



CABINET MEETING, FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1948

10:00

THE PRESIDENT

Began discussion of message to special session of Congress. Worked from outline of points to be covered in message. Demanded all out support from Cabinet and department heads for his program.

MARSHALL

Present tension in Berlin is brought about by loss of Russian face in our successes in Italy, France, Finland and added to this is the Tito defection from Russia. It is caused by Russian desperation in face of success of the European Recovery Program.