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VOTING RIGHTS SIGNING CEREMONY

Wednesday, August 6, 1975
12:00 Noon (10 minutes)
The Rose Garden

From: Jim Cannon 

I. PURPOSE

Signing Ceremony for Voting Rights Bill (H.R. 6219).

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background: As you know, the Voting Rights Act was originally enacted on August 6, 1965. Several of the provisions of the Act were enacted on a five-year temporary basis. These special provisions were extended for an additional five years in 1970, and in January of this year you recommended another five-year extension of these provisions.

This bill will extend the special provisions of the Act for an additional seven years, and will permanently ban the use of literacy tests and devices nationwide. The bill will also extend coverage under the special provisions of the Act to jurisdictions with substantial language-minority populations (persons of Spanish heritage, American Indians and Asian Americans) which had low voter participation in the 1972 Presidential election, and will require such jurisdictions which have illiteracy rates higher than the national average to conduct bilingual elections and registrations.

B. Participants: The Vice President, civil rights leaders, and administration officials--
Tab A.

Members of Congress--Tab B.

C. Press Plan: Press photo session.

III. TALKING POINTS

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