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Have to write this early as I am meeting with the oil people to finalize the agreement on the following options:

1. Pull back or roll back of gas prices or
2. Trust fund of ₱5 million.

I will insist that if the level of the rate of the peso goes down from ₱6.00 to the dollar that also reduce their prices and in the meantime set up the trust fund not only for the foregoing drivers but for other purposes like tourism.

Aust Prime Minister Gorton of Australia who is also for a neutral Cambodia but "understands" the American action. He is willing to stay in the background on the Djakarta conference. I informed him that I have suggested that I be made to request the sending of an Asian observation team to Cambodia by the Djakarta conference and such a team (ambassadors) to report to the conference or to the U.K. sponsored conference of Asian nations on Cambodia

Pres. Nixon has defended the policy brilliantly in a press conference this morning.

But the worry of most is the threat to from Comb. Can't stand against the Vietcong. There are now 3,000 special forces trained by the U.S. Green Berets that have been flown to Pnom Penh. I do not believe the U.S will