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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

FROM: ARNOLD R. WEBER *(ARW)*

RE: Meeting with the Executive Staff of the Office of Management and Budget, Director's Conference Room, 248 EOB (11:05 - 11:35 a.m.)

The President entered the conference room accompanied by George P. Shultz, newly appointed Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Shultz introduced the President to the executive staff of OMB. The President stated that he was very pleased to attend the first staff meeting of the newly established OMB. He expressed confidence in the ability and leadership of the new executive team. He recognized that the Office of Management and Budget was the source of great expertise and that the staff included many dedicated persons who had provided long years of service to the government.

The President indicated that he had first become aware of the importance and skill of the old Bureau of the Budget when he served in Congress. He stated that OMB had a great responsibility. Over the years, government had grown in size and complexity. It was difficult to exercise any effective control over the operations of the federal bureaucracy. It would be the task of OMB to develop procedures and techniques to permit the effective management and control of the government. He stated that he thought this might be the last chance to achieve such control and responsibility.

The President wished the group well in its task and indicated that OMB and its new leadership had his full support.

Following these comments the President departed. Mr. Shultz remained to preside over the meeting of the executive staff.