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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 5, 1976

MEETING WITH BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Thursday, February 5, 1976  
5:30-6:30 p.m. (60 minutes)  
The Cabinet Room

From: Max L. Friedersdorf *MLF*

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the recent Supreme Court decision affecting the Federal Elections Commission, and to consult on future legislation.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: The recent Supreme Court decision rendered unconstitutional certain provisions of the federal election laws (See TAB A).

B. Participants: See TAB B

C. Press Plan:

Announce to the Press, Press photos (if requested) and White House photos.

III. AGENDA

See TAB C

IV. TALKING POINTS

See TAB D



PARTICIPANTS

The President  
The Vice President

SENATE

Mike Mansfield  
\*Hugh Scott  
Bob Griffin  
Frank Moss  
Howard Cannon  
Claiborne Pell  
Mark Hatfield

HOUSE

Carl Albert  
John Rhodes  
John McFall  
Bob Michel  
Phil Burton  
Bill Dickinson  
Chuck Wiggins  
Bill Frenzel

STAFF

Bob Hartmann  
Jack Marsh  
Dick Cheney  
Phil Buchen  
Max Friedersdorf  
Ron Nessen  
Jim Connor  
Jerry Jones  
Dave Gergen

REGRETS

Tip O'Neill  
John Anderson  
Wayne Hays  
John Dent  
Jim Eastland  
Bob Byrd  
Carl Curtis  
Rog Morton

\* Hugh Scott must leave early



AGENDA

- 5:30-5:40 p.m.  
(10 minutes)                   The President opens the meeting and makes introductory remarks concerning the Supreme Court decision, and the President's views on remedial legislation.
- 5:40-6:15 p.m.  
(35 minutes)                   The President invites the leaders to express their views. (Jurisdictional roster is attached in TAB E.)
- 6:15-6:30 p.m.  
(15 minutes)                   The President invites the leaders to consider his proposals and ascertain a schedule for expediting legislation.
- 6:30 p.m.                        The President adjourns the meeting.



JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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Rep. Wayne Hays (Ohio)  
(Chairman)  
Rep. John Dent (Pa.)  
(Chairman, Elections  
Subcommittee)

REPUBLICAN

Rep. Bill Dickinson (Ala.)  
(ranking)  
Rep. Chuck Wiggins (Ca.)  
(ranking, Elections Subcommittee)  
Rep. Bill Frenzel (Minn.)  
(Elections Subcommittee)

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(Chairman)  
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Elections Subcommittee)

REPUBLICAN

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(ranking)  
Sen. Hugh Scott (Pa.)  
Sen. Bob Griffin (Mich)  
(ranking, Privileges and  
Elections Subcommittee)

