MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH MEETING OF
THE JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY SECOND, 1966, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE
CAPITOL OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER,
THE HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Chairman Bliss
Senators Dirksen, Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Saltonstall
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Laird, Smith, Wilson, Goodell

Absent:

Senator Morton
Congressman Rhodes

Also Present:

William Hatch, Bryce Harlow, Arthur Peterson, William Pendergast,
Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M. and asked
that a previously-prepared statement be read by Senator Dirksen. The
proposed statement dealt with the resumption of bombing in North Viet
Nam. After a pro and con discussion it was suggested that the issuance
of the statement be deferred for a week in order that the Members could
sleep on it. A question was raised as to whether or not we should take
the initiative now. There was general agreement among the Members to
think the matter over and defer any statement at this time.

The Chairman asked the opinion of the Members present as to whether
the Coordinating Committee meeting on March 28 should be postponed
because of the absence of Senator Goldwater, Vice President Nixon and
Congressman Rhodes because of previous engagements. It was the consensus
of those present that the meeting should not be postponed.

The Chairman also raised a question as to whether or not a Task
Force should be established on the subject of Education. The consensus
was that there was not too much to be said on this subject and there
would not be too much advantage to establishing one. The question also was
raised about a paper on Inflation. It was said that this subject was al-
ready a part of a paper on the Budget and it was thought that the matter
might be handled by having a special paper on Inflation at the meeting on
the 28th.

A question was also raised about whether a Task Force on Mass Transpor-
tation might be helpful. It was decided that one would be and if the new
Task Force worked with the Congressional group now working on the subject
there would be no objection. It was suggested that Fred Gurley, formerly
with the Santa Fe, and Sims of the Pennsylvania Railroad might be asked
to serve.
The Chairman also said that after the recent meeting it looked as though the Republicans were closing ranks for the first time and that they were forgetting '64.

The Chairman asked if there were any suggestions as to what Bill Hatch might work on now and it was agreed that Inflation might be the best subject at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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Acting Secretary