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Some day — Walter George, Scott Lucas and Dean Acheson came in to discuss trade treaties. Sen. George made me a proposition to extend the present law to Feb. 1950. Told him I would agree to an extention to Feb. 28, 1951 and would be most happy to have him and his Republican opposite number Senator Millikan of Colo. make the Reciprocal Trade Agreements a campaign issue in 1950. The great Georgia Senator, representative of the National Chamber of Commerce, the Coca Cola Company etc. didn't want that. So we'll start the filibuster when the Senate reconvenes.

Usual appointments before and after and then —

At four o'clock Clinton Anderson, Senator from New Mexico, Elmer Thomas, Senator from Oklahoma, Scott Lucas, Illinois, floor leader of the majority in the Senate, Charlie Brannan, the Secretary of Agriculture, Harold D. Cooley, Congressman from North Carolina, Chmn of the Com on Agriculture in the House & Thomas is in the Senate, and Stephen Pace from Georgia ranking member of the House Agricultural Cmte. in the House and the man who has made the best farm speech so far this session, came to the Cabinet room to discuss the Administration Stand on a farm

Look at Aug 20.

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bill. The Sec of Agriculture, at my direction prepared a farm plan - a good one which I have supported. Stephen Pace produced a committee supported bill in the House which came up and was defeated by a substitute offered by Gore of Tennessee.

My former Secretary of Agriculture, Senator Anderson of New Mexico, who made a wrong guess in 1948 and thought the election of a Senator from N. Mex. sure than the election of the President in 1948 is, as Senators always are very jealous of his Cabinet successor. Especially since the press (most of them against us) has named the Administration Farm Bill the Brannan Bill. Old man Thomas is a most peculiar person. I've heard him talk for hours on silver. Lead & zinc are Okla. metals. But he's Chairman of the Senate Com. on Agriculture.

I placed the two House members beside me on the Presidents side of the Cabinet table and put Brannan in the V.P.'s seat across the table with the high powered senators on each side of him. Then we put the "cards on the table". I reviewed them of the Dem. Platform of 1948 of my 31,000 trip and my farm speeches and then the House members came in and did the same. The Senators made speeches and then went back and reported a bill. Will get our farm program.