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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

CABINET MEETING

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 5, 1973
10:00 a. m.

PLACE: The Cabinet Room

SUBJECTS: Budget and Energy

Simon gives an energy organization briefing.

President: I will participate heavily and regularly in these energy meetings. Especially on major decisions like rationing -- that can't be done on a knee-jerk reaction.

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Now for the budget.

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