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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 3, 1975

DINNER MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN

Tuesday, February 4, 1975

6:30-9:30 p.m. (3 hours)

The State Dining Room

From: Max L. Friedersdorf *M.L.F.*I. PURPOSE

To assess and strengthen support among House Republicans for defeat of the 90 day oil tariff deferral bill which is scheduled for House action tomorrow, February 5.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLANA. Background:

1. Approximately 100 Republicans, representing all of the Members who did not attend last Friday night's dinner, will attend tonight's dinner. (Both of the leaders, John Rhodes and Bob Michel will be present.)
2. The critical vote will likely occur late tomorrow afternoon on the House Ways and Means Committee bill deferring for 90 days the President's authority to impose additional tariffs on imported oil.
3. Midwest and Plains States Republicans are likely to raise objections about the tariff impact on the farm belt agriculture industry. (Secretary Butz has been invited to the dinner.)

B. Participants: See Tab AC. Press Plan:

Announce to the press as a Presidential dinner meeting with selected Republican Members of the House. White House photographer only.

III. TALKING POINTS

See Tab B

IV. AGENDA

See Tab C