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WASH., JULY 17 -- President Richard Nixon visited informally this morning with a group of nine Republican Senators including Senator Bob Dole of Kansas. [REDACTED] Others present were Senators Baker, Bellmon, Dominick, Griffin, Guerne, Hansen, Packwood and Stevens.

During the 1 1/2 hours informal discussion, a broad range of subjects was covered. Dole summarized the session as follows:

"First of all, it was an effort by the President to exchange ideas with a group of younger Republican Senators.

"Secondly, the President told the group that tax reforms was a must in his Administration and that he wants Congress to take positive action on tax reform this year.

"Thirdly, there are rays of hope in Vietnam and he recognizes this as the number one problem in America today and is making every effort to honorably end the war.

"Fourth, that as unpopular as the surtax may be, it must be continued if we are to slow down inflation and in general balance our economy. The President expressed hope the surtax could be extended and, in accordance with his recommendations, before August 13.

"Generally, the President exchanged ideas with each of the Senators and asked their views and opinions on a variety of subjects." #