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2PM - Meeting with Executive
Committee House Republican
Study Committee - Cabinet
Room

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1975

MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
HOUSE REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 22, 1975
2:00-2:45 p.m. (45 minutes)
The Cabinet Room

Thru: Max L. Friedersdorf
Vern Loen *UL*

From: Charles Leppert, Jr. *CLJ*

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, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The House Republican Study Committee (formerly the House Republican Steering Committee) was organized in February 1973 by Representatives Crane (Ill.), Spence (S. C.), Blackburn (Ga.), Derwinski (Ill.) and Rousselot (Calif.) and formally organized upon adoption of a Statement of Purpose and bylaws 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) Welfare Reform 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.
 - (c) Veto Strategy will be discussed by Rep. William Armstrong (Colo.) 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.
 - (d) Economy will be discussed by Rep. Jack Kemp (N. Y.) concerning sound capital creation and general economic philosophy.
 - (e) 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.

B. Participants:

(See Tab A)

C. Press Plan:

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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 (N. Y.)
Representative Trent Lott (Miss.)
Representative Floyd Spence (S. C.)
Representative David C. Treen (La.)

Mr. Robert T. Hartmann
Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf
Mr. Alan Greenspan
Mr. Vern Loen
Mr. Charles Leppert, Jr.

Paul O'Neill
Jim Cannon
Jim Cavanaugh
Jack Marsh
Bill Seidman
Bill Walker
Doug Bennett