

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: William E. Timmons *BT*
Subject: Meeting with Southern Democratic Senators
September 22, 1970
5:00 p.m. (one hour)
The Map Room

I. PURPOSE:

- A. To have an informal social gathering with the Democratic Southern Senators who have generally supported you, and,
- B. To thank them for their cooperation and assistance.

II. PARTICIPANTS AND BACKGROUND:

- A. Participants: The President, Bill Timmons, Ken BeLieu and the following Senators:

<u>Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Runs Again</u>
Allen, James B.	Ala.	1974
Byrd, Jr., Harry F.	Va.	1970
* Byrd, Robert C.	W. Va.	1970
Eastland, James O.	Miss.	1973
Ellender, Allen J.	La.	1973
Ervin, Jr., Sam J.	N. C.	1975
Holland, Spessard L.	Fla.	Retiring this year.
Jordan, B. Everett	N. C.	1973
Long, Russell B.	La.	1974
McClellan, John L.	Ark.	1973
Russell, Richard	Ga.	1975
Stennis, John	Miss.	1970
Talmadge, Herman	Ga.	1975

- * Will come if he can rearrange his schedule.

Senator John Sparkman (Ala) cannot attend - will be out of town.

II. PARTICIPANTS AND BACKGROUND (cont'd)

- B. Background: Each Senator's Committee assignments and key voting records are attached at Tabs A and B.

It is interesting to note that in general these Senators voted for you 13 times out of 16 key votes. The three against votes were: "Surtax Extension", "Philadelphia Plan" and "Hill Burton Override." Of course, there were exceptions and absences, i. e. Long - absent twice and voted for "Cooper-Church"; Ellender - voted against ABM last year and for "Cooper-Hart", "Brooke anti-ABM", and "McGovern-Hatfield" this year.

If we forgive them for overridden vetoes, then their collective voting record is better than half our Republicans.

III. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

- A. On the great issue of national security, most of the Southerners have put partisanship aside to support the President. This is proper and you appreciate their backing.
- B. You recognize that with a Republican minority -- and defections from that group -- the Administration could accomplish nothing without the help of the Southerners.
- C. You might want to review developments in the Near East -- Jordan, Israel, etc. -- and discuss briefly your upcoming trip overseas.
- D. An overview of your campaign plans might be appreciated by these Democrats. Stress your limited involvement for selected candidates and that your approach will be positive, not tearing down incumbent Democrats.

<u>Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Committee Assignments</u>	<u>Entered Congress</u>
Allen, James B.	Ala.	Agriculture & Forestry, Gov't. Operations, Rules & Administration	1968
Byrd, Jr., Harry F.	Va.	Armed Services, Finance	1965
Byrd, Robert C.	W. Va.	Appropriations Judiciary, Rules & Administration	1952
Eastland, James O.	Miss.	Judiciary, Chairman; Agriculture & Forestry	1942
Ellender, Allen J.	La.	Agriculture & Forestry, Chairman; Appropriations	1936
Ervin, Jr., Sam J.	N. C.	Armed Services, Government Operations, Judiciary	1954
Holland, Spessard L.	Fla.	Aeronautical & Space Sciences, Agriculture & Forestry, Appropriations	1946
Jordan, B. Everett	N. C.	Rules & Administration, Chairman; Agriculture & Forestry, Public Works	1958
Long, Russell B.	La.	Finance, Chairman; Commerce	1948
McClellan, John L.	Ark.	Government Operations, Chairman Appropriations, Judiciary	1942
Russell, Richard	Ga.	Appropriations, Chairman; Armed Services, Aeronautical & Space Sciences	1933
Stennis, John	Miss.	Armed Services, Chairman; Aeronautical & Space Sciences, Appropriations	1947
Talmadge, Herman	Ga.	Agriculture & Forestry, Finance	1957

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A = Absent

SENATOR	Safeguard-ABM	Surtax Extension	Haynsworth	Philadelphia Plan	Tax Reform-Gore Amendment	Cotton-HEW	Carswell-Recomit	Carswell-Confirm	Byrd-Cambodia	Griffin Amendment	Cooper-Church	Hill-Burton Override	D. C. Crime Conf. Report	Cooper-Hart
Allen				X	X							X		
Anderson		X	X	A	A	X	A	A	X		X	X		
Bayh	X	X	X		A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bible			X	X	X	X					X	X		
Burdick	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X
Byrd, Va.		X		X								X		
Bryd, W. Va.				X	X					A	X	X		
Cannon	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	A	
Church	X	X	X		X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cranston	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dodd		X	X		X	A		X		A	A	A	A	
Eagleton	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eastland		X		A	X							X		
Ellender	X	X		A						X		X		X
Ervin		X		A	X							X		
Fulbright	X	X		X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gore	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X
Gravel	X	X		A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Harris	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hart	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hartke	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Holland		X		X								X		
Hollings		X		A	X	X				X	X	X		
Hughes	X	X	X		X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Inouye	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	A	X
Jackson		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Jordan, N. C.		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kennedy	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Long		X		A		A				X	X	X	A	

