

MINUTES OF CABINET MEETING

April 29, 1955
10:00 A. M. - 12:15 P. M.

The following were present:

President Eisenhower

Vice President Nixon
 Sec. Dulles
 Sec. Humphrey and
 Under Sec. Folsom
 Sec. Wilson
 Mr. Brownell
 Deputy PMG Charles Hook
 (for Mr. Summerfield)
 Under Sec. Clarence Davis
 (for Sec. McKay)
 Sec. Benson
 Under Sec. Walter Williams
 (for Sec. Weeks)
 Sec. Mitchell
 Sec. Hobby

Director Hughes
 Deputy Director Fitzgerald
 (for Gov. Stassen)
 Dr. Flemming
 Chairman Young



Dr. Chester Keefer, HEW (in part)
 Dr. Leonard Scheele, HEW
 (in part)
 Director Streibert, USIA
 (in part)

Gen. Persons
 Mr. Harlow
 Mr. Morgan
 Mr. Martin
 Mr. Rockefeller
 Mr. Anderson
 Mr. Shanley
 Col. Goodpaster
 Mr. Murray Snyder
 Dr. Hauge
 Mr. Rabb
 Mr. Patterson

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The Salk Vaccine (CI - 24) - Mrs. Hobby opened by explaining why last Friday's meeting in HEW was closed to the press. The reasons were two: (1) We simply could not ask drug companies to discuss their trade secrets and distribution plans publicly; (2) there would be anti-trust aspects to a public discussion. She said that the meeting was a complete success.

Dr. Keefer, the President's Special Advisor on matters associated with the distribution of the Salk vaccine, then gave the highlights of CI-24. The group which met on April 22nd had recommended that distribution be on a voluntary basis, and that priorities be by age group, the first being children 5 to 9 and the second being children 1 to 5. It had also recommended that distributions be started earlier in the South where, along with temperature, the incidence of the disease rises first. He emphasized that it is expected that if the distribution program goes smoothly, all children between 1 and 9 will have received the vaccine by August 1st. The President queried how much it would cost to provide the vaccine for children who could not afford it (other than those to whom it was now being donated through the NFIP). He was told it would be \$4.20 for three CC's -- enough for three shots. The President inquired again whether there was an estimate for the overall nation-wide cost of a program for indigent children. Mrs. Hobby pointed out that

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