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## BLACK REPUBLICANS

Q. Did the President meet last week with black Republican delegates?

A. **Quithere** Bill Baroody's office last week arranged a series of briefings for **br** black Republican leaders from all over the country. Included in this group were some delegates to the Republican National Convention. Following their meetings, which took place in the EOB, they were introduced and had a hand shake with the President.

Q. How many were involved and how many were delegates?

A. About 140 total. About 19 delegates, 6 ALTERNATES.

Q. Did they meet with the President and did he try to get their votes?

A. It was only a handshake

FYI ONLY: The meetings **tanke** took place on three days with different groups coming in each day.

Q. Why weren't **t** these meetings announced?

A. Initially, there was no Presidential involvement. Then they decided to bring the group over for a handshake.