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MINUTES OF CABINET MEETING

May 15, 1959

9:05 a. m. -- 10:20 a. m.

The following were present:

President Eisenhower

Vice President Nixon

Under Sec. Dillon
 for Sec. Herter
Sec. Anderson
Sec. McElroy
AG Rogers
Deputy PMG Edson Sessions
 for PMG Summerfield
Sec. Seaton
Sec. Benson
Sec. Strauss
Under Sec. James O'Connell
 for Sec. Mitchell
Sec. Flemming

Amb. Lodge
Gov. Hoegh
Director Stans, BoB
Dr. Saulnier, CEA
 Mr. Mueller

Dr. DuBridge, NSF
Dr. Glennan, NASA
Dr. Waterman, NSF
Dr. Libby, AEC
Mr. Charles Lloyd, Commerce
Mr. Francis Miller, Commerce

Gen. Persons
Gen. Goodpaster
Maj. Eisenhower
Mr. Siciliano
Mr. Harr
Dr. Killian
Mr. Robert Briber
Dr. Paarlberg
Mrs. Wheaton
Mr. Merriam
Mr. Gray
Mr. Morgan
Mr. Patterson
Mr. Minnich



The President wanted the Cabinet to know that Secretary Dulles' situation was very poor. Consequently he was going to merely give to Mrs. Dulles, so that she could tell the Secretary about them, a couple of awards that the President had been holding for a day when the Secretary might be feeling up to receiving them.

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Education for the Age of Science - Dr. Killian first reported on the series of 37 studies made by 27 different panels of the Science Advisory Committee. They covered the large fields of scientific and engineering education, scientific requirements related to national security, and recruitment of scientists and engineers. He stated that in the field of education there has been much improvement since Sputnik and the President's ensuing major addresses.

Dr. DuBridge went over the report, stressing the necessary objectives of education in a democratic society, the need for full development of talented youth while accomplishing education for all, and the importance of securing more and better teachers by making the profession more attractive.

In discussion, Secretary Anderson ascertained that state and local school boards are cooperative in revising the curriculum to meet the problem. Adm. Strauss hoped to see emphasis on superior pay for superior teachers, as well as adequate pay for all. Mr. Benson ascertained that industries having the need for scientists and engineers are definitely increasing their scholarship contributions and other incentives to induce young people to enter the field.

The President spoke at length on the importance of the social position of teachers and effective recognition of their great contribution. He felt this was something that could not be treated haphazardly or on a once a year basis. Instead, there was a need for a plan to be developed, perhaps through the Foundations, achieving the necessary effective organization. He thought the morale factor was as important to teachers as to soldiers.

Mr. McElroy and Dr. Waterman spoke of efforts to encourage officers in the armed services to prepare for teaching after retirement. Dr. Flemming thought that colleges and universities could do more in regard to conferring honorary degrees on secondary school teachers.

Dr. Killian requested authorization for making this report public. The President approved and suggested further the development of appropriate speech material.

Tax Problems - Sec. Anderson called attention to the hearings next week on the Frear bill designed to correct the inequitable tax situation that will result should the courts order DuPont to divest itself of General Motors stock. The necessary distribution to individual stockholders will be subject to relatively heavy taxation as compared with corporations holding this stock. Mr. Anderson felt that in unique situations like this the law ought to provide for treatment of such dispositions as capital gains, since this is very similar to "partial liquidation". He noted also that there would probably be a distinct market effect when this distribution starts -- if required.

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Attorney General Rogers emphasized the matter of equity and hoped that Treasury Department officials could also emphasize this rather than merely pointing to the actions of the Justice Department and law enforcement. He made clear that the bill is general in nature rather than limited to the DuPont-General Motors case. He had been informed that the Frear bill would not draw the attacks of opposition radicals. Mr. Anderson stated Treasury problems with the great variety of tax revision proposals, mostly individual relief proposals, which Treasury uniformly opposes. Mr. Rogers regarded this bill not as relief but as a companion piece to the Bank Holding Act, which has similar purpose.

Seattle Exposition - Sec. Strauss asked Mr. Mueller to conduct this presentation in view of his own "preoccupation" recently. Mr. Mueller briefly noted the requirement in P. L. 85-880 for a report on how the Federal government might best participate in this "Century 21" exposition. Mr. Miller then presented a series of charts regarding the exposition as a whole and particularly the plan for the Federal government to be responsible for the section on science. He outlined the plan to have this cover the life sciences, energy, man and space, realizing that the space exhibit would have to cover what is the science fiction of today but would be the commonplace of the next century. He stated that the government program would cost about \$12-1/2 million over a four year period, but that the exhibition could be dismantled and moved for extensive further display and education. Mr. Miller stressed throughout the presentation how such an exhibition would help to solve such problems as Dr. Killian had discussed earlier in the meeting.

The President was interested in the relationship of this proposal to the participation of other governments. Adm. Strauss made clear that this entire exposition was to get away from the idea of national pavilions, that no exhibition would bear any particular national label, indeed that the basic law had directed the avoidance of undue national competition. Mr. Miller stated that while the U. S. government would be responsible for this exhibit, it would invite other nations to participate and would work toward providing any nation having a particular scientific specialty the opportunity to exhibit that specialty. He noted that the invitation to Russia would contain a stipulation that the United States have an opportunity to exhibit in a Russian city that year.

Dr. Flemming, in the course of this discussion, ascertained that the city of Seattle would be responsible for the other sections of the exposition, and that there would be full opportunity for American (not U. S. government) exhibits in other fields like arts, entertainment, etc.

Mr. Mueller then stated the four recommendations: (1) transmittal of this report to the Congress, (2) an appropriations request of \$12-1/2 million, (3) Presidential approval of the pertinent proclamation, and (4) issuance of a White House press release.

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The President approved after being informed by Mr. Mueller that Congress had already provided the basic authorization for this, and from Mr. Stans that this appropriation had been foreseen and was covered in the contingency item.

Absences from Washington - The President reminded the Cabinet of his desire that Department and Agency heads be at hand in Washington during the concluding months of the Congressional session when frequent conferences are necessary in important legislation. Except for really essential absences, he hoped they would not be out of the city for more than overnight trips. Where longer absences are necessary, he asked that they consult first with General Persons as to problems likely to arise and how they would be handled.



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