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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1975

BREAKFAST MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN LEADERS

Tuesday, February 18, 1975 7:30-9:00 a.m. (1 1/2 hours) The First Floor Dining Room

From: Max L. Friedersdorf W.6

I. PURPOSE

To encourage support for the President's energy package and urge defeat of the Kennedy-Jackson 90 day oil tariff deferral bill.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

- 1. The Senate will vote at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 19 on the Kennedy-Jackson bill which would defer for 90 days the President's authority to add tariffs on imported oil. (The House has passed similar legislation.)
- 2. The Senate Republican leadership; the Republican Members of the Senate Finance Committee; and the Senate Republican Whips have been invited to the meeting.
- 3. Defeat of Kennedy-Jackson is unlikely, but attaining the necessary votes for sustaining a veto is possible. (There are 27 votes opposed to Kennedy-Jackson, with 13 undecided.)
- 4. Bob Michel and Barber Conable will have to leave for the Jerry Pettis funeral a few minutes before 9:00 a.m.
- B. Participants: See Tab A
- C. Press Plan: Press Office has announced the meeting. White House photographer only.

III. TALKING POINTS

- 1. We have an extremely crucial vote tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. in the Senate.
- 2. If Kennedy-Jackson passes, and we are unable to sustain a veto, our comprehensive energy plan to attain conservation and self-sufficiency will suffer serious damage.



- 3. Further delay on an energy program is risky at best, and possibly disastrous should we get hit with another embargo.
- 4. We have Administration spokesmen (Zarb, Greenspan, Morton and Simon) here this morning to answer any questions about our program.
- 5. Perhaps we could have a report from Hugh (Scott), Bob (Griffin) and Carl (Curtis) on prospects for the vote tomorrow.
- 6. Hugh.....



PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President

SENATE

Hugh Scott
Bob Griffin
John Tower
Carl Curtis
Bob Stafford
Ted Stevens
Milton Young
Cliff Hansen
Bob Dole

Bob Packwood
Bill Roth
Pete Domenici
Jesse Helms
Jim McClure
Bill Scott
Dewey Bartlett
Bill Brock

HOUSE

Bob Michel
John Anderson
Sam Devine
Jack Edwards
Barber Conable
Lou Frey
Guy Vander Jagt
Jim Quillen
Al Cederberg
Bud Brown

STAFF

Secretary of the Interior Morton
Secretary of the Treasury Simon
Don Rumsfeld
Bob Hartmann
Jack Marsh
Alan Greenspan
Frank Zarb
Max Friedersdorf
Bill Kendall
Vern Loen
Jim Cannon

REGRETS

John Rhodes - out of town
Paul Fannin - recovering from surgery
Jim Lynn - committed to the "Today" show

