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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Richard M. Nixon
Vice President Gerald R. Ford
The Cabinet

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, November 6, 1973, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Cabinet Room

SUBJECT: Energy

Vice President Ford: Can you get this legislation through in a single bill? There are many jurisdictions and I don't see how you are going to manage.

Love: We are trying to put all the emergency aspects into a single bill, but the long-range aspects will have to be handled separately.

Laird: We want to send up a list of what we want and not get into the housekeeping aspects of jurisdiction.

Vice President Ford: Is this to be acted on before Congress adjourns?

President Nixon: Yes, even if we have to hold them in session.

[There was a long discussion about the merits of sending one versus many bills, or just a message.]

Laird: The best thing is to put all the emergency things in a single bill and push it through.

Morton: The primary authority needed this winter is to depress demand.

Brinegar: The shortage will begin to depress the GNP unless we move to gas rationing very soon.

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Shultz: I think we should ration through a tax rather than direct rationing.

President Nixon: Rationing requires a strong patriotic spirit -- which collapsed after VE day, not VJ day. If we can keep the effect one step removed from the citizen (through a producer tax), we are better off.

[There was discussion of rationing, a speed limit, turning the lights down in federal buildings.]

President Nixon: In connection with energy, I want you to realize that it might be necessary to apply pressure to Israel. Israel had been completely intransigent after first indicating some flexibility, and apparently they think they can just stay where they are. It may be necessary for us to go to the UN and we may have to apply pressure on Israel. I hope it won't be necessary, but if it is, I expect the Cabinet to understand.

Note: Secretary Kissinger did not attend the meeting. He was in the Middle East at the time.

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Ford - Can you get this legis thru a single bill?
There are many jurisdiction + detail see how
you are going to manage.

have - We are trying to put all the lower aspects into a
single bill, but a long range aspects will
have to be handled separately.

have - We want send up a list of what we want + not
get into a hush-hush aspects of jurisdiction.

Ford - Is this to be a motion before Cong. adjourn?

Pres - Yes, even if we have to hold ~~them~~ them in session.

Big discussion about one vs many bills, or just
a message.

have - Best thing is to put all the energy things in a single
bill + push it thru.

Martin - Primary committee needed this winter to depress demand.

Brennan - Shortage will begin to depress GNP unless we
move to gas rationing very soon.

Shultz - I think we should ration thru tax rather than
direct rationing.

Pres - Rationing requires strong patriotic spirit - collapsed
after VE, not VS day. If we can have effect on
step removed from a citizen (thru a producer tax)
we are better off.

Rationing / Spend limit / Limits on federal budget /
/ no votes / no discussion /

Pres said in connection w/ energy that it
might be necessary to apply a pressure to
Israel. Said I had been completely entranced
after first indicating some flexibility + apparently
thought they could just stay where they
were. It may be necessary for us to go to
the UN and we may have to apply pressure on E.
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