THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President's Meeting with the Republican

Congressional Leadership

DATE AND TIME:

Monday, March 3, 1975

8:00 a.m.

PLACE:

The Cabinet Room

[There was a discussion of whether the President should veto the bill to delay his import tariffs and then delay his program. Most seemed to favor postponement, except Cederberg who strongly cautioned against delay.]

<u>Secretary Kissinger</u>: We have monthly meetings in IEA. One of our problems is whether what we say there will be sustained here. They won't do anything that we won't do. If we wait 90 days, they will wait 90 days.

From an international point of view, keeping the momentum is important. It would be better to defer the third dollar for 60-90 days and impose the second dollar.

[The consensus is that Ullman will come out close to the President's program.

[The President then argued against leaving the depletion allowance on the tax relief bill.

[There was further discussion on the general economy and taxes. He pointed out the Democratic program is adding substantially to the projected deficits for this year and next year.]

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