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LEADERSHIP MEETING WITH THE
PRESIDENT
Wednesday, June 23, 1976
Cabinet Room
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

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Mr. Cannon

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1976

MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS

Wednesday, June 23, 1976

8:00-9:30 a.m. (90 minutes)

The Cabinet Room

From: Max L. Friedersdorf

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I. PURPOSE

To discuss with the Republican leaders the President's decision on school desegregation, the delegate situation and the Republican National Convention.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The President **has developed** a legislative proposal pertaining to **court-ordered** busing and this proposal will be transmitted to the Congress shortly after the leadership meeting.
2. The Attorney General and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, who assisted the President in developing the proposed legislation, will be in attendance.
3. The leaders are **anxious** to discuss the current political situation, i.e. **delegates** and the convention, and Rog Morton and Jim **Baker** will be present also.

B. Participants: See TAB A

C. Press Plan: Announce as a regular Republican leadership meeting - White House photographer only.

III. AGENDA

See TAB B

IV. TALKING POINTS

See TAB C



PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
The Attorney General
The Secretary of Health, Education

HOUSE

John Rhodes
Bob Michel
John Anderson
Sam Devine
Jack Edwards
Barber Conable
Lou Frey
Guy Vander Jagt
Jim Quillen
Ed Hutchinson
Marv Esch
Al Quie
John McCollister

SENATE

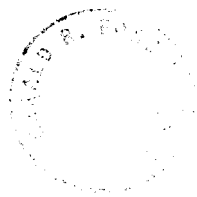
Hugh Scott
Bob Griffin
John Tower
Carl Curtis
Bob Stafford
Ted Stevens
Jack Javits
Roman Hruska
Bill Roth

STAFF

Bob Hartmann
Jack Marsh
Dick Cheney
Rog Morton
Brent Scowcroft
Max Friedersdorf
Bill Baroody
Phil Buchen
Jim Cannon
Jim Lynn
Ron Nessen
Bill Kendall
Charlie Leppert
Tom Loeffler
Joe Jenckes
Pat Rowland
Russ Rourke
Bob Wolthuis
Jim Cavanaugh
Jim Baker

REGRETS

Sen. Brooke - out of town
Bill Seidman - out of the country
Alan Greenspan - out of the country

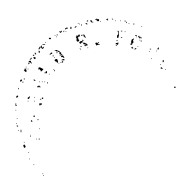


AGENDA

- 8:00-8:05 a.m.
(5 minutes) The President opens the meeting and introduces the subject of court-ordered busing.
- 8:05-8:15 a.m.
(10 minutes) The President calls upon Attorney General Levi and Secretary Mathews to discuss the Administration's proposed legislation dealing with court-ordered busing.
- 8:15-8:35 a.m.
(20 minutes) The President invites the leaders to comment on and discuss this proposal.
- 8:35-8:40 a.m.
(5 minutes) The President introduces the subject of the campaign.
- 8:40-8:55 a.m.
(15 minutes) The President calls upon Rog Morton and Jim Baker to discuss the current situation as to delegates and the convention.
- 8:55-9:25 a.m.
(30 minutes) The President asks the leaders to give their assessment of the political situation. (The President's Floor Manager, Bob Griffin, and Assistant Floor Manager, Bob Michel, will be in attendance.)
- 9:25-9:30 a.m.
(5 minutes) The President summarizes the discussion and concludes the meeting.

TALKING POINTS

1. We are here to talk about school desegregation and in particular the impact of court-ordered busing on our educational process.
2. Before going to the substance of the matter, however, I would like to make several things very clear. First, I recognize that a President, any President, has a fundamental responsibility to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. I fully intend to do so. Second, I am also committed to seeing that every American child's right to a good education is realized. I think these two principles **must** guide our discussion.
3. It is my own view that **some** courts have gone too far in requiring **massive** student transfers simply to achieve racial balance. I think we need to do something **about** this.
4. I have, therefore, **been** working with the Attorney General and the Secretary of HEW to develop legislation which will **better** equip everyone, the schools, the communities, the courts and the Federal government, **to deal** with unlawful discrimination and **to preserve** the goal of quality education for all.
5. Ed Levi, would you **please** summarize for the group the decisions that we have made on the legislation.



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on in country today

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to four at present
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in country

They are people in face of
survival of country &
survival of public education

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get it passed

