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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: The Impact of White House Conferences on
Monetary Policy

The catalytic effect of White House Conferences on Federal Reserve purchases of U. S. securities seems to be confirmed by the following facts:

1. In the six weeks after the new policy of "buying long" was announced, the Fed bought \$ 607 million of maturities over one year.
2. In the two weeks preceeding our White House meetings of March 8 and April 7 on monetary policy, the Fed concentrated \$ 376 million, or nearly two-thirds of its total purchases of the first six weeks.

Knowing your allergy to unproductive meetings, I might note that these monetary meetings are a success even before they start!

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