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AUGUST 8, 1967 - 9:02 a.m.

Democratic Congressmen

MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 9, 1967

11:00 a. m.

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FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: Tom Johnson

Attached are the notes of your meeting with Democratic Congressman on August 8, 1967 in the State Dining Room.

The meeting began at 9:02 a. m. The meeting ended at 10:40 a. m.

Attachment.

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NOTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
WITH
DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN
in the

State Dining Room

August 8, 1967

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The President summarized the calculations which showed a potential deficit of \$29 billion unless a tax bill is passed and other adjustments in income and expenses made.

The President showed how the deficit estimates during the past four years had been within 100 million of actual.

These figures were cited:

Year	Estimates	Actual
1964	11.9	8.2
1965	4.9	3.4
1966	5.3	2.3
1967	<u>1.8</u>	<u>9.9</u>
	23.9	23.8

The President made these points when questioned about Vietnam:

- There is no date or time on the Vietnam conflict.
- The military situation and pacification are improving.
- Intelligence shows that we are moving up and Vietcong and North Vietnamese are moving down.
- Westmoreland has turned defeat into what we believe will be a victory.
- It's only a matter now of will.
- We have made progress with a constituent assembly, with a constitution, and now our biggest problem is the election.

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