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Democratic Congress. Leaders

Vice President	Larry O'Brien
Senator Mansfield	Barefoot Sanders
Senator Long	Mike Manatos
Speaker McCormack	Joe Califano
Congressman Boggs	Tom Johnson

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: Tom Johnson

Attached are the notes of your meeting with Democratic Congressional Leaders December 5 in the Mansion.

Those attending the meeting include:

The Vice President  
Senator Mansfield  
Senator Long  
Speaker McCormack  
Congressman Albert  
Congressman Boggs  
Postmaster General Larry O'Brien  
Barefoot Sanders  
Mike Manatos  
Joe Califano  
Tom Johnson

The meeting began at 8:10 a. m. The meeting ended at 9:30 a. m.

NOTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING  
WITH  
THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP:  
VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY  
SENATOR MANSFIELD  
SENATOR LONG  
SPEAKER McCORMACK  
CONGRESSMAN ALBERT  
CONGRESSMAN BOGGS  
LARRY O'BRIEN  
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In the Mansion

The President asked if any of the leadership wished to join him on a delegation to attend the Cardinal Spellman funeral. The Speaker and the Senate Majority Leader indicated there would be some business on the Hill Thursday.

The President then discussed the appointment of General Chapman as Marine Corps Commandant.

It was agreed that the Congress would adjourn on December 15 and return on January 15.

The President said he expected to remain at the White House during the Christmas holidays.

Topics discussed during the leadership breakfast included the following:

These measures are in conference:

1. Civil Rights Commission Extension. Passed Senate. Should be adopted by House Tuesday, December 5, clearing it for your signature. (Conference Report filed)
2. Federal Judicial Center. Senate has already adopted and House should act Tuesday, clearing it for your signature. There may be some Republican opposition, because of a procedural quarrel, which the House Leadership should be aware of in the event a floor fight arises. (Conference Report filed)

3. Subversive Activities Control Board. Conferees have been appointed. The Leadership should be urged to press for a conference agreement this week. (Sent to Conference)
4. Pay Raise - Postal Rates. Among points at issue are third class mail and the Pay Raise Commission. Can the Leadership help to get a conference report agreed to this week? (Expect no trouble in Conference)
5. Military Pay Raise. Should be no problem.
6. Meat Inspection. Conferees met Monday afternoon and were unable to agree. A 10 a.m. Tuesday morning meeting is scheduled. The compromise on the "governor's waiver" was agreed to by the Senate and by three of the seven House conferees. If one of the four House dissenters - Poage, Gathings, Belcher or Teague (Calif.) - would switch, agreement could be quickly reached. (Poage only one possible)
7. San Rafael Wilderness. As has been the case for many weeks, a conference meeting is needed. One is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 7. We need the Leadership's help in getting the conferees together and in getting a report.
8. Social Security. Conferees will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. There are approximately 150 issues in disagreement.

But we need this bill this session and we hope the Leadership can ask the conferees to work right through this week with the goal of reaching agreement by this Friday, December 8.  
(Mills told Albert we would get it this week)

9. OEO Authorization. We need a conference report Tuesday. It will be impossible to sell the conference report to the House unless it includes the so-called Green amendment.

The Green amendment will be discussed again by the conferees Tuesday morning. We hope that the Senate Leadership can encourage the Senate conferees to go along with the House on this.

Also at issue is the amount of money to be provided in fiscal 1968 and fiscal 1969. If the conferees get too ambitious on these amounts, the House might recommit the conference report.

The Republicans are talking of a continuing resolution. We emphatically do not want this. It means another Poverty fight next year as well as passing up the opportunity we have right now to improve the administration of the program.

If the conferees do not agree Tuesday, we hope the Leadership will be able to persuade their respective members not to try to instruct the conferees. For example, if Javits moves to instruct the Senate conferees against the Green amendment he might win and the conference would be completely deadlocked.

And prospects of adjournment even by Christmas would then go glimmering away.

10. National Flood Insurance. Conferees have not met. Agreement seems unlikely. (Problem is financing)
11. Continuing Resolution. This will be the vehicle for expenditure reductions.

As you know, Charlie Schultze has met with the House Democratic conferees and he reports that all, including Whitten, favor the expenditure reductions formula which was presented to Ways and Means last week.

Several contacts have been made with the Senate Democratic conferees and they are meeting Tuesday.

We certainly need the Leadership's help in bringing our expenditure reductions formula out of this conference and passing it in both House and Senate this week.

The President said he hoped that they would include the 2% - 10% formula as part of the continuing resolution.

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Action is needed on the following:

1. Age Discrimination. The Senate wants a conference which should be very brief. We hope the Leadership can help us get a conference report filed and voted on this week.

2. Civilian "hot spots" Benefits. We need Senate concurrence in a very minor House amendment.
3. Foreign Aid Appropriation. The Senate will act on this after it completes Elementary and Secondary Education and a conference will be necessary. The House and Senate versions differ substantially in the amounts of money provided.
4. Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Conference will be necessary upon completion of Senate floor action, possibly Tuesday, December 5.

The difficulty here will be that some of the same conferees who are tied up in the OEO conference will be on this conference. We could go into next session without final passage of this measure. But it is a major item and one that Congress should want to point to as one of its 1967 accomplishments.

5. D. C. Elected School Board. This has passed the House and is ripe for report by the Senate District Committee. We hope that the Senate Leadership can get the bill through the Senate this week so that final passage can be obtained this session.

We really need this one and with D. C. problems receiving so much attention now ought to be a good time to get it.

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HOUSE MEASURES

ENACTED

1. Flammable Fabrics
2. Peace Corps Authorization
3. Air Pollution
4. Product Safety Commission

WILL BE ENACTED

1. OEO Authorization. In conference.
2. Foreign Aid Appropriation. Passed House. Senate to act week of December 4.
3. OEO Appropriation. In final supplemental in House Appropriations Committee.
4. Subversive Activities Control Board amendments. In conference.
5. Meat Inspection. In conference.
6. Age Discrimination. Awaiting Senate concurrence in House amendments. A conference may be necessary.
7. Civilian "hot spots" Benefits. Awaiting Senate concurrence in House amendments.

REMAINING

1. Fire Research and Safety. Passed Senate. Rule granted. House floor next session.
2. Export-Import Bank. Passed Senate. Rule granted. House floor next session.
3. National Flood Insurance. In conference. Agreement unlikely this session.
4. Truth in Lending. Passed Senate. Awaiting a rule. Rules Committee adjourned until next session.
5. Election Reform. Passed Senate. Pending in House Administration Committee.
6. Highway Beautification. Passed Senate. Awaiting a rule.
7. Tax Surcharge. In House Ways and Means Committee.
8. D. C. Constitutional Amendment. Awaiting a rule.

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SENATE MEASURES

ENACTED

1. Military Construction Appropriation
2. Public Works Appropriation
3. D. C. Appropriation
4. Partnership for Health
5. Mental Retardation

PASSED BY THE SENATE

1. Redwoods National Park
2. Pipeline Safety
3. Intergovernmental Manpower

WILL BE ENACTED

1. Civil Rights Commission Extension. Awaiting House adoption of conference report.
2. Federal Judicial Center. Awaiting House adoption of conference report.
3. Social Security. In conference.
4. Postal Rates - Civilian Pay Raise. In conference.
5. Military Pay Raise. In conference.
6. Meat Inspection. In conference.
7. Age Discrimination. Conference may be necessary.
8. Elementary and Secondary Education Act. On Senate floor.
9. Foreign Aid Appropriation. Senate to consider this week.
10. OEO Appropriation. Senate awaiting House action.

REMAINING

1. Title V, Civil Rights bill. Senate will consider in January.
2. Crime Control - Safe Streets. Judiciary Committee may meet this week.
3. Juvenile Delinquency. Senator Clark hopes to reach after OEO conference is completed.