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CABINET SERIES

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Cabinet Series spans the years 1953-61 and consists of an estimated 12,800 pages of manuscripts. It is arranged chronologically by day and month of each meeting. This series contains minutes of Cabinet meetings, official correspondence and memoranda, copies of presentations, reports, printed matter, and a variety of Cabinet documents.

The minutes of Cabinet meetings are not verbatim transcripts but are, instead, summaries of discussions. These summaries were usually prepared by Arthur Minnich or Bradley Patterson, members of the White House Staff Secretariat. They record in varying degrees of detail the views expressed by the President and by Cabinet officers. In all instances they paraphrase rather than quote directly statements made at meetings.

While no verbatim minutes were kept, a few pages of informally-typed notes on specific discussion items were retained in the files. These contain much more detailed statements by the Cabinet participants. These notes, however, are few in number, invariably concern only one of possibly several items covered at a meeting, and are found only after 1957.

In addition to the so-called "minutes," there are several other types of Cabinet papers found in this series. These are official documents which were mimeographed on forms which normally bear the marking, "Cabinet Paper - Privileged." These forms are white, yellow, or blue, depending on the nature of the document. White denotes papers which have been approved by the President. This category includes Agendas, Action Papers approved for implementation, and Records of Action which tersely summarize the decisions made on each item discussed in meetings. Yellow indicates those documents prepared for informational purposes or used to assist the President and Cabinet officers to keep track of actions taken on decisions. These informational papers include Action Status Reports and papers specifically labeled, "Cabinet Paper For Information." The blue papers were prepared by the concerned departments for discussion and possible approval at Cabinet meetings. These normally bear the marking "Cabinet Paper For Consideration."

The color-coded Cabinet papers were not produced before October, 1954, when the Cabinet Secretariat began its operations in earnest. Before this time, executive branch officials were kept posted on particularly significant items covered in meetings by aides memoirs generated by Sherman Adams or on occasions by Bernard Shanley, Maxwell Rabb, or Arthur Minnich. Copies of these aides memoirs are contained in this series.

President Eisenhower attempted to utilize the Cabinet more fully than had previous Presidents. He viewed it as a non-voting board of directors which met to consider broad domestic policy questions and to give him recommendations on new government-wide policies and instructions.

In order to improve the functioning of this body of advisers, the President established the office of the Cabinet Secretariat in 1954. This office consisted solely of the Secretary to the Cabinet and his assistant. It was responsible for preparing, in consultation with the President, Vice President, and Cabinet officers, agendas for meetings. For most items on the approved agendas, the Secretary to the Cabinet worked with the executive departments to prepare discussion papers in which various aspects of a question were presented. Following each meeting the Secretary prepared a Record of Action in which the President's decisions on each item were recorded. After these Records of Action were approved by the President, they were circulated among the Cabinet participants. The Secretary also worked with Special Assistants for Cabinet Coordination from the various departments to insure implementation and coordination of Cabinet decisions.

Periodically, the Secretary to the Cabinet compiled and presented in meetings Action Status Reports. These reports covered all Presidential decisions made on Cabinet items. The Action Status Reports were intended to jog the concerned department heads into taking care of unfinished business as well as informing the Cabinet of positive accomplishments. Accompanying these reports were memoranda from the Secretary addressed to the Assistant to the President in which the Secretary elaborated on problems of lagging compliance with Presidential decisions.

The first Secretary to the Cabinet was Maxwell M. Rabb. In 1958 he was succeeded by Robert K. Gray who held this post for the remainder of the Administration.

President Eisenhower's Cabinet normally dealt with broad domestic policy issues which involved a number of departments and agencies. More specific matters which concerned only one department tended to be handled privately by the President and the individual department head rather than being brought before the Cabinet. Although some questions involving foreign relations or national security were covered in the Cabinet, highly sensitive problems were reserved for consideration by the National Security Council.

The Bureau of the Budget and the Office of Defense Mobilization were two of the most frequent contributors of items to the Cabinet agenda. Few summaries of Cabinet meetings fail to contain at least some references to the budget and the economy. President Eisenhower frequently expressed his views on fiscal responsibility at these meetings and often exhorted his Cabinet officials to continually strive to achieve a greater degree of economy in operating their respective departments.

Emergency planning for possible enemy nuclear attacks on the United States was one major aspect of national security which continually involved the Cabinet. The Operation Alert exercises, held annually from 1955 to 1959, were planned and discussed at Cabinet meetings. At least one Cabinet meeting was held at a classified relocation site under conditions simulating an enemy attack. Arthur Flemming, Director of the office of Defense Mobilization from 1953-1957 and Leo Hoegh, head of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, were responsible for briefing the Cabinet members on their roles in this emergency planning.

The Administration's early concern over government personnel problems is indicated by the frequent appearance of such topics as patronage, internal security, employee security, and the Civil Service in the agendas and minutes of meetings for the years 1953 and 1954. Other frequently-discussed domestic subjects include federal aid to education and school construction, agricultural programs, natural resources and power policy, Congressional relations, social security and health, government organization and administrative procedures, politics, and civil rights.

Foreign policy questions most frequently discussed in the Cabinet were those pertaining to aspects of foreign economic policy such as reciprocal trade agreements, provisions of the Buy American Act, mutual security, foreign disposal of surplus agricultural commodities, and balance of payments matters. International cultural and informational programs were also considered at Cabinet meetings. On occasions the Secretary of State briefed the Cabinet on major international problems. Sometimes the Cabinet also received post-meeting briefings on military or national security policies by representatives of the Department of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff or the National Security Council. These briefings are recorded only summarily or often not at all in the Cabinet minutes.

A detailed itemization of subjects discussed at Cabinet meetings is enclosed in brackets following each folder on the container list to this series.

A body of records which usefully complements this series and should be used in conjunction with it is the Records of the Cabinet Secretariat. This collection contains numerous Cabinet documents and supporting correspondence and memoranda, some of which may not be found in this series.

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- Cabinet Meeting of January 30, 1953 [Congressional relations, investigations, review of agency appropriations, and discussion of Budget review letter; State of Union message, extension of Reorganization Act; replacement of heads of independent agencies; refunding of one-year notes]
- Cabinet Meeting of February 6, 1953 [personnel appointments; Congressional investigations; single appropriation bill; Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning; independent agencies; emergency aid to storm-stricken Europe; government service without compensation; decontrol measures; Presidential proclamations; New York dock strike]
- Cabinet Meeting of February 12, 1953 [lengthy discussion of proposed decontrol actions and Congressional requests to examine files; other topics include European flood disaster, executive-Congressional relations, social security coverage, Rosenberg decision, secret agreements, Presidential press conference, submerged lands]

Cabinet Meeting of February 20, 1953 [British economic and financial proposals; Bricker Amendment; European flood disaster; submerged lands; price supports for dairy products; cooperation with Congress; Cabinet and Congressional committees; testimony on Kefauver proposal; wedge driving]

Cabinet Meeting of February 25, 1953 [presentation by C.D. Jackson on psychological warfare; information re Bricker Amendment; publicity on Administration policies; executive investigations; Cabinet conferences]

Cabinet Meeting of March 6, 1953 [considerable discussion on publicity for Administration point of view; British-American financial discussions; Stassen presentation on mutual security program; Dodge statements on budget; some information concerning Stalin's death; economic planning; consultations between Cabinet officers and Congressional leaders; policy on atomic energy]

Cabinet Meeting of March 13, 1953 [St. Lawrence Seaway; rent and credit controls; Civil Service Commission; Federal Security Agency reorganization; NATO]

2 Cabinet Meeting of March 20, 1953 [rent and credit controls; Bricker Amendment; surplus foodstuffs to Korea; NATO jurisdictional treaty; publicity for Administration's achievements]

Cabinet Meeting of March 27, 1953 [Defense Production Act and imports of agricultural products; St. Lawrence Seaway & Niagara River; Civil Service positions; McCarthy; psychological warfare; Administration achievements; Bricker Amendment; foreign trade]

Cabinet Meeting of April 3, 1953 [reciprocal trade; British purchases of generators and transformers; Bricker Amendment; Congressional liaison; labor-management problems; television appearances; St. Lawrence Seaway; public opinion; budget comparisons]

Cabinet Meeting of April 10, 1953 [lengthy discussions of reciprocal trade & Simpson Bill; British purchases and St. Lawrence Seaway; other subjects; relations with Congress; reduction of government facilities; Republican National Committee; critical employment areas; conflict of interest]

Cabinet Meeting of April 17, 1953 [lengthy discussion of reciprocal trade and proposed Commission on Foreign Trade Policy; 1954 elections; postal rates; some mention of Administration policy on speaking engagements]

Cabinet Meeting of April 24, 1953 [Hells Canyon Dam; St. Lawrence Seaway; Congressional hearings; personnel changes; foreign policy speech given by

DDE before American Society of Newspaper Editors; employee security program; public information]

Cabinet Meeting of May 1, 1953 [considerable discussion of reciprocal trade; tax program; civil defense; brief mention of Federal research activities]

Cabinet Meeting of May 8, 1953 [patronage; St. Lawrence Seaway; Fallbrook Public Utility District case; Niagara River power; mutual security; Bricker Amendment; riders (legislative) to provide authority to dismiss Civil Service workers; mobilization readiness; reciprocal trade; Federal-State Commission; reorganization plan]

Cabinet Meeting of May 22, 1953 [considerable discussion of foreign purchases, foreign trade, and lead and zinc, also fiscal policy; some mention of personnel policies; Congressional relations; publicity for Administration policies; offshore procurement]

Cabinet Meeting of May 29, 1953 [Korean truce negotiations; agricultural surpluses--wheat to Pakistan; foreign procurement; some discussion of 1954-55 budget; radio-TV program; Presidential dinners; NATO Status of Forces Treaty; Bricker Amendment]

Cabinet Meeting of June 5, 1953 [lengthy discussions of Bricker Amendment & international situation; some discussion of patronage; excess profits tax; continental defense; intergovernmental commission; agricultural surpluses; Buy American Act; government organization; foreign procurement]

Cabinet Meeting of June 19, 1953 [Korea; agricultural developments--wheat surpluses; hoof and mouth disease; drought; Civil Service--Schedule A; Rosenberg case; speaking engagements; New Jersey election; reorganization plans]

Cabinet Meeting of June 26, 1953 [GSA operations; personnel; information center libraries; economy in administration of Buy American Act; fiscal policy; stockpiling and procurement fund]

Cabinet Meeting of July 3, 1953 [education appropriations; drought crisis; Latin American policy--especially Brazil, Bolivia, Mexico; some discussion of Civil Service; Bricker Amendment; Administration information services; Presidential appointments; consultants]

Cabinet Meeting of July 10, 1953 [Foreign Ministers meeting; situation in Russia; Buy American Act; information center libraries overseas; mutual security legislation; agricultural surpluses; stockpiling and procurement]

Cabinet Meeting of July 17, 1953 [Bricker Amendment; Simpson bill of foreign trade; State of Union Message; public opinion; Foreign Ministers meeting; Korean

truce negotiations; national debt; grazing legislation; budget outlook for FY 1955]

Cabinet Meeting of July 31, 1953 [power policy and TVA; Buy American Act; Sub-Cabinet structure; Senate leadership; meetings schedules; Employee safety program; veterans preference; Defense Department; Administration public information; Post Office legislation; mutual security appropriations]

Cabinet Meeting of August 27, 1953 [John Foster Dulles' report on international developments, especially Korea and some mention of Morocco and Iran; Budget review; cost of living index; reporting Administration decisions; employee security programs]

Cabinet Meeting of September 25, 1953 [planning for economic stability & other economic matters; internal security and employee security; drought situation; Cabinet agenda; State of Union message; Manila veterans hospital construction]

Cabinet Meeting of October 2, 1953 [employee security; Buy American programs; decontrol of nickel; placement of separated career employees; Administration achievements]

Cabinet Meeting of October 9, 1953 [placement of procurement in surplus manpower areas; review of government personnel situation; review of drought situation; public addresses on foreign policy matters; real estate acquisition program; apportionment of costs of department joint projects]

Cabinet Meeting of October 22, 1953 [report by Dulles on London Conference; Ezra Taft Benson review of agricultural situation; Harold Stassen remarks on meeting of OEEC; employee security program; personnel problems.]

Cabinet Meeting of October 30, 1953 [information security and executive order on classified information; socialism in federal service--including discussion of meeting between DDE and Norman Thomas; patronage problems; public information and Congressional liaison personnel; closing of aviation control towers for economy purposes; White House mayors conference; departmental press releases & security leaks; cost of living index]

Cabinet Meeting of November 12, 1953 [State of Union, Budget message, and Economic Report; foreign affairs--Bermuda, Nixon's Far East Trip, Philippine elections, Middle East; DDE speech to Canadian parliament; agricultural surpluses]

Cabinet Meeting of November 20, 1953 [lengthy presentation by Oveta Culp Hobby on social security program; other matters include: tax program, personnel policy, availability of Cabinet members for consultations with Congressman, Cabinet and State of Union information, legislative leadership conference]

Cabinet Meeting of December 9, 1953 [Bermuda Conference; postal rates; housing and slum clearance; Cabinet procedure; unemployment insurance; purchase of British generators; some mention of security investigations]

Cabinet Meeting of December 11, 1953 [personnel legislation--Civil Service; agricultural program; some comments re political appointee as head of GSA regional headquarters]

Cabinet Meeting of December 15, 1953 [internal security legislation--wiretapping, an official secrets act, outlawing Communist party; labor legislation--revision of Taft-Hartley Act; vote for 18 year-olds; information re legislative conference; social security legislation]

Cabinet Meeting of January 4, 1954 [discussion of State of Union address by joint meeting of Cabinet and legislative leaders; contains few comments on foreign policy; some discussion of conservation and Cherry Creek Dam at Denver, social security, school aid, Negro housing loans, District of Columbia suffrage, taxes, highways, timing and presentation of messages, bipartisan legislative conference]

Cabinet Meeting of January 15, 1954 [Economic Report; employee security program--definition of security risks, investigation of employees, security of information and John Foster Dulles' complaints re not being able to classify certain information; butter export license to Russia; handling of Congressional mail; coordination of public addresses]

Cabinet Meeting of January 20, 1954 [patronage; governmental wages and salaries; legislative program]

Cabinet Meeting of January 29, 1954 [Bricker Amendment; salary increases--postal; government-wide differentials and incentives]

3 Cabinet Meeting of February 5, 1954 [exports to Soviet Bloc; Export-Import Bank; public works; REA interest rates; employee security; Randall Report on foreign economic policy]

Cabinet Meeting of February 16, 1954 [Schedule C personnel, government salaries & benefits; security officers; Congressional relations; public opinion]

Cabinet Meeting of February 26, 1954 [federal aid to school building construction; Inter-American Conference at Caracas; Mexican labor situation; health insurance; some discussion of Clarence Randall's presentation on foreign economic policy and resume of presentation]

Cabinet Meeting of March 5, 1954 [patronage and Civil Service; US-Latin American

relations; stockpiling; Columbia's Korean War debt; tax legislation; surplus agricultural commodities]

Cabinet Meeting of March 12, 1954 [employment and unemployment statistics; mineral stockpile policy; purchase of Chilean copper; Spanish wheat sale for local currency; Yugoslav wheat; government pay raises; fair employment board; release of report re David Schine]

Cabinet Meeting of March 19, 1954 [foreign economic policy message; national economy; barter of agricultural surpluses; labor situation; defense materials system; Caracas Conference; employee security program]

Cabinet Meeting of March 26, 1954 [considerable discussion of economic counter-cyclical action; other matters: Indochina, off-shore procurement dollar purchases, tax program, New York dock strike, Federal employees compensation program, disposal of surplus real estate]

Cabinet Meeting of April 2, 1954 [internal security legislation and communist party; counter-cyclical action; foreign operations program for FY 1955; public relations]

Cabinet Meeting of April 9, 1954 [group life insurance program; economic situation; Indochina; Rio De Janeiro Conference; Texas City Tin Smelter; Citizens Congressional Committee]

Cabinet Meeting of April 30, 1954 [foreign agricultural attaches; economic situation; departmental inspection services; scientific education; emergency relocation plans; Austrian aluminum purchase; Congressional relations]

Cabinet Meeting of May 14, 1954 [public works; executive-legislative relations; Indochina; economic situation; water resources; OEEC meeting; transport policy; tariff increases; Civil Service retirement]

Cabinet Meeting of May 21, 1954 [budget outlook; economic situation; legislative situation; mention of Congressional relations]

Cabinet Meeting of June 4, 1954 [foreign loan and grant policy; economic situation; speeches by Administration officials and national security; Admiral Carney's speech; agricultural legislation; medical program; employee hospitalization; tanker construction; imports of watches]

Cabinet Meeting of June 11, 1954 [employee security program; economic situation; television appearances; International Labor Conference; Congressional relations; export of steel mill equipment; also paper by Arthur Burns on economic expansion]

Cabinet Meeting of June 24, 1954 [economic situation--steel strike; Mexican migrant

labor; inspection services; economic controls; Administration speeches]

Cabinet Meeting of July 2, 1954 [economic situation; relocation tests; employee security program; legislative program--Knowland speech on Red China; steel wage increase; Bricker proposal to return to gold standard]

Cabinet Meeting of July 9, 1954 [power policy; refugee relief program; economy--minimum wage, debt limit, pay raises; European matters--Geneva Conference; S.E. Asia, Guatemala, Admission of Red China to UN]

Cabinet Meeting of July 16, 1954 [monitoring of telephone calls; foreign economic policy organization; St. Lawrence Seaway; employment security program; manganese purchases; Mexican migratory labor; Assistant Secretary for Administration]

Cabinet Meeting of July 23, 1954 [1956 Budget; economic situation; appropriations for FOA for S.E. Asia; bill on alien property; Labor Department and Red unions; handling of immigration and other private bills; World Poultry Congress; legislative roundup]

Cabinet Meeting of July 29, 1954 [U.S. energy supplies and resources policy; major economic operations; Danube flood; economy; Internal Revenue returns; aluminum expansion program; Congressional situation]

Cabinet Meeting of August 6, 1954 [Japanese trade; escape clause of Reciprocal Trade Agreements; debt limit; economy; emergency immigration program; commemorative stamps; legislative program]

Cabinet Meeting of August 13, 1954 [staff work for President; foreign trade organization study; health of Cabinet members; economic situation; personnel policy; special economic operations; State of Union message; Indochina refugees publicity; Japanese trade negotiations; S.W. Washington redevelopment]

Cabinet Meeting of August 18, 1954 [International Trade Fair and cultural relations; Japanese trade negotiations; lengthy discussion of Buy American Act; personnel cuts in non-military agencies; Ellis Island Washington Mayors Conference; need for agencies to study federal ownership of land within states]

4 Cabinet Meeting of October 19, 1954 [Dulles review of foreign situation--Southeast Asia, Dulles' speech on peaceful use of atomic energy, Europe and EDC; economic situation--effects of unemployment; agricultural purchases and school lunch program; UN technical assistance program; election campaign]

Cabinet Meeting of October 25, 1954 [open televised meeting, in which Dulles briefed Cabinet on Europe]

Cabinet Meeting of November 5, 1954 [1954 Election with discussion led by Vice President Nixon; bipartisanship; emergency relocation exercise; mineral policy and natural resources; stockpiling; economy & international considerations; PL 480 program and Japan]

Cabinet Meeting of November 19, 1954 [John Paton Davies case and administration and handling of employee security issue; St. Lawrence Seaway; Japanese trade negotiations; Agricultural Surplus Act; International Trade Fair and cultural relations; economic situation; mineral policy report]

Cabinet Meeting of December 3, 1954 [government salaries, wages and union demands for wages; postal rates; Rio De Janeiro Conference--report by Secy. Humphrey; relocation report; Congressional coordination]

Cabinet Meeting of December 10, 1954 [foreign economic policy--Buy American Act; defense mobilization questions; legislative program for housing, health, education, welfare; minimum wage; Taft-Hartley; legislative investigation of executive branch]

Cabinet Meeting of December 17, 1954 [transportation policy; water resources policy; PL 480 programs; foreign sales of agricultural surplus commodities; minimum wage]

Cabinet Meeting of January 3, 1955 [combined Cabinet-legislative conference on State of the Union message --topics discussed include: military program, taxes, water resources, public works, housing, health programs, minimum wages, postal legislation, federal employees social security, voting age, foreign policy (China)]

Cabinet Meeting of January 7, 1955 [alien property; Bricker Amendment; employee security program; scientists and engineers; government competition with business; health insurance; distribution of agricultural surpluses to needy]

Cabinet Meeting of January 14, 1955 [education proposals; Economic Report; Sub-Cabinet; National Reserve Plan; Budget review; Defense Production Act Amendment; Congressional liaison]

Cabinet Meeting of January 21, 1955 [lengthy discussion of energy resources report; some mention of mutual security program; Economic Report hearing]

Cabinet Meeting of January 28, 1955 [energy resources policy; transportation message; defense mobilization policies; brief reports by Attorney General on racial discrimination and on Mexican migrant labor]

Cabinet Meeting of February 4, 1955 [postal legislation; presentation of papers for

President; Administration achievements; Congressional cooperation; management of public debt; wartime organization of government]

Cabinet Meeting of February 18, 1955 [internal revenue policies; AFL-CIO merger; Dulles briefing on Russian leadership and on China and Formosa; agricultural developments--surpluses, price supports; internal security testimony; dispersal standards regarding tax amortization program]

Cabinet Meeting of March 4, 1955 [skilled manpower; discredited informers; extension of Renegotiation Act; residential mortgage financing; some mention of windfall operations; Congressional investigations]

Cabinet Meeting of March 11, 1955 [Vice President Nixon's report on trip to Central America with observations about various countries; Dulles report on trip to Far East)

- 5 Cabinet Meeting of March 18, 1955 [Secretary Benson's report on trip to Caribbean countries; Henry Cabot Lodge report on disarmament conference; Communist informers; antitrust study; office of Strategic information; some mention of mutual security program]

Cabinet Meeting of March 25, 1955 [Inter-American highway; wartime organization for economic stabilization & regional war resources; some discussion of disarmament; Attorney General recommendations re anti trust legislation]

Cabinet Meeting of April 1, 1955 [brief discussions of George C. Marshall Research Foundation; agriculture report; Peters Loyalty Case; surplus property disposal program; 1st quarter economic report; Grunewald case and corruption within Internal Revenue Service; Congressional recess; Cabinet schedule]

Cabinet Meeting of April 22, 1955 [foreign trade; water resources; Operation Alert--1955; some discussion of highway program; National Reserve program; postal pay & postal rates; HEW legislation; immigration law; Bricker Amendment; development of agricultural human resources]

Cabinet Meeting of April 29, 1955 [Salk Vaccine and polio; Dulles report on Bandung Conference; development of scientists and engineers; allowances for diplomats; tax discussion re cooperatives; self employed pensions; mutual insurance companies; organization of war communications administration; Benson report from Dust Bowl; overseas use of speeches]

Cabinet Meeting of May 13, 1955 [Budget objectives; European economic development; personnel reductions; Salk vaccine; labor legislation; Defense Production Act; wheat marketing quota referendum]

Cabinet Meeting of May 20, 1955 [lengthy discussion of Northwest power questions--Upper Colorado, etc; other matters include surplus agricultural commodities; labor legislation; Operation Alert]

Cabinet Meeting of May 27, 1955 [Sinclair Weeks report on Europe; consumer debt; government employment; White House Conference on Education; year-end buying]

Cabinet Meeting of June 10, 1955 [Under Secretary of State Hoover's report on USSR invitation to Chancellor Adenauer; Peters loyalty case; Operation Alert; writing of plain letters; Ford-UAW contract; agricultural developments]

Special "Cabinet" Meeting of June 17, 1955 [at Operation Alert emergency relocation site--meeting concerned entirely with Operation Alert]

Cabinet Meeting of July 1, 1955 [main topics: Operation Alert and Theodore Streibert briefing on Communist propaganda; includes copy of Streibert's report on subject; some mention of steel strike]

Cabinet meeting of July 8, 1955 [taxation of cooperatives; conflicts of interest; tax legislation; Administration public relations; World Petroleum Congress; wheat referendum; Labor Day observation]

Cabinet Meeting of July 22, 1955 [report on Summit Conference and aerial inspection proposal; Secretary Hobby's departure; Administration's public relations and politics]

Cabinet Meeting of July 29, 1955 [Congressional requests for documents from executive branch files; use of consultants and advisers; civil defense recommendations]

Cabinet Meeting of August 5, 1955 [budget policy--FY 56 and Defense budget; US policy with respect to CCC-owned cotton--lengthy discussions of these two topics; some mention of State of Union message]

Cabinet Meeting of August 12, 1955 [Hoover Commission's recommendations on paperwork management; US policy on CCC-owned cotton; Administration policy re Immigration and Nationality Act; economic goals and policies; management training for career people; Congressional investigations; rental of limousines for government officials]

Cabinet Meeting of September 30, 1955 [Middle East developments; government operations in absence of President; report on economic situation; talks with China; highway program; equal economic opportunity; Hoover Commission recommendations; Budget outlook; State of Union message]

Cabinet Meeting of October 7, 1955 [agricultural programs--PL 480, hog prices,

cost-price squeeze; relocation tests; employment statistics; employee security investigations; disposition of government businesses]

- 6 Cabinet Meeting of October 14, 1955 [depressed localities; President's recovery; Boston dinner meeting re Administration achievements; disposal of government real estate; reorganization plans; incentive awards; hog prices]

Cabinet Meeting of October 21, 1955 [international developments--Geneva Conference; budget; personal economies; some discussion of State of Union message]

Cabinet Meeting of October 28, 1955 [depressed localities; Labor Department program--minimum wage; disaster insurance; highway program; postal rate increases]

Cabinet Meeting of November 4, 1955 [tax program and economy; HEW program; President's return to Washington, D.C.; Hoover Commission reports; WOCs and consultants; Cabinet schedule]

Cabinet Meeting of November 15, 1955 [WOCs and consultants; public advisory committees; Commerce legislative program; Cabinet schedule; employment-unemployment statistics; availability of information; White House Education Conference; rediscount rates]

Cabinet Meeting of November 22, 1955 [water resources policy and partnership policy; Geneva Foreign Ministers Conference on fuel oil imports; Presidential delegations]

Cabinet Meeting of December 2, 1955 [discussion of State of Union Message]

Cabinet Meeting of December 9, 1955 [entire discussion devoted to agricultural programs]

Cabinet Meeting of December 16, 1955 [President's schedule; State of Union message; disaster insurance; FY-56 Budget; Economic Report]

Cabinet Meeting of January 16, 1956 [discussion of Budget and Economic Report]

Cabinet Meeting of January 27, 1956 [national parks--Mission 66, including typed copy of Interior Dept. presentation on Mission 66; Federal employees health insurance; executive pay bill; Cabinet Action Status Report; Congressional investigations]

Cabinet Meeting of February 7, 1956 [some discussion of Eden conversations with

DDE which touched on China, Middle East & Declaration of Washington; fund-raising drives; proposals re supergrades]

Cabinet Meeting of February 13, 1956 [entire discussion devoted to Harris-Fulbright Bill on regulation of natural gas]

Cabinet Meeting of March 2, 1956 [Arab-Israel dispute; SEATO mtg; protection of strategic information; Emergency Action Papers; balanced budgets and taxation; Operation Alert-1956)

Cabinet Meeting of March 9, 1956 [racial tensions and civil rights; civil rights program; Hoover Commission recommendations; natural gas; government medical program; Salk vaccine]

7 Cabinet Meeting of March 23, 1956 [Dulles trip to Asia; civil rights; budget situation; personnel security commission; Congressional investigations; Civil Service; considerable discussion of Economic Report and of 1956 Campaign planning]

Cabinet Meeting of April 6, 1956 [payments in lieu of taxes; Senior Civil Service; government competition with business; Mobilization Plan "C" exercise; Operation Alert; National Conference on Parole; executive pay; Hoover Commission recommendations]

Cabinet Meeting of April 20, 1956 [discussion of U.S. gold reserves depletion--led by George Humphrey; Japanese textiles; Federal Reserve discount rate; 1957 legislative program; mutualization of lending and insurance agencies]

Cabinet Meeting of April 27, 1956 (1-2) [federal jurisdiction within the states; Dulles and Lodge on travel in Africa; monthly budget report; charges for certain government services; public opinion on farm bill veto; unemployment statistics; executive pay bill]

Cabinet Meeting of May 16, 1956 [small business; employee security program; Plan C exercise; social security; budget review]

Cabinet Meeting of June 1, 1956 [lengthy discussion of economic situation; some discussion of consumer advisory committees; priority Clearance of legislation]

Cabinet Meeting of June 21, 1956 [employee security program; economic developments--credit; operation Alert--1956; mutual security program]

Cabinet Meeting of June 29, 1956 [no minutes found for this meeting; memoranda, Agenda, Records of Action, notes by Meyer Kestnbaum on presentation re government organization, Cabinet information, and Federal, state, and local relations]

- Cabinet Meeting of July 13, 1956 [devoted entirely to Operation Alert-1956]
- Cabinet Meeting of July 25, 1956 [devoted entirely to Operation Alert]
- Cabinet Meeting of July 27, 1956 [small business; budget outlook for 1957-59; some mention of Republican platform; Suez Canal]
- Cabinet Meeting of August 3, 1956 [employee security; Suez Canal; campaign contributions; Hoover Commission recommendations]
- Cabinet Meeting of September 28, 1956 [economic situation; budget; tax amortization policy; fund raising within government; campaign ideas]
- 8 Cabinet Meeting of November 16, 1956 [discussion of foreign situation, especially Middle East, with some mention Of Hungary, Poland, European oil situation; some discussion of government competition with private business]
- Cabinet Meeting of November 21, 1956 [government vacation schedule; tribute to Arthur Burns]
- Cabinet Meeting of December 14, 1956 [budget and fiscal Outlook, and economy]
- Cabinet Meeting of January 9, 1957 (1-2) [lengthy discussion of State of Union message--labor, inflation, water programs, OTC; FY 1958 Budget and economy; some discussion of civil defense]
- Cabinet Meeting of January 18, 1957 [USIA programs; official and private Papers; manpower; Congressional investigations; foreign trade and Japanese textile agreement]
- Cabinet Meeting of February 1, 1957 [lengthy discussions of Operation Alert-1957; federal wage policy; stockpiling]
- Cabinet Meeting of February 8, 1957 [lengthy discussion of Presidential disability; some discussion of government wage systems; Meade Alcorn on Republican party organization]
- Cabinet Meeting of February 27, 1957 [1958 Budget and economic situation; some discussion of drought programs; federal fund-raising]
- Cabinet Meeting of March 11, 1957 [1957-58 Budgets including defense spending--B-52s, missiles]

Cabinet Meeting of March 29, 1957 [Dulles briefing on international situation--SEATO, Bermuda mtg., Middle East; Budget situation]

Cabinet Meeting of April 5, 1957 [Budget situation; Budget apportionment controls; convict labor; Airways Modernization Board; government salaries]

Cabinet meeting of April 12, 1957 [health insurance for government employees; long-range agricultural policy; Polish economic assistance; some mention of payments in lieu of taxes]

- 9 Cabinet Meeting of May 3, 1957 [economic outlook; charges for government services; some mention of White House swearing-in ceremonies; national debt ceiling]

Cabinet Meeting of May 10, 1957 [labor situation--strike at AEC Portsmouth plant & other strikes; school construction and Powell Amendment; pay legislation]

Cabinet Meeting of May 24, 1957 [budgetary matters including defense, school construction; consumer credit; Operation Alert; water rights and use; Salk vaccine; price index; personnel controls]

Cabinet Meeting of June 3, 1957 [budget policies for AEC and Defense Dept.; inflation]

Cabinet Meeting of June 17, 1957 [Operation Alert-1957; debt situation; agricultural surpluses and PL 480, stockpiling]

Cabinet Meeting of June 21, 1957 [Operation Alert-1957; FY 59 Budget; HEW programs; Republican regional conferences]

Cabinet Meeting of June 28, 1957 [court decisions re Girard case, Schneiderman Communist case, Jenks case, and Krueger case--Supreme Court reversal of previous decisions; Operation Alert; report of Commission on Government Security; UN report on Hungary]

Cabinet Meeting of July 12, 1957 [Operation Alert; personnel controls; alien property]

Special Cabinet Meeting on Operation Alert - July 19, 1957

Cabinet Meeting of July 24, 1957 [vested German assets; oil imports; consumer price index; Dulles briefing on international situation-- Canadian concern over US programs on wheat, oil and zinc, plus briefing on Buenos Aires Economic Conference, disarmament & Russians, Middle East; federal-state task force]

legislative review]

Cabinet Meeting of August 2, 1957 [budget apportionment; national debt limit; OCB referrals; basic research; orientation of non-career officials; school construction legislation]

Cabinet Meeting of August 23, 1957 [Buenos Aires Conference; government aluminum and copper purchases; expenditures and government personnel; economic situation]

Cabinet Meeting of October 11, 1957 [Budget Report; federal-state relations; military cutbacks; DDE comments re absence of Cabinet members at end of Congressional sessions]

Cabinet Meeting of October 18, 1957 [briefing by Quarles on satellite program; economic situation; inflation and recession; presentation of Administration program; telecommunications; FCDA delegations; Budget--"Guns instead of butter"]

Cabinet Meeting of November 1, 1957 [monthly budget report; Commerce Dept. programs; public roads area development; Weather Bureau; ship construction; CAA facilities; Bureau of Standards; airport grants; civil works expenditures; Interior matters--water]

10 Cabinet Meeting of November 5, 1957 [extensive discussion of military and civilian Pay]

Cabinet Meeting of November 8, 1957 [career executive program; labor legislative programs; State dinners; Cabinet executive sessions; United Nations developments; United Givers Fund; HEW program]

Cabinet Meeting of November 15, 1957 [public works planning and economy; 1959 housing program; education program]

Cabinet Meeting of Nov. 22, 1957 [lengthy discussion of Budget Report; federal-state task force; some mention of agriculture trade development and Agriculture legislative program]

Cabinet Meeting of December 2, 1957 [education programs--grants, training, etc; State of Union message; stand-by emergency legislation; pay increases]

Cabinet Meeting of January 3, 1958 [devoted to State Of Union message, including comments on defense and missiles, Russian threat, interest rate on government loans, Defense Dept. program and Budget]

Cabinet Meeting of January 10, 1958 [John Foster Dulles' presentation on Russian economic threat; mention of annual economic report; Congressional liaison; 1959 Budget]

Cabinet Meeting of January 17, 1958 [mutual assistance program; farm legislation; defense legislation; reorganization; reciprocal trade legislation; scientific cooperation and research--National Science Foundation; education; labor legislation; special messages; preparation of draft legislation; 1958 operation Alert]

Cabinet Meeting of January 24, 1958 [economic situation; modern defense weapons; interstate highway program; defense essentiality of horological industry]

Cabinet Meeting of February 7, 1958 [scientific satellite program; labor developments; Llewelyn Thompson report on Russia; Budget review]

Cabinet Meeting of February 28, 1958 [economic situation; public works; post office modernization; small business; surplus labor area; foreign relations and economic situation; fiscal budget situation]

Cabinet Meeting of March 7, 1958 [Ambassador Lodge's report on Iran and Pakistan; some discussion of oil imports; procurement acceleration; area development program; economic situation; disposal of real property; agricultural developments]

Cabinet Meeting of March 14, 1958 [interest rates on government loans; federal-state relations; availability of government documents; question of what constitutes public records; public works; agricultural legislation; residual oil imports; civilian space program]

Cabinet Meeting of March 21, 1958 [crude oil imports; Far East situation--including US militaristic image and news; agricultural legislation]

Cabinet Meeting of March 28, 1958 [education legislation; social security; transport policy--railroads; budget and personnel report]

- 11 Cabinet Meeting of April 18, 1958 [lengthy discussion of stockpiling policy; other topics: ODM-FCDA reorganization plan; Budget outlook; public addresses by Cabinet members; Russian Ambassador's invitations to high government officials]

Cabinet Meeting of April 25, 1958 [helium conservation program; Budget report; human disaster behavior; regional boundaries of government agencies; modernization of airways; copy of presentation on helium by Interior Dept.]

Cabinet Meeting of May 2, 1958 [economic situation; civil defense, cordage imports; Operation Alert-1958, includes Hoegh's presentation]

- Cabinet Meeting of May 16, 1958 [Nixon report on South America; Dulles report on NATO and French-Algerian situation; foreign gift etiquette; employee security; third Russian satellite and ICBM development]
- Cabinet Meeting of May 23, 1958 [governor's conference re taxes and civil defense; lengthy discussion of budget situation]
- Cabinet Meeting of June 6, 1958 [social security legislation; Operation Alert 1958; Federal Aviation Agency; employee relations]
- Cabinet Meeting of June 13, 1958 [pay bill; commission on pay systems; debt situation; labor legislation; mission Emergency Action Papers--distribution; general comments on statements by Dulles, Khrushchev, Norman Cousins]
- Cabinet Meeting of June 27, 1958 [Budget review; Brussels Fair; taxation of cooperatives]
- Cabinet Meeting of July 7, 1958 [airlines investment and modernization problems; Operation Alert-1958; passport legislation]
- Cabinet Meeting of July 18, 1958 [Dulles briefing on Middle East and lengthy discussion; plus typed notes used by Dulles in presentation; some discussion of economic developments]
- Cabinet Meeting of July 25, 1958 [mutual security; debt limit increase; Soviet economic offensive--briefing by Allen Dulles; Budget report; operation Alert-1958; HEW trends--medical care and facilities, social security; Defense force levels]
- Cabinet Meeting of August 1, 1958 [economy; executive sessions of Cabinet]
- 12 Cabinet Meeting of August 8, 1958 (1)-(2) [long-range drought area program--conversion of saline water; personnel security; report on South America; copy of briefing by Seaton on saline water]
- Cabinet Meeting of August 15, 1958 [national telecommunications policy; briefing on outer space]
- Cabinet Meeting of August 28, 1958 [A meeting held in executive session; no minutes kept]
- Cabinet Meeting of September 26, 1958 [Philharmonic Symphony concert publication of Presidential correspondence; civil defense plan; Emergency Relocation Program; United Givers Fund]

Cabinet Meeting of October 9, 1958 [Operation Alert 1958--evaluation; Lunar probe; detailed notes on Alert discussion]

Cabinet Meeting of November 6, 1958 [J. Edgar Hoover briefing on internal security plus typed notes on Hoover's briefing; some mention of Commerce Department problems]

Cabinet Meeting of November 20, 1958 [1959 economic program; Budget status report; interest rates]

Cabinet Meeting of December 5, 1958 [publication of scientific information; Federal Council for Science and Technology; area development, including typed notes of Cabinet discussion of area development]

Cabinet Meeting of December 12, 1958 [Office of Executive Management; debt management; taxation of cooperatives; air user charges; airport construction grants]

Cabinet Meeting of December 16, 1958 [executive session concerning Budget; no notes kept]

Cabinet Meeting of December 19, 1958 [Budget; anti-inflationary measures and Cabinet Committee's proposals; Defense budget]

Cabinet Meeting of January 16, 1959 [extensive discussion of school construction proposals--philosophical in tone; plus typed notes containing details of discussion on school construction; preview of 1960 Budget; US-Canada mtg--Cabinet level; preparation for tariff negotiations]

Cabinet Meeting of January 23, 1959 [Office of Executive Management -- reorganization; Moscow Fair; unified communications system; typed detailed notes re discussion of executive management and reorganization]

13 Cabinet Meeting of January 30, 1959 [decorations from foreign dignitaries; fact papers for leadership meetings; letters of support for Administration; programs for aging; telecommunications; list of topics covered in briefing by General Twining]

Cabinet Meeting of February 27, 1959 [Latin American economic problems; communist Chinese communes; Operation Alert 1959; Civil Rights commission--copies of presentations by Mann on Latin America and Tiffany on Civil Rights Commission]

Cabinet Meeting of March 6, 1959 [radiation problems--wheat, dirty tests; defense cooperation With Canada; oil import Program--Venezuela]

Cabinet meeting of March 13, 1959 [gold movements; Berlin; health agency campaign; user charges--patents, oil leases, etc.]

Cabinet Meeting of April 24, 1959 [government competition with business; activation of emergency agencies; copper stockpile; economic situation; typed notes on discussion of emergency matters]

Cabinet Meeting of May 1, 1959 [federal immunity from state and local taxes; public support for a balanced budget; budget and personnel report; farm legislation; regional boundaries of agencies for civil defense mobilization; Food for Peace]

Cabinet Meeting of May 15, 1959 (1)-(2) [education and science teachers, etc; Dulles' health; tax problems --DuPont divestiture Of General Motors stock; Seattle Exposition exhibits and avoidance of international competition; Cabinet members' absence from Washington]

Cabinet Meeting of May 22, 1959 (1)-(3) [emergency plan; Moscow Fair; Panama Canal; federal office space]

- 14 Cabinet Meeting of June 5, 1959 [monthly budget report; regional emergency centers; Federal Relocation Arc; FY 61 Budget and spending, including mention of Representative Gerald Ford's approach to spending cuts in all operations and maintenance; foreign trade Policy and national security; also typed detailed notes on DDE statements on 1961 Budget]

Cabinet Meeting of June 22, 1959 [economic situation, budget, Stability and Growth Committee]

Cabinet Meeting of July 17, 1959 [removal of papers by retiring department and agency heads--discussion of Dulles Papers, question raised as to what are records; Dixon-Yates contract; verbatim transcripts of committee meetings; President's staff notes--review of agency participation; New Delhi World Agriculture Fair]

Cabinet Meeting of July 31, 1959 (1)-(2) [status report on US efforts in oceanography; Phase IV of operation Alert; joint program to improve accounting in federal government; delegate agencies' civil defense and defense mobilization functions; regional boundaries; financing the highway program]

Cabinet meeting Of August 7, 1959 [internal balance of payments; federal fund-raising; Vice President Nixon's trip to Russia]

Cabinet Meeting of September 11, 1959 (1-2) [stockpiling; emergency fiscal policy; budget report; Public works; President's European trip--including comments]

on DeGaulle and Algeria; Khrushchev and Mateos Lopez visits]

Cabinet Meeting of November 6, 1959 (1)-(2) [US-USSR relations and Khrushchev visit; civil defense; area assistance; harm to foreign relations caused by racial discrimination; biography of Jefferson Davis; budget report; copy of Lodge's presentation on Khrushchev visit]

Cabinet Meeting of November 11, 1959 [NATO; steel strike; National Cultural Center; economic situation--steel outlook and inflation]

Cabinet Meeting of November 27, 1959 (1)-(3) [educational and cultural activities--international; 1961 Budget; unified communications system; economic rivalry with USSR; President's Mid East Trip]

- 15 Cabinet Meeting of December 11, 1959 [President's Eleven-Nation Trip; film and book entitled On the Beach re nuclear war; White House conference on Children and Youth; Ellis Island--disposal food additives; defense briefings]

Cabinet Meeting of December 18, 1959 [Government Contracts Committee and racial discrimination; investigation of crimes involving government Officers and employees]

Cabinet Meeting of January 6, 1960 [most of discussion concerned with State of Union message; some mention of steel strike settlement; testimony before Congress]

Cabinet Meeting of January 14, 1960 [executive session--no summary of discussion in folder; does contain agenda, presentations and a Cabinet discussion paper on Operation Alert]

Cabinet Meeting of January 22, 1960 (1)-(2) [Budget Policies; mobilization Policy--financial Operations; chemicals and food, insect sprays, etc; Federal Reserve Board payments; Congressional relations; magazine articles re Cabinet members; speechmaking; transportation policy; juvenile delinquency]

Cabinet Meeting of February 26, 1960 [Cuba overflights; Budget report; federal employment; manpower; national economy]

Cabinet Meeting of March 4, 1960 [1960 Campaign; some discussion of controversy over Air Force manual alleging Communist infiltration of churches; general discussion of economic and defense matters as campaign issues; Administration accomplishments]

Cabinet Meeting of March 11, 1960 [World Refugee Year; Commission on National Goals; foreign policy speech clearance; oceanography; defense program, including

comments by unnamed retired admiral who supported Administration efforts]

Cabinet Meeting of March 25, 1960 (1)-(2) [Committee on Government Employment Policy and Discrimination; survival items program; national economy; Cuba over-flights; agency reports on legislation]

Cabinet Meeting of April 8, 1960 [air pollution; White House Youth Conference]

- 16 Cabinet Meeting of April 29, 1960 (1)-(4) [special message to Congress--covers politics, medical care for aged, budget and personnel; Project Plowshare--discussions of nuclear disarmament; Isthmian Canal]

Cabinet Meeting of May 12, 1960 [1960 Republican Platform; economic situation; radiation protection guidance; Soviet manpower--briefing by CIA; Operation Alert 1960; military posture]

Cabinet Meeting of May 26, 1960 [meeting devoted entirely to Summit Meeting and U-2]

Cabinet Meeting of June 3, 1960 [Budget reduction]

Cabinet Meeting of July 1, 1960 [Food For Peace: Presidential transition]

Cabinet Meeting of August 15, 1960 [executive session; no minutes of meeting]

Cabinet Meeting of August 26, 1960 [National Emergency Alarm Repeater System--NEAR; Budget status report and economy; Dulles International Airport]

Cabinet Meeting of October 7, 1960 (1)-(3) [report on International Atomic Energy Agency--disarmament, membership, Soviet actions, Congo uranium; developments at UN--Khrushchev, Castro, neutrals, Nehru, Macmillan and Diefenbaker, admission of China to UN, Lumumba and Congo, Sukarno, African nations; World Bank, International Monetary Fund & economy; Department of Defense consultations with labor leaders]

Cabinet Meeting of November 9, 1960 [no summary of meeting folder contains Record of Actions taken including preparations for turning over of Executive responsibility, Cuban refugees in Florida, FY 1962 Budget; also agenda, miscellaneous memoranda; Cabinet Paper for Consideration re turning over of Executive responsibilities; draft statement by President and Cabinet paper on Cuban refugees]

Cabinet Meeting of December 20, 1960 [no minutes; contains Record of Action re communication satellite development, Operation Alert; Cabinet Agenda; Cabinet

Papers for Consideration and Action re communications satellite development; plan for Operation Alert]

Cabinet - January 13, 1961 [no minutes of meeting; contains Cabinet agenda; topics include FY 1962 Budget; Federal Radiation Council; state of Union Message; aerospace nuclear power]

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