

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE
JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER FIFTH, 1966, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (S-230)
OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Chairman Bliss
Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Morton
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Laird, Rhodes

Absent:

Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper
Congressmen Smith, Wilson, Goodell

Also Present:

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

Chairman Bliss was delayed in arriving and Senator Dirksen called the meeting to order at 2:13 P.M. He stated that there was no particular agenda and, in the light of the Coordinating Committee meeting recently, there would be no press conference.

Senator Dirksen suggested that he address a letter to General Eisenhower in regard to his recent statements on the use of atomic bombs in Vietnam, in order that the General might make reply after deliberation. After discussion of the matter, Senator Saltonstall suggested that it might be better to have Bryce Harlow telephone the General and prepare a memo on the subject. It was the consensus that this would be a better approach.

Congressman Ford spoke of further conversation with the networks concerning time and he stated that ABC was considering the matter, that NBC has agreed to give one half hour to both parties and CBS had said "no".

He raised a question about a central service to answer accusations between the time Congress recesses and the election. It was decided that the best approach would be to inform the networks to contact John Fisher

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in regard to obtaining a Republican spokesman. Letters would be sent to the networks with copies going to the Washington heads. Also, AP and UP would be informed.

Senator Dirksen stated that within a day or two he and Senator Mansfield are to meet with House Leaders to discuss an adjournment date.

Congressman Laird thought that the House might be ready to have a Supplemental Bill by Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

J. Mark Tomic
Acting Secretary