MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH MEETING OF THE
JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER THIRTIETH, 1965, AT 9:00 A.M. IN
THE CAPITOL OFFICE (H-202) OF THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER,
THE HONORABLE GERALD R. FORD

Present:

Chairman Bliss
Congressmen Ford, Laird, Rhodes, Smith
Senators Dirksen, Kuchel, Saltonstall

Absent:

Congressmen Arends, Wilson, Goodell
Senators Hickenlooper, Morton

Also Present:

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

Senator Dirksen called to the attention of the Members a letter
which had been received from Clarence J. Brown, Jr., acknowledging
receipt of the resolution of sympathy extended by the Joint Leadership
in regard to the death of his father. The letter is attached.

Before proceeding with the statements on the agenda, quite a long
discussion ensued as to what should be said at the press conference
concerning the John Birch Society. In the press conference the day be-
fore, Senator Morton had in general terms taken the position of writing
them out of the Republican Party. All members present expressed their
individual opinions as to how best to answer any questions raised at the
press conference.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS

The Chairman recognized Senator Dirksen in regard to his statement
pertaining to the Economic Opportunity For All Americans and it was
approved.
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Anti-Poverty Program

The Chairman then recognized Congressman Ford who read his statement on the Anti-Poverty Program and after several changes it was approved.

The Chairman recognized Congressman Laird who stated that it was quite necessary that Dr. Pendergast be relieved of his assignment with the Joint Leadership and expressed hope that some effort would be made to obtain a replacement. Senator Dirksen and Congressman Ford agreed to talk with Neil McElroy regarding Olive Gale.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

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Acting Secretary