

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 14, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PETER FLANIGAN

SUBJECT: Matters discussed with the President

I am attaching a "Chinese" copy of my notes from the meeting this morning with the President. (The numbers below are to identify with the notes.)

II. Areas Identified by the Council for Study

The President said to give "Social Programs" the "highest" priority.

In the areas which we had listed as "second level," the President made these comments:

Natural Resources: "High"

Consumer Affairs: "High"

Regulatory Agencies "High"

Urban Mass Transportation: "Yes"

Indians: "Yes"

III. Agenda for July 17-19 Council Meeting

The President indicated he would like to meet with the Council for a half hour on Thursday, July 17th.

IV. What might the President do to help the Council carry out its program and emphasize the importance of its undertaking.

A. The President said such a memorandum (Tab IV) should go to the heads of all executive departments and agencies. The President did not read the memorandum, however, and although I have consulted the Bureau of the Budget concerning its form and substance, I would feel more comfortable if it were reviewed by someone on the White House staff.

- B. The President said that a Council Member, or appropriate representative of the Council, should attend the Urban Affairs Council meetings and Environmental Quality Council meetings.

The President discussed "Economic Policy" meetings and said that I should be invited to attend.

It was suggested that I should attend a Cabinet meeting (in California probably) and outline the program of the Council. (Perhaps this should be Roy Ash, or both of us.)

The President thought that I should attend a Leadership meeting and outline the work of the Council.

My impression was that the President agreed our Council should sit-in on all high level meetings where organizational problems were on the agenda. The meeting this morning in the Cabinet room certainly indicated the validity of this suggestion as it is of the utmost importance the Council and its staff be kept current with respect to discussions having a bearing on organizational changes.

V. Coordination

- B. The President confirmed that you are the person in the White House for us to keep advised concerning our activities.

VI. Council meeting in California in August

The President confirmed that the Council should have a "full meeting" with him in California in August. I would like to get the date for such a meeting as early as possible so that I can discuss it with the Members of the Council and get it on their calendar.

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Attachment

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NOTES FOR
WNT's MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT
July 14, 1969

I. Staff

Memorandum on the Council's staff. (Tab I)

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II. Areas Identified by the Council for Study

- See attached list of primary, secondary, and other study areas.

Request the President's reaction to -- (Tab II)

- . importance of three (four) areas of primary emphasis
- . areas for secondary emphasis
- . areas to which we intend to give little attention at this time

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Approach

- . Study and summarize existing materials.
- . Discuss with knowledgeable people in and outside government.
- . Structure plan, fix time table, and carry out program.
- . Implementation?

for
review

III. Agenda for July 17-19 Council Meeting

- Copy of tentative agenda (attached). (Tab III)

Questions

- . Does the President have any particular time table in mind?
- . For key areas, we will show the President preliminary recommendations unless he prefers that we do not.

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IV. What might the President do to help the Council carry out its program and emphasize the importance of its undertaking?

- A. Send memorandum to the heads of all the Executive departments and agencies (draft memorandum attached). (Tab IV)
- B. Request attendance by a Council Member, the Executive Director or the Deputy Director of the Council at meetings --
 - regularly --
 - ✓ -- Urban Affairs Council
 - ✓ -- Environmental Quality Council
 - when organizational questions are on the agenda --
 - Cabinet Meetings
 - regularly established interdepartmental committee meetings
 - White House staff meetings
 - maybe once --
 - Leadership Meeting at White House
- C. Announce at the next Cabinet Meeting that the Council has completed its initial stage of planning and is now at work.

Econ Policy Leadership

V. Coordination

- A. BoB
- B. Who in the White House staff does the President want us to keep informed about our activities?
- C. Congressional relations -- have been briefed by Bryce Harlow and will keep in close touch with him.

VI. Council meeting in California in August.

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