

Meeting with Percy 5/18

Appointment for fifteen to twenty people was made with an aide. When the time came, they were shown to Percy's office. TV was there.

Percy favors: Church - Cooper  
Mathias

He made his first public statement on McGovern - Hatfield. Said if it were up for a vote now, he would vote for it. When pressed, he eventually said he would also vote for it in two or three weeks, but said he wouldn't if he thought it would harm chances for a negotiated settlement.

The session became a Percy press conference with the lobbyists asking questions.

He seems to be particularly influenced by the argument that the Senate should re-assert its power in foreign affairs. May 14 he submitted an amendment or bill which would require prior Senate consent to any future troop commitments. He also thinks there should be a more rapid withdrawal than Nixon's plans.

Also seemed receptive to arguments that the war is causing a polarization in the country.

WE ARE TRYING TO COMPILE INFORMATION ON HOW BEST TO LOBBY AGAINST THE WAR. YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS VITAL TO OUR FUTURE BRIEFING SESSIONS. PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO FILL IT OUT CAREFULLY AND LEGIBLY.

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Occupation: Student - Northwestern  
Age: 22  
Date: 5/20/70

Who was the appointment made with? \_\_\_\_\_  
To whom did you actually speak? (Please include position, party, state, and district if you know them): Percy

Number of people at appointment: 6  
Length of appointment: 40 minutes

1. What was his stand on the developments in the war and on the President's recent actions? Did he seem to be firm or wavering? \_\_\_\_\_

Feels invasion is usurpation of Congress' powers. Wants all troops out by mid-1971 is not earlier.

2. Did you discuss the Cooper-Church amendment? Yes x No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, was he in favor? x against \_\_\_\_\_ Uncertain? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you discuss the McGovern-Hatfield amendment? Yes x No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, was he in favor? \_\_\_\_\_ against? \_\_\_\_\_ uncertain? x - in sympathy

Did you discuss the Mathias resolution? Yes x No \_\_\_\_\_ but still

If yes, was he in favor? x against? \_\_\_\_\_ uncertain? \_\_\_\_\_ hung up on

Did you discuss the Riegle resolution? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No x negotiatio

If yes, was he in favor? \_\_\_\_\_ against? \_\_\_\_\_ uncertain? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What issues was he most attentive to? \_\_\_\_\_

Pollution needs money spent in Vietnam now

4. What approach did you use? (argumentative, flattering, agreeing, etc.) How effective do you feel it was? Could you suggest a better approach? \_\_\_\_\_

Asked him to support McGovern Amendment. He thinks there might be better ways than the McGovern Amendment, but also said he sees "eye to eye with Hatfield."

5. What was his personal style? (relaxed formal, responsive to flattery, etc.) Did he seem sincerely interested in your comments? \_\_\_\_\_

He seemed distant - I didn't feel we were interacting with him.

6. If you spoke with a staff member, how closely do you feel his views reflected those of the congressman? How much influence do you feel he has on the congressman? \_\_\_\_\_

Talked with staff member day before - closely

Do you have any additional comments? \_\_\_\_\_

Have found out must be very confident in self to be effective. Don't be awed by man's position. If you've studied the issues, you know as much as most Congressmen. Percy has cancelled all weekend plans until Cambodia and Vietnam is settled. Walked him to meeting with 14 other Senators (Goodell, etc.) who were going to plan strategy on war.