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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE
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Mal Sembler
Finance Chairman

SEASON PASS MEETING WITH
DICK THOMPSON
VICE PRESIDENT, BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB
AND OTHER HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES
Tuesday, September 28
11:00 am

LOCATION: Room 2000, 4th Floor
CONTACT: Pat Slater, Mr. Thompson's asst.,
Heather Patterson, RNC, ext.

OTHER ATTENDEES:

David Landside, Abbott
Ron Docksai, Bayer
Christie O'Brien, Bayer
David Foster, Biogen
Geoff Peterson, Pasteur Merieux Connaught
Dennis Myers, Elan
Janie Kinney OR Sara Froelich, Glaxo Wellcome
Mike Ailsworth, Novartis
Ken Bowler, Pfizer
Margie Finkelnburg, Pfizer
Steve McMillan, Zeneca
John Ryan, Bristol-Myers Squibb
Michael Carozza, Bristol-Myers Squibb
Eleanor Kerr, Smith-Kline Beecham
Teel Oliver-Merck

BACKGROUND:

Ted Welch, Ambassador Sembler and you met with Dick Thompson back in March prior to the Gala. Thompson said that Bristol-Myers would consider joining Season Pass but would like to have a meeting with you and other pharmaceutical company executives prior to joining. This is the meeting he requested.

This group is particularly interested in the White House's proposal to add a prescription-drug benefit to the Medicare program. They vehemently oppose it and are helping fund a million-dollar campaign that began in July and features an older woman named Flo, who declares "I don't want bureaucrats in my medicine cabinet." A television ad running in September warns that millions of seniors could lose their private coverage and "end up in a big government plan" if the White House proposal to add a drug benefit is adopted.

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