

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1964,
AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE
MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Dean Burch, Chairman

Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Morton
Congressmen Hallack, Arends, Byrnes, Ford, Brown, Wilson

Absent:

Senators Kuchel and Hickenlooper

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

Chairman Burch called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

South Viet Nam - Korean War Parallel

Presidential Politics in Viet Nam Situation

Other Legislative Matters

South Viet Nam - Korean War Parallel

The Chairman recognized Senator Dirksen who proceeded to read the fact sheet and then the previously-prepared statement. There were several minor changes in the statement after which it was approved. A copy is attached.

Presidential Politics in Viet Nam Situation

The Chairman recognized Congressman Halleck who read the fact sheet on this subject and then the previously-prepared statement. After a minor change the statement was approved and a copy is attached.

Other Legislative Matters

Senator Dirksen spoke of the legislative situation in the Senate and said that if necessary he would introduce a cloture petition on the pending Reapportionment Amendment to the Foreign Aid Bill.

Congressman Brown stated that there were several matters pending in the Rules Committee and it looked as though the Appalachia Bill would be voted

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out today. He expected that there might be some Sugar legislation at the last minute.

Congressman Halleck stated that he had received no indication from Speaker McCormack as to when this session of the Congress might adjourn. He expected that the Administration will try to bring up the Coffee Bill again.

There was general discussion about a round-the-clock answering service and it was stated that the National Committee would have such a service available but the matter revolved around the question of getting proper persons to issue the releases. Senator Morton said that he and Bob Wilson would give to the Chairman certain names. Bob Humphreys stated that he would have answering facilities for the candidates.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

J. Mark Tice
Acting Secretary