey. The bill opens up shipment of material in the pipeline and commercial sales, but restricts foreign military sales and credit until the foreign assistance bill is passed. (This Fraser amendment is damaging, but State will take the attitude it is not serious and emphasize the opening of the pipeline.)

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5. The Turkish Aid Bill will go to Rules on Thursday, July 17, and scheduled for Floor action in the House during the week of July 21.
6. Residents of the Mariana Islands have voted to change from U.S. Trust Territory status to a Commonwealth, requiring ratification by Congress.

B. Participants: See Tab A

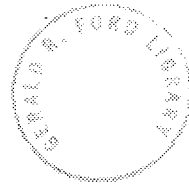
C. Press Plan:

Press Office to announce as a regular bipartisan leadership meeting, Press and White House photographers.

III. AGENDA See Tab B

IV. TALKING POINTS

1. Energy - See Tab C
2. Regulatory Reform - See Tab D
3. Turkish Aid and Mariana Islands - See Tab E



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## SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE:

THRU: Max Friedersdorf

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

VIA: Warren Rustand

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MEETING: Meeting with Congressional leadership and key committee members

DATE: Morning of Tuesday, July 15, or morning of Wednesday, July 16

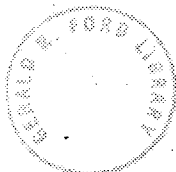
PURPOSE: To express the President's support of the Joint Resolution which accepts the Marianas Islands as a new U. S. territory

FORMAT: 30-45 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: The President

House:  
Carl Albert  
Tip O'Neill  
John Rhodes  
The chairman and ranking minority leaders of the:  
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs  
Committee on Armed Services  
Committee on Appropriations  
International Relations Committee

Senate:  
Mike Mansfield  
Robert Griffin  
The chairman and ranking minority members of the:  
Foreign Relations Committee  
Armed Services Committee  
Appropriations Committee  
Interior and Insular Affairs  
J. Bennett Johnston, Jr.  
Ambassador F. Haydn Williams, your Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations  
General Scowcroft  
Max Friedersdorf



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PARTICIPATION: Henry A. Kissinger

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking Points would be provided

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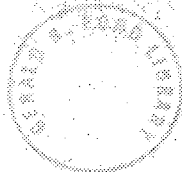
RECOMMEND: Henry A. Kissinger  
Max Friedersdorf

BACKGROUND:

On July 1, you transmitted to the Congress a proposed Joint Resolution to provide for Congressional approval of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This will make the Marianas Islands, of which Guam is geographically a part, our first territorial acquisition since the Swains Islands in 1925. The House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs will begin hearings on the Resolution on Monday, July 14. The full House is expected to vote on the Resolution on Monday, July 21. The Senate Interior Committee will take up the measure on July 23.

Both Ambassador Williams and Congressman Burton, Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and our mainstay in the House throughout the negotiations, have expressed the view that explicit Presidential support of the Resolution could prove decisive. During the last month, there has been increasing criticism in Congress and the press of the Marianas' acquisition, and it is no longer certain that passage of the Joint Resolution is assured without some show of support. Charges of American neo-imperialism and of new and more permanent U. S. security involvement in Asia have been the focus of the opposition. The New York Times and the Washington Post, which since we signed the Covenant last February have tended to be neutral, have now joined the fray with critical editorials.

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As hearings on the Joint Resolution will begin next week, it is felt that a concurrent Presidential meeting with Congressional leaders would serve the positive functions of assuring both Presidential support of Ambassador Williams' efforts and concern that the Resolution be passed. It might also preempt some of our critics' expected efforts next week to gain supporters in opposition of the Resolution. As you know, once such opposition takes hold it is far more difficult to turn the tide back in our favor.

In addition, Ambassador Williams, at the request of Congressman Burton and with White House concurrence, has limited his discussions to the House Interior Committee alone. Other Congressional committees with an interest in this area have been critical recently about this on jurisdictional grounds. A Presidential meeting which included members of these committees would effectively allay such concerns and strengthen Congressional support in our favor.

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