

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR APRIL 20, 1961, AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE OFFICE OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, SENATOR
EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Members Present:

Senators Morton, Dirksen, Bridges, Saltonstall
Representatives Halleck, Arends, Byrnes, Brown, Hoeven

Member of the Meeting but not Present:

Senator Kuchel

Also Present:

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon
J. Mark Trice, Harry Brookshire, Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow,
Robert Allett

The Chairman, Senator Thruston B. Morton, called the meeting to
order at 8:38 A.M.

The agenda for the meeting, as previously agreed to by Senator
Dirksen and Congressman Halleck, is as follows:

Study Committee on Structural Unemployment

Conference with Mr. Nixon

Study Committee on Structural Unemployment

Mr. Humphreys presented to each member present a staff paper in
regard to structural unemployment. Congressman Halleck then read a pro-
posed statement to be made to the press in regard to the subject. Senator
Dirksen also read a prepared statement for press submission. Both state-
ments were approved and a copy of each is attached hereto.

Congressman Halleck spoke of another group in the House which is
about to begin work on this subject and stated that a press release from
that group will be made in several days.

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Senator Morton stated that there might be difficulties involved in the financing of the project but that an effort would be made to raise funds through independent sources.

Statement by Vice President Nixon

Vice President Nixon addressed the group for about thirty minutes in an off-the-record discussion on the Cuban situation, political observations and on his forthcoming speaking engagements.

Photographers were admitted at 9:30 for the purpose of making pictures of the group and the Vice President appeared before the press after Senator Dirksen and Congressman Halleck had made their presentations.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

J. Mark Fric
Acting Secretary

Approved by the
Presiding Officer
April 24, 1961