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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 24, 1975

MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN LEADERS

Friday, July 25, 1975  
8:00 - 9:00 A.M. (1 Hour)  
The Cabinet Room

From: Max L. Friedersdorf

*M.G.*

I. PURPOSE

To comply with leader's request for a meeting with President to discuss possible legislative vetoes and review the budget outlook for fiscal years 1976 and 1977.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. At the last Republican leadership meeting, Bob Michel suggested a meeting with the President to discuss possible legislative vetoes, including the Education Appropriations Bill and Nurses Training.
2. Despite the budget-busting aspects, the House leaders are likely to urge the bills be signed.
3. The first of the fiscal year 1976 appropriations bills (Education) has been enrolled. Other appropriations bills and authorization bills will follow soon. These bills and other actions and inactions by the Congress threaten to add about \$28 billion to the 1976 deficit and \$46 billion to the 1977 deficit. A strategy for dealing with these threats is needed.

B. Participants: See Tab A

C. Press Plan:

Press office to announce as regular Republican leadership meeting; White House photos only.



III. TALKING POINTS

1. We've been through a lot of tough battles together during the last year and you have been great in your support. From the numbers Jim Lynn has been showing me, it appears we are going to have to join forces again in the weeks ahead to keep the budget deficit from getting out of control.
2. To begin, Jim Lynn would you please distribute your tables so everyone can see how the numbers are adding up.

(Brief discussion on tables).

(President make the point that we have to start worrying about FY 1977 right now as these tables snow.)

3. I would like to talk first about the education appropriation bill that is on my desk for action. Let me say first, I do not see how I can accept this bill. It is \$1.3 billion over the budget. If I let this one go, it would be hard to veto others of lesser amounts. What are your views?

(General discussion of education bill.)

4. There are a number of other bills we have been watching. Jim Lynn why don't you identify those bills and the problems we see in them.

(Lynn discuss problems with:

1. Health services-nurse training bill (on the President's desk for action.)
2. Veterans Compensation
3. Labor/HEW appropriation bill
4. Child Nutrition
5. (Invite general discussion of these and other bills the Members may want to bring up.)

PARTICIPANTS

The President

SENATE

Hugh Scott  
Bob Griffin  
John Tower  
Carl Curtis  
Bob Stafford  
Ted Stevens  
Milt Young  
Paul Fannin

HOUSE

John Rhodes  
Bob Michel  
John Anderson  
Sam Devine  
Jack Edwards  
Barber Conable  
Lou Frey  
Guy Vander Jagt  
Jim Quillen  
Al Cederberg  
Herm Schneebeli  
Bud Brown

STAFF

Secretary of Commerce Morton  
Secretary of HEW Weinberger  
Administrator of FEA Zarb  
Don Rumsfeld  
Bob Hartmann  
Jack Marsh  
Phil Buchen  
Max Friedersdorf  
Bill Seidman  
Jim Lynn  
Jim Cannon  
Ron Nessen  
Alan Greenspan  
Doug Bennett  
Brent Scowcroft  
Dick Cheney  
Paul O'Neill  
Vern Loen  
Bill Kendall  
Alan Kranowitz

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The Vice President

