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Director Weinberger then reviewed actions on the Budget, mainly for the benefit of Chairman Burns, since the others present had been over the subject on the preceding day. The main point was the determination to hold FY 1973 expenditures to \$250 billion and the expectation, after review of the budget, that the goal would be achieved.

The idea that the January budget would present expenditure estimates not only for FY 1974 but also, in as much detail as possible, for FY 1975 was discussed and approved. It was recognized that some qualifications on the finality of the estimates for FY 1975 would have to be made clear. Also, "actual" revenue estimates for FY 1975 would not be presented, because that would require an economic forecast for CY 1974 at least. High employment revenue estimates would be presented.

The Administration would favor the early enactment of an expenditure ceiling for FY 1974. The Administration should not at this time challenge the Congress on this but should welcome initiatives in this direction that have emanated from the Congress and should take a cooperative position.

We should announce that there will be some new ideas of procedure and presentation in the January Budget.

The President raised the question of the imminence of zero population growth, and asked the FRB to work on it, as he had previously asked CEA.

The President mentioned Peter Peterson's coming trip to Europe, Asia and Latin America and asked all present to give him full cooperation.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



Herbert Stein