

MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1962,
AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (HE 203) OF THE HOUSE
MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE CHARLES A. HALLECK

Present:

Members:

Senators Dirksen and Saltonstall
Congressman Halleck, Byrnes, Brown

Absent:

The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller

Members:

Senators Hickenlooper and Kuchel
Congressmen Hoeven, Arends

Also Present:

Staff: Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Robert Allett,
Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

In the absence of the Presiding Officer, Senator Dirksen called the
meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

The following agenda was presented for consideration:

Cuba

Other Legislative Matters

Cuba

Mr. Humphreys stated that Senator Dirksen and Congressman Halleck had
planned to go to Gettysburg to discuss certain matters with General Eisenhower
but were unable to do so. It was decided that Mr. Humphreys and Bryce Harlow
substitute for them and talk with the General. Mr. Humphreys reported that
General Eisenhower was enthusiastic about the ideas presented. He also
stated that Senator Dirksen had talked with Senator Hickenlooper and Congressman
Halleck had contacted Congressman Judd about the suggested release.

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Congressman Halleck then read the first prepared press statement on this subject and after several minor changes it was approved. Senator Dirksen then read the prepared press statement on the same subject and after several minor changes it was approved. Copies of both statements are attached hereto.

Senator Saltonstall suggested that a letter be written to the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and to the Speaker of the House, enclosing copies of the statements released in order that there might be a proper follow-up of the matter.

Congressman Brown called to the attention of the Leadership a recent article by Roscoe Drummond which stated "that no Democratic President can work with a Democratic Congress".

Other Legislative Matters

Due to an early meeting of the Senate, the legislative situation was not discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

J. Mack Finck
Acting Secretary