

Meeting in Cabinet Room

Sunday 5:00
Mon. 14, 1965

V.P.	Walt Rous
McGuire	Alburt
Manfield	Kutznick
Duker	McGuire
Hughes	Lee White
Burke	R. Clark
O'Brien	Benjamin Sanders
Valenti	Harold Reis

Pres. summarized the voting situation.

If all people, except those in mental institutions,
could register and vote, troubles are over.

After election began to work on voting rights bill.
Put VP in charge of all civil rights programs.
Asked Duker Manfield McGuire
to work on bill - get with Kutznick.
Talked to Wallace
Wilkins
King

Humphrey called his Civil Rights Council
together: 1) Serious barriers to registration
recognized
2) Preservation of law and order
3) Right to petition preserved.

1. Put 77 people to Selma (Confrontation between state & fed. forces could be bad)
2. Not want in justice Dept recommended
(troops)

7. Went along in lawsuit - as part of the court.

(Sunday brutality occurred.)

People don't understand what we have been doing.

We will take a bill from anyone - we have no pride of authorship.

(Told the group what he asked Waller to do)

W: We'll follow court orders.

✓ Universal suffrage.

✓ Bi-racial commission.

MANSFIELD Make one suggestion - send up bill Tuesday.

DIRKSEN Send up Tuesday afternoon.
Policy meetings Demo and Report on Tuesday.
Better to have these people go over it

McCULLOUGH Join with these suggestions.

McCORMACK Suggested that Pres. go over to Joint session - tell about bill - also bring statement on Viet Nam.
Have you thought about this?

DIRKSEN

Don't cut
congress

Don't panic now.
This is deliberate govt.
Don't let these people
say "we scared him into it."

PRES

I wouldn't think about
that.

People do not know the
facts — that we are doing
everything we can to
solve this. We must tell
the people to give us time
to work this out.

(Dirksen and Mansfield are against
joint sermon speech)

Humphrey

Logic is what you are saying.
But emotions are running
high. A message of what
this govt is doing — simply —
is what is needed.

I told my crowd they had
to go on record with their
views. They believed
unanimously in you going
on TV.

PRES

I intend to tell the
country what we recommend.
Either I do it on TV or
newspapers — or the Congress

ALBENT I don't think your
coming before the Congress
would be a sign of peace.
I think it would help.

McCORUM It would show
disparitieship - also
it would show the world.

PRES Probably come down Mon or
Tues. night - about
9:00 - and send the
bill up Wednesday.

KUCHER Repub leader - Dem leader -
stay here - work together -
Wallace is giving himself
a trapdoor - "all eligible
votes".

PRES I put my stamp of
approval on a voting bill
and my state of the union speech.
We intend to minimize
eligibility - age, for
example is all right.
We suggested the word
"eligible" rather than "qualified".

McCULLOUGH 24 to 48 hours given
us to study bill - Pres. go
before Congress - then have
the bill on Wednesday.

PRES: I've had two girls sleeping
with me - you made the
WH fireproof but not
sound proof.

McGowan Do you want to
address a Joint Session?

KATZENB This would put the
problem and the
solution before the country.

PRES. Let's say TUES. nite.
and send the bill
up Wednesday.
Duker, you started
this am - twenty
label - I don't aim -
toward anybody.

HUMPHREY Isn't Tuesday the day
for the march?

KAT Don't think King would
do anything until court
order - but he is
unpredictable.

AH Think we ought to calm
the waters - If march
is scheduled for Tues. -
we ought to have guidelines.