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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1976

MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS

Tuesday, August 31, 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 plans for the Fall campaign and the remaining legislative schedule in the 94th Congress.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The meeting will be the first opportunity for the President to meet with the Republican leaders since the convention and strategy sessions in Vail.
2. October 2nd has been set by the Congress as a proposed adjournment date by the 94th Congress.
3. Major legislative battles remain unresolved before adjournment, including Administration initiatives and Congressional bills objectionable to the White House. (See TAB A)

B. Participants: See TAB B

C. Press Plan:

Announce as a regular Republican leadership meeting; Press and White House photographers.

III. AGENDA (See TAB C)

IV. TALKING POINTS

1. Since our last meeting we have had a successful convention and a valuable campaign planning session in Vail.
2. Congress has a lot of work to do before adjournment on October 2nd.
3. I would like to discuss the subjects of the campaign and the remaining legislative schedule.

4. I would appreciate comments from the leaders on both subjects and we will try to answer any questions you might have.
5. John (Rhodes), Hugh (Scott)....?

## PARTICIPANTS

The President

### SENATE

Hugh Scott  
Bob Griffin  
John Tower  
Carl Curtis  
Ted Stevens  
Bob Dole

### HOUSE

John Rhodes  
Bob Michel  
John Anderson  
Sam Devine  
Jack Edwards  
Barber Conable  
Lou Frey  
Guy Vander Jagt  
Jim Quillen

### STAFF

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

### REGRETS

The Vice President - in Maine  
Sen. Stafford - previous commitment

MAJOR ADMINISTRATION MEASURES WHICH WE WANT PASSED BEFORE  
ADJOURNMENT, IN ACCEPTABLE FORM

Estate and Gift Tax Adjustment Act - due for House Floor consideration this week; a Senate version passed as a part of the omnibus bill.

LEAA Extension - Senate passed; House due to consider a version this week. Neither version closely resembles the Administration proposal.

General Revenue Sharing - House passed; Senate Committee action ongoing.

Nuclear Fuel Assurance Act - House passed its version; Senate version is on the Calendar with no action scheduled.

Synthetic Fuels - Senate ready to take action after House, but House Rules Committee has not yet scheduled a hearing on the versions reported from three difference House Committees.

Grain Inspection - Legislation on this subject has been stymied in Conference since early May.

Comprehensive Oil Pollution Liability and Compensation Act - This major Administration proposal to compensate individuals who suffer damages from oil spills has been stymied in the House but there is now some movement in the House Merchant Marine Committee; the Senate could act quickly after House action.

Unemployment Compensation Amendments - House passed a version which the Administration will accept as better than nothing; Senate expected to act in September.

Repeal of the 1% Kicker - House originally scheduled to act this week but bill was pulled from Calendar. Favorable action still optimistically anticipated.

Stockpile Disposal Legislation - Hearings have been held and legislation is percolating.

(There are a number of Administration initiatives like our block grant proposals, social security reform proposals, catastrophic health care protection, regulatory reform, defense cost saving measures, and a host of others which we would like to have passed, but clearly, these measures are not likely to be passed by Congress this year.)

POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

1. Clean Air - Passed Senate; on House Floor this week.
2. Toxic Substances

3. Water Pollution Control Amendments - too much money and possible adverse action on section 404 relating to dredge and fill.
4. Export Administration Extension
5. Food Stamps - Passed Senate; reported by House Agriculture Committee.
6. Black Lung
7. Strip Mining
8. Public Service Jobs - CETA Extension
9. Public Works Jobs Appropriations
10. Labor/HEW Appropriations - \$4 billion over budget
11. Anti-Trust Parens Patriae - Passed House; pending in Senate.
12. B-1 Bomber - Defense Appropriations Conference pending
13. Tax Bill - Conference underway.
14. Arab Boycott - At issue in both the Tax Bill and Export

## AGENDA

- 8:00-8:05 a.m.  
(5 minutes)                      The President opens the meeting and introduces the subjects of the campaign and the remaining legislative schedule for the 94th Congress.
- 8:05-8:25 a.m.  
(20 minutes)                     The President calls upon House Minority Leader Rhodes and Senate Minority Leader Scott for comment.
- 8:25-8:45 a.m.  
(20 minutes)                     The President calls upon the other leaders for comments.
- 8:45-9:00 a.m.  
(15 minutes)                     The President calls upon campaign director Baker for comments about the campaign.
- 9:00-9:10 a.m.  
(10 minutes)                    The President calls upon Jack Marsh for comments about the legislative program.
- 9:10-9:25 a.m.  
(15 minutes)                    The President invites the leaders to introduce any other subjects of interest.
- 9:25-9:30 a.m.  
(5 minutes)                     The President summarizes the meeting and concludes it.

REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, August 31, 1976

8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Cabinet Room

5 3/4

150 + yearly

6.9 - v 6.65

address civil rights problem now  
w/ Hare Bill

Elimination

JOBBS - set Congress to pass on  
Crime - Anti-Crime legislation w.  
Quality Health Care ~~use it &~~  
Home ownership - looking pass it w  
for some way to help use it as  
business get involved w/ campaign  
some request - no issue -  
But answer yet -  
But working on it.

~~the~~ not going for a Kennedy Bill  
do full cat as together a year on  
It then don't pass it. but we don't





③ following in 18 key states

\$21.8 v 62 in 72

FWC - substantial work = voter  
identification +

from Organic in Government

1600 - 16 - man group -  
church identification in white house

P - report from there SP - local impact

~~FWC~~ - P - will run counter on state  
+ govt tax

Stevens: Ideas not being carried -  
put up at least 3 -  
and way in 10

Stevens - Policy Review - way to improve  
what states do affecting Policy



Mark

6 app Bill m n  
39 in copy  
21 penes Ben Rule

1) Arab Boycott

F \* — Food stamps

little to start - but it's a  
subsidy but not  
legendary for

→ which began before  
pointing out crawling



(2) ~~Ass~~ - good record - here

Nat def . Right track .

Foreign policy - Hardway - rest of  
this year.

Do what's in best int of country -  
regardless of political consequences

Scott - compassionate - for little guy -

Ford - he is for you  
in Deletion - don't try to win battle  
now - get to work old people

Rhodes - Good progress -  
What kind can paper org put together  
We know -- the countries - don't  
to campaign organization.  
And hitting out for - know where it  
going & how to get there.

Hughes - Tiers.

Peterson -  
Seardon 16 - media

Teebe - think  
Guan - Committee  
Spencer - political  
press

Arthur - good the 1st

P - Baker - new PFC - chairman

Baker - general campaign plan - distribute  
committee - exec committee -  
out for all and work out.

