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CABINET MEETING

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## NOTES OF THE CABINET MEETING

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- 1) The President introduced Dr. Billy Graham.
- 2) The President told the Cabinet that the nation is threatened with a rail strike. The President asked the members of the Cabinet to do what they could to try to prevent a strike from occurring. The President said he had been talking with members of the Congress on strike legislation and hoped that the Cabinet would do likewise.
- 3) Secretary Katzenbach briefed the Cabinet on the Middle East situation. He said the cease fire is holding; there are U.N. observers in the area. He pointed out that four cease fire resolutions were adopted in the United Nations. He said the U.N. could vote today on the Soviet resolution. He pointed out that the Soviets had called for a General Assembly meeting and that they probably had the sixty two votes to get it. He said he had seen the press speculation about a Soviet delegation coming to the U.N. that might include Gromyko or Kosygin. He said he knew nothing more than what he had read from news services.
- 4) Secretary Katzenbach also briefed the Cabinet on AID policies in the area. He pointed out there were no new authorizations for armed shipments since the fighting broke out. He also said that no new economic aid agreements had been made. He said the Department was in the process of suspending aid to those countries which broke relations with the United States. There have been no new PL 488 agreements since June 5.

The Secretary also discussed the refugee problem, pointing out that food stocks seem to be adequate for short-term needs.

- 5) The President introduced Mac Bundy to the Cabinet.
- 6) The Secretary of Defense pointed out the consequences of a possible rail strike. He said that a railroad strike would reduce the production of the movement of defense goods. He said there was no way to avoid this, because our economy is so integrated that there is no way a strike could keep from hurting our war effort.

The Secretary said he could not overstate our responsibilities to avoid a rail strike.

- 7) Secretary Wirtz said that collective bargaining has worked; that only six out of twenty three unions have not settled. He said there is only one union which absolutely will not go along. He says it is the desire of one man (Siemiller) to be bigger than the President and the Government of the United States. He said the issue has now become a pro-labor - anti-labor vote. He said this is a course of irresponsibility.
- 8) Secretary Boyd said he agreed with the remarks of Secretary Wirtz, and Secretary McNamara about the seriousness of the rail strike potential.
- 9) Postmaster General O'Brien reviewed the status of legislation on the hill. He listed some of the bills which he thinks will be sent to the White House by the July break.
- 10) Each member of the Cabinet reviewed the progress of legislation in his respective area.