Present:

Dean Burch, Chairman
Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Morton
Congressmen Halleck, Arends, Byrnes, Ford, Brown

Invited Guests: Senator Goldwater, Congressman Miller

Absent:

Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper
Congressman Wilson

Also Present: Robert Humphreys, Harry Brookshire, Robert Allett, Mark Trice

Congressman Halleck called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. and spoke words of welcome to Dean Burch, the National Chairman, who by reason of assuming that office became a member and Chairman of the Joint Leadership. Mr. Burch responded that he was very pleased to be present and to serve as Chairman of the group.

The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

Leadership Statement

Admittance of still and newsreel photographers (no sound)
Resume discussion of Leadership Statement

1964 Answer Desk Service

Leadership Statement

The Chairman then asked that the previously-prepared leadership statement be read and after Senator Dirksen had concluded his reading Senator Goldwater expressed the comment that it was a very good statement.

Several aspects of the statement were discussed and after several changes it was approved for release to the news media at 1:00 o'clock.
Admittance of Still and Newsreel Photographers

There was a brief recess at 9:30 A.M. for the purpose of taking pictures.

Resume Discussion of Leadership Statement

Senator Dirksen raised a question as to certain items of legislative business which the Press might ask about when the meeting was over and the Coffee Bill, Social Security measure now before the House and the Foreign Aid Authorization were briefly discussed.

1964 Answer Desk Service

Congressman Halleck called attention of the Membership to the letter which had been sent in 1962 on this subject, with the suggestion that a similar letter be sent this year.

Congressman Miller stated that the National Committee is endeavoring to establish an Information Desk and it was agreed that the matter be deferred until it was certain that the information to be supplied would be of a uniform nature.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.