MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER TWELFTH, 1966, AT 2:15 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, Saltonstall Congressmen Ford, Laird, Rhodes, Smith, Wilson

Absent:

Senators Hickenlooper, Morton Congressman Goodell

Also Present:

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:20 P.M. and Congressman Ford read his statement on the recent talk of possible trade negotiations with the Russians. Senator Dirksen followed with his prepared statement, answering the President's recent comments concerning the Republican Party. Changes were made and both statements were approved.

Congressman Byrnes spoke concerning the President's speech that day on Social Security increases and raised a question as to why the House Republicans should not immediately press for a Social Security increase. There was no firm decision made as to procedure.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Acting Secretary