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11AM - Executive Committee of House
Republican Study Group
~~The Cabinet Room~~ (45 Min.)
Roosevelt Room
Wednesday, April 30, 1975

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1975

MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
HOUSE REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 30, 1975

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. (30 minutes)

~~The Cabinet Room~~ *Roosevelt Room*

Thru: Max L. Friedersdorf
Vern Loen *VL*

From: Charles Leppert, Jr. *CLJr.*

I. PURPOSE

To exchange information and views with the President on issues of major concern to the Members of the House Republican Study Committee.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Background:

1. The House Republican Study Committee (formerly the House Republican Steering Committee) was organized in February 1973 by Representatives Crane (Ill), Spence (SC), Blackburn (Ga.), Derwinski (Ill) and Rousselot (Calif) and formally organized upon adoption of a Statement of Purpose and By-Laws in February, 1974.
2. The Committee is composed of approximately 70 - 75 Republican Members of the House of Representatives who espouse a distinctly conservative philosophy of government. Leadership of the Committee is provided by the Officers and the Executive Committee. (See Tab A)

3. The Committee through its Chairwoman, Rep. Marjorie Holt, has requested this meeting to present issues of major concern to the Committee as follows:

- (a) Opening Statement by Rep. Holt stating that the conservatives are the President's national base of support. A number of Presidential actions have disappointed the Committee members, and that better lines of communication between the President and Committee members should be established and maintained.
- (b) Veto Strategy will be discussed by Mrs. Holt and concern "when is a pledge to veto not a pledge", when and how are straight veto signals to be transmitted, vetoes of the tax bill, farm bill, strip mining bill, land use and consumer protection legislation.
- (c) Welfare Reform and Food Stamps will be discussed by Rep. Clair Burgener (Calif) and requesting support for the Committee's sponsored bill, H. R. 5133, the National Welfare Reform Act of 1975. In addition, this discussion will include food stamps and OMB cooperation.
- (d) Energy will be discussed by Rep. William Armstrong (R-Colo.) and will urge the President to take administrative actions where authority to do so exists such as deregulation of old oil. He will encourage the President to show political initiatives in formulating a national energy policy. He will express strong support for the imposition of the second dollar fee on imported crude oil.
- (e) Land Use will be discussed by Rep. Bob Bauman (R-Md.). He will express their support and gratitude for the Administration's opposition to the land use bill which has been reported out of subcommittee in the House. Bauman will emphasize the need to have the people in various Departments aware of the reasons and need to oppose this legislation.
- (f) Economy will be discussed by Rep. Jack Kemp (NY) concerning sound capital creation and general economic philosophy.
- (g) Appointments will be discussed by Rep. William Dickinson (Ala). Rep. Dickinson will express the Committee's opposition to the appointment of Neil Staebler to the Federal Election Commission and request participation in future appointments as they come up including openings on the Council of Economic Advisors and the U. S. Supreme Court.

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 Pres got to appoint more Republicans,
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 on who is to be appointed



B. Participants: (See Tab A)

C. Press Plan:

Announce to Press
White House photographer only

III. TALKING POINTS

1. I am delighted to meet with the Executive Committee of the House Republican Study Committee.
2. Marjorie (Holt), I appreciate your assistance in arranging this meeting and I am hopeful we can meet on a regular basis.
3. I know there are some specific areas you wish to discuss, and I hope we can have an open and frank exchange on these and any other matters of interest.
4. Members of my senior staff are here and will also be available to respond to your comments and inquiries.
5. So, Marjorie, please let us proceed.

PARTICIPANTS

The President

Representative Marjorie S. Holt (Md)	- Chairwoman
Representative Philip M. Crane (Ill)	- Vice Chairman
Representative Barry M. Goldwater, Jr. (Calif.)	- Vice Chairman
Representative Tom Hagedorn (Minn)	- Vice Chairman
Representative Steven D. Symms (Idaho)	- Vice Chairman
Representative John H. Rousselot (Calif)	- Treasurer
Representative William L. Armstrong (Colo)	-
Representative Robert E. Bauman (Md.)	
Representative Robin L. Beard (Tenn.)	
Representative Clair W. Burgener (Calif)	
Representative Del Clawson (Calif)	
Representative Edward J. Derwinski (Ill)	
Representative Samuel L. Devine (Ohio)	
Representative William L. Dickinson (Ala)	
Representative William F. Goodling (Pa.)	
Representative Charles E. Grassley (Iowa)	
Representative Jack F. Kemp (NY)	
Representative Trent Lott (Miss.)	
Representative Floyd Spence (SC)	
Representative David C. Treen (La.)	

Mr. Robert T. Hartmann
Mr. John O. Marsh
Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf
Mr. William Seidman
Mr. James Cannon ✓
Mr. Vern Loen
Mr. Charles Leppert, Jr.
Mr. Douglas Bennett
Mr. Paul O'Neill
Mr. James Cavanaugh
Mr. William Walker