

August 12, 1974

MEETING WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL SAXBE
Tuesday, August 13, 1974
11:00 A.M.
Oval Office

From: Ken Cole

I. PURPOSE

This meeting is at the Attorney General's request.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, AND PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: He has learned that you called some Cabinet Secretaries before assuming the Presidency to ask them to stay, and that you personally asked other Cabinet Secretaries to stay, when you greeted them in the receiving line after taking the oath of office. Saxbe is fearful that he is the only Cabinet Secretary who has not been personally and directly asked to stay on, and is most likely seeking some form of clarification of his own future tenure.
- B. Participants: Attorney General Saxbe
- C. Press Plan: Mr. Kennerly only.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. It is unlikely that any substantive topic will be brought up, but Saxbe may wish to emphasize his concern over the protection of FBI files and his opposition to the freedom of information act amendment, now pending before Congress. Your



Privacy Committee is now working with Justice and the Congress in an attempt to meet the Justice objections in these areas.

2. The only other pending item in Saxbe's response to a Presidential request in July that Justice analyze the nationwide increase in the crime rate. Saxbe's response -- essentially that there is nothing the Federal Government can do about it -- is attached for your information. You might indicate that you are aware of his analysis, but have not had a chance to study it.

