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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JACK MARSH

In reference to White House meetings and briefings next week with Congressional members, the following is recommended.

- 1. Defer White House Senate events until the House has voted.
- 2. It is felt there are three broad categories that offer maximum possibilities:
 - (a) Those remaining House Republicans, Rank and File, who were not present Friday evening numbering 100.
 - (b) Freshmen members both Democrats and Republicans numbering 93.
 - (c) Conservative and Moderate Democrats, for reference purposes called the Waggoner Group, numbering possible 50 or slightly more.

Since the vote is expected on Wednesday and with your trip to Georgia, there is a limit as to how much can be done through programs at the White House. However, those of us in Legislative Affairs recommend the following:

- 1. That Tuesday night be scheduled as a supper event. That the format of the program be the same as the format Friday night. (There is a variation of the evening meeting which is to have a cocktail reception and then a briefing in the East Room rather than a sit-down dinner.) There should be invited to this supper either of the following two groups:
 - (a) Remaining Republicans, ~
 - (b) All freshmen Congressmen from both Parties.

Strong arguments can be made for the selection of either of the above groups. When we met in legislative affairs our recommendation was to invite the freshmen; however, subsequent to our meeting, it was learned that Zarb will be meeting with the Freshmen Tuesday afternoon. It is felt that a number of the Freshmen have an open mind on this question and are reachable.

The argument for the remaining Republicans is to firm up the votes that we have the best chance to get. Also, they cannot say that they were ignored.

2. On Wednesday, we would recommend a breakfast meeting for the Waggoner group.

In the meantime the legislative affairs section will concentrate on personal calls to:

1. undecided Republicans,
2. 100 selected Democrats,
3. all Freshmen Members of Congress,
4. oil States' Members of Congress,
5. Rostenkowski followers.

Finally, should the vote occur on Thursday, and this is considered to be very unlikely, you could have an additional breakfast meeting on that day. Wednesday night is out because you have an official State dinner.