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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN CONGRESSWOMEN

DATE: November 14, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 11:45 a.m. (15 minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the long-range political implications of the abortion issue.

II. BACKGROUND

Following your veto of the Labor-HHS and the District of Columbia appropriations bills because of objectionable abortion language, in late October Congresswoman Snowe and seven other "pro-choice" Republican congresswomen requested a meeting with you to discuss the long-range political dynamics of the abortion issue. You agreed to meet with the four members listed below. They have indicated that they know your stand on this issue will not change, however, they still want to share their views. This meeting is mainly a listening session.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Congressional Participation

Congresswoman Nancy Johnson (CT)
Congresswoman Lynn Martin (IL)
Congresswoman Claudine Schneider (RI)
Congresswoman Olympia Snowe (ME)

White House Staff

John Sununu, Chief of Staff
Fred McClure, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs
Nicholas E. Calio, Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Members will be met in the West Lobby at 11:30 a.m. and escorted to the Chief of Staff's office for a 15 minute meeting. They will then come to the Oval Office for the meeting with you.