

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTIETH MEETING OF THE
REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS CALLED FOR THURSDAY,
APRIL SIXTH, 1967, AT 2:30 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, Smith, Murphy, Scott
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Rhodes, Smith, Goodell

Absent:

Senators Hickenlooper, Young
Congressmen Laird, Wilson, Poff, Cramer

Also Present:

John Fisher, Bryce Harlow, Robert McCormick, Robert Hartman,
Harry Brookshire, J. Mark Trice

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:34 P.M. and recognized Senator Dirksen who said the purpose of the meeting was to consider a possible leadership statement on the President's visit to Punta del Este, Uruguay. He said that the reason for a statement was the snarl in the Senate over the House proposed resolution and the one reported by the Foreign Relations Committee together with substitutes already offered by Senators Cooper and Javits as well as one that might be offered by Senator Morton.

He also spoke of the possibility of a round-robin letter on the subject carrying Senate signatures.

The Senator also spoke of a House task force report together with a press conference and a press release today.

He stated that the purpose was to try to coordinate Republican Policy in regard to the matter and to try to resolve any possible conflicts. After much discussion on the subject and the rejection of a suggested draft, a new press release was prepared and approved, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Senator Dirksen and Congressman Ford remained after the meeting for a press conference.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

J. Mark Fricke
Acting Secretary