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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*

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Former Congressman Dick Shoup phoned me this morning regarding the initiative by John Rhodes to establish an independent Republican Congressional legislative program.

Shoup who has been retained on Rhodes staff as a coordinator, indicated that he would like to meet with me this afternoon to discuss his pending recommendations to Rhodes.

Shoup was very emphatic that the Rhodes' effort is not designed "to cross wires with the Administration". I agreed to meet with Shoup and will give you a further report after we sit down today.

Rhodes has been rather open about his efforts for a separate program and several weeks ago we intercepted a confidential memorandum from his legislative assistant to all minority counsels requesting recommendations for new and innovative legislative approaches.

Thus far I don't believe they have come up with anything that could be sold to all factions in the Republican conference which would deviate widely from Administration programs.

John is inevitably going to run into a conflict between the conservative majority of the Republican conference and the 30 to 40 moderate to liberals which now make almost one-third of his constituency.