

January 10, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR TODD STERN

FROM: PHIL CAPLAN

SUBJECT: Australia-APEC trip/Staff Secretary's office

Before memories fade, I wanted to remind you of several incidents that occurred on the President's Australia-APEC trip in November related to paper flow. Both events were not "earth-shattering" and nothing bad came of them, but it would have been better if they had not occurred.

- **Gingrich phone call** - We forwarded a "recommended phone call" to Stephen for the President in Australia. The call was to Gingrich on the death of his father. We also sent "cc's" to Nancy and Evelyn. Unbeknownst to us here, Gingrich called the President in Australia to tell him. The call went through to Bruce in the middle of the night there; he didn't put the call through to the President and, to my knowledge, didn't know the subject. Bruce told the President first thing the next morning and the President called Gingrich immediately not knowing the subject. Instead of being able to make a condolence call, the President was a bit embarrassed when he found out from Gingrich that his father had died.

When we travel, we usually make it a point to inform everyone that matters (Leon, Harold, Evelyn, Bruce, McCurry, Stephen) that something is happening. In this instance, we would have most certainly told Bruce that Gingrich's father had died, although probably not given him a piece of paper. *I should emphasize that this is no fault of Nancy's, Bruce's, Stephen's or Evelyn's -- it simply is not their job nor is it a priority for them to inform traveling staff about incoming paper.* Sure, we could have cc'd Bruce on the phone call paper, but we don't usually do that and would have taken care of it verbally on the road.

- **Bosnia letters to the Hill** - We sent a NSC letter to Stephen for the President for his signature that was to be sent to all Members of Congress. The letter updated Congress on U.S. troops in Bosnia and was to be sent to the Hill before additional steps were taken to implement SFOR (I don't remember what the steps were.)

The President never looked at the letter until he got back and the steps were underway. The NSC people on the road were Sandy Berger and Andy Sens, both of whom had significant duties on this trip and did not focus on the letter, even though the NSC here

asked them to. As it turned out, no one on the Hill complained even though the letters were a little late, but it would certainly been cleaner to do it correctly.

The whole point here, is that I think it is very important that someone from our office travel on all overnight trips, both domestic and foreign (excluding the President's vacations). We traveled all throughout the general election campaign and it worked very well. You might remember that Helen was on/off the APEC trip until a day or two before the President left and, ultimately, was told she could not go. If she was on the trip, I think the above incidents could have been prevented.

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 15, 1996

ACTION

1. Street+memo re Unresolved Issues (sent to Nancy Hernreich/AF1).

CLASSIFIED

1. Lake Book re Your Visit to Australia - Briefing Material, given to Stephen Goodin for the President.
2. Lake memo re Phone Call to South African President Mandela re U.N. Secretary General Boutros-Ghali and situation in eastern Zaire (sent to Nancy Hernreich/AF1).
3. Briefing book for trip to Australia, November 19-23, 1996.

INFORMATION

1. Baer memo re Pre-Inauguration and Longer-Term Planning.

REMARKS

1. Thanksgiving Message to the Armed Forces.
2. Statement on Bosnia and Zaire.

SCHEDULE

1. No schedule for Saturday, 11/16.

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 16, 1996

ACTION

1. Lake memo re letter to APEC Leaders regarding Subic Bay APEC Leaders Meeting (via Stephen Goodin, Sunday, November 17, 1996).
2. Two McClarty memos re President Frei of Chile (via Stephen Goodin, Sunday, November 17, 1996).

CLASSIFIED

INFORMATION

1. Weekly Information Items (see attached memo) (via Stephen Goodin, Sunday, November 17, 1996).
2. McClarty memo re forwarding letter from Frank Whitbeck re Cabinet positions (via Stephen Goodin, Sunday, November 17, 1996).
3. Gearan memo re Peace Corps Programs in the Philippines and Thailand (via Stephen Goodin, Sunday, November 17, 1996).
4. Stiglitz memo re Response to Inquiry on Energy Price Increases (via Stephen Goodin, Sunday, November 17, 1996).

REMARKS

SCHEDULE

1. No schedule to forward.

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 17, 1996

ACTION

CLASSIFIED

INFORMATION

REMARKS

SCHEDULE

1. Schedule for Monday, November 18, 1996 and Tuesday, November 19, 1996 (via Nancy Hernreich in Hawaii).

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 18, 1996

ACTION

CLASSIFIED

INFORMATION

1. Panetta memo re Monday Activities (faxed to Stephen Goodin for the President).
2. Letter from Elizabeth Bagley asking that you reconsider the decision not to attend the OSCE Summit in Lisbon, December 2-3 (faxed to Stephen Goodin for the President).
3. Frankel memo re October Housing Starts, Commerce Department Release, Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. (faxed to Stephen Goodin for the President).

REMARKS

1. Radio Actuality - Declaration of State of Emergency in Hawaii (faxed to Stephen Goodin for the President).

SCHEDULE

**MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 19, 1996**

ACTION

CLASSIFIED

1. Lake Memo re Eastern Zaire: Update and Next Steps, sent to Stephen Goodin via the Situation Room.
2. Lake/Tyson/Hilley Memo re National Interest Waivers for the Chinese FY-1 Weather Satellite Project with cover note from Phil Caplan, sent to Stephen Goodin on AF1 via the Situation Room.
3. Lake memo re Korean Relations with China and Russia, sent to Stephen Goodin via the Situation Room.

INFORMATION

1. Panetta memo re Tuesday Activities, sent to Stephen Goodin via the Situation Room.
2. Frankel memo re U.S. Trade in Goods and Services for September, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., sent to Stephen Goodin via the Situation Room.

REMARKS

SCHEDULE

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 20, 1996

ACTION

1. Hilley Recommended Telephone Call to Speaker Newt Gingrich re the death of his father, Robert Gingrich, sent to Stephen Goodin via Situation Room.

CLASSIFIED

1. Lake/Tyson/Hilley memo re National Interest Waivers for the SINOSAT Project, sent to Stephen Goodin via Situation Room.

INFORMATION

1. Panetta mem re Wednesday Activities, sent to Stephen Goodin via Situation Room.

REMARKS

SCHEDULE

**MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 21, 1996**

ACTION

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INFORMATION

1. McGinty memo re Hashimoto meeting regarding Japanese whaling, sent to Stephen Goodin via the Situation Room.
2. Resignation letter from Marian Wright Edelman as a United States Representative on the UNICEF board, sent to Nancy Hernreich via the Situation Room.
3. Baer memo re Update on Second-Term Planning and Strategy, sent to Stephen Goodin via the Situation Room.
4. Resignation letter of Secretary Cisneros, sent to Stephen Goodin via the Situation Room.
5. Panetta memo re Thursday Activites, sent to Stephen Goodin via the Situation Room.

REMARKS

SCHEDULE

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 29, 1996

ACTION

1. Lake memo re Proposed Letter to All Members of Congress re Bosnia, sent to Stephen Goodin via Situation Room.

CLASSIFIED

1. Vice President memo re Sale of Advanced Weapons in Latin America with Caplan cover note to Stephen Goodin via Situation Room.

INFORMATION

1. Panetta memo re Friday Activities, sent to Stephen Goodin via Situation Room.

REMARKS

SCHEDULE

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Requested from
WSC + RM

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 23, 1996

ACTION

CLASSIFIED

1. Lake memo re Update on Eastern Zaire and Crash of Ethiopian Airliner in the Comoros (sent directly by NSC to Phillipines).
2. Lake memo re a new U.S. initiative on Northern Ireland (sent directly by NSC to Phillipines).

INFORMATION

REMARKS

SCHEDULE

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 24, 1996

ACTION

CLASSIFIED

INFORMATION

REMARKS

SCHEDULE

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 25, 1996

ACTION

CLASSIFIED

1. Lake memo re Update on Middle East Negotiations and Settlement Activity, faxed to Andy Sens for the President via Situation Room.

INFORMATION

1. Frankel memo re Consumer Attitudes: Conference Board Index of Consumer Confidence, Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., University of Michigan Index of Consumer Sentiment (Preliminary), faxed to Stephen Goodin via Situation Room.
2. Frankel memo re State Unemployment Rates in October, Labor Department Release, Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., faxed to Stephen Goodin via Situation Room.
3. Panetta memo re Monday Activities, November 25, 1996, faxed to Stephen Goodin via Situation Room.

REMARKS

SCHEDULE

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 26, 1996

ACTION

CLASSIFIED

1. Lake Memo re Extension of U.S. Support to MOMEF (Military Observer Mission for Ecuador and Peru) (Dacomed to Air Force One).
2. Lake memo re Letter from Prime Minister Netanyahu (re Arafat) (sent to Andy Sens/AF1).
3. Lake memo re Eastern Zaire/Rwanda: Response to Canadian Proposal for Deployment of Multinational Force to Central Africa (sent to Andy Sens/AF1).

INFORMATION

1. Ickes memo re Tuesday Activities (sent to Stephen Goodin/AF1).
2. CEA numbers -- Revised Estimate of Third-Quarter GDP; and, Advance Durable Goods Orders and Shipments in October (sent to Stephen Goodin/AF1).

REMARKS

SCHEDULE

1. Briefing Papers for Tuesday, November 26 (Dacomed to Air Force One).
2. Copy of schedule and accompanying briefing paper/talking points for Wednesday, 11/27 (sent to Stephen Goodin/AF1).

MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT
November 27, 1996

ACTION

1. Streett/Hawley memo re Scheduling Decisions.
2. Ickes forwards Rasco memo re World AIDS Day.

CLASSIFIED

1. Lake memo re Extension of U.S. Support to MOBEP (originally sent to road but not given to President) with Stern cover note.
2. Lake/Tyson memo re Safeguards Determination on Broom Corn Brooms (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).
3. Lake memo re Letter to Yeltsin re a proposed meeting in U.S. as early as mid-February (to be hand-carried to Russia on Sunday by Vice President) (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).
4. Lake memo re November 26 talks with Levitte (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).
5. Lake memo re NATO, START II and CWC (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).
6. Lake Memo re Northern Ireland: Critical Days Approach (dacommed to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson/Camp David).

INFORMATION

1. Two boxes golf balls sent in by Bob Carver / per POTUS' request (to Residence).
2. Stern/Caplan memo of 11/27 on Weekly Information Items (see attached) (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).
3. Briefing paper for Taping Radio Address on 11/29/96 at Camp David (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).
4. Stern/Howell/Caplan memo of 11/27 on Recent Information Items (see attached) (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).

5. Harris Wofford memo re National Service and Educational Opportunity (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).
6. Cisneros memo re Federal Response to the Civil Disturbances in St. Petersburg, FL (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).
7. Cisneros note attaching Cisneros memo to Don Baer re initial Thoughts concerning President Clinton's historic Legacy (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).
8. Bowles memo re Possible Meeting with Jesse Jackson and copy of 11/12 memo from Ickes with Bowles handwritten note to POTUS on same subject (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).
9. Baer/Emanuel memo re December Message Schedule (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).

REMARKS

1. Radio Address to be taped Friday, 11/29 (original given to Mil Aide, Major Buzz Patterson to be taken to Camp David).

SCHEDULE

1. No schedule for Thursday, 11/28.
2. Schedule only for Friday 11/29 (documented to Mil Aide, Major Patterson, camp David)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1996

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached are the following weekly information items:

- (A) **Weekly Economic Briefing** -- for week ending November 22, 1996.
- (B) **Interest Rates and the Stock Market** -- for week ending November 22.
- (C) **CEQ Report** -- for week ending November 22.
- (D) **Cabinet Report** -- for period ending November 26.
- (E) **DPC Report** -- for period ending November 26.

We will forward this week's "Weekly Economic Briefing" and "Stock Market report" on Saturday when we receive them.

Todd Stern
Phil Caplan 

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: TODD STERN 
HELEN HOWELL
PHIL CAPLAN 

SUBJECT: Recent Information Items

We are forwarding the following recent information items:

- (A) **Lake memo on NATO JSTARS decision and PM Major's response.** You wrote to Major in late October seeking support for an early NATO decision to procure JSTARS as the core of a NATO ground surveillance system (AGS). Tony notes Major's response (attached) is not "especially forthcoming." The British and the German prefer a slower approach rather than our "fast track" proposal of having a ground system on line by 2000. The NATO Conference of Armament Directors did not endorse "fast track" nor did it identify JSTARS as the core component, but the Conference did agree to set up an AGS project office with a decision on a specific AGS system set for next November. We would have preferred an outright decision designating JSTARS, but this outcome is acceptable and NSC thinks a "fast track" acquisition is still possible. (On a related note, the USAF deployed two JSTARS to Rhein AFB in German to support Bosnia operations.)
- (B) **Mark Gearan memo on new Peace Corps Program in Jordan.** On October 28, Mark signed an agreement that will make it possible for Peace Corps volunteers to serve in Jordan for the first time. The first group of 25 volunteers will arrive in Jordan in April 1997. They will work in rural areas and focus on community development, income generation projects for Jordanian women, and strengthening the management of Jordan's national parks in order to encourage tourism.
- (C) **Soderberg memo on response to Sgt. Jeffrey Tack letter.** You received a letter in mid-November from Sgt. Tack, a Gulf War veteran with Lou Gehrig's disease who believes his disease was caused by exposure to chemical agents during the war. You wanted his letter followed up and Nancy reports that the NSC's new Special Assistant for Gulf War Illness Affairs, Paul Busick, called Sgt. Tack and his mother to tell them that you are concerned, and that you have an interest in all veterans getting the care they deserve for their service-connected illnesses. He also mentioned that you've appointed an independent Presidential Advisory Committee which should report soon.
- (D) **Pete Peterson congratulations letter.** "We are all very proud of you and of how you conducted the campaign. America will be a better place these next four years and I'm proud to be in a position to help you meet your goals."
- (E) **Brochure from the Sol M. Linowitz Forum Inauguration dinner.** Mack's office thought you'd like to see the brochure of the Linowitz dinner, which you attended.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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November 20, 1996

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Speaker Newt Gingrich

DATE: November 20, 1996

RECOMMENDED BY: John Hilley /H

PURPOSE: The Speaker's father, Robert Gingrich, died today of complications from lung cancer at the Polyclinic Hospital in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 71.

BACKGROUND: Mr. Robert Gingrich is survived by his wife Kathleen "Kit" Gingrich, his adopted son Speaker Gingrich, and three biological daughters. The cancerous tumor was discovered about six weeks ago, just after his 50th wedding anniversary on October 5, 1996. Today is Kit Gingrich's birthday. Also, earlier today Newt Gingrich was re-elected Speaker of the House by the Republican Conference. Robert Gingrich was a decorated officer in the U.S. Army, and served his country with distinction and honor. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but he will be buried at the national cemetery at the Fort Indiantown Gap Military post near Harrisburg, PA.

CONTACT PERSON AND
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (202) 225-6398

DATE OF SUBMISSION: November 20, 1996

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from ORM

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FROM: Phil Caplan 62702 Gd Fl WW
(NAME) (PHONE NUMBER) (ROOM NO.)

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION: Hilley Recommended Telephone Call to Speaker
Newt Gingrich

<u>TO (AGENCY)</u>	<u>DELIVER TO</u>	<u>DEPT/ROOM NO.</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
	Stephen Goodin (ACTION - FOR THE PRESIDENT)	(2 copies)	
	Nancy Hernreich		
	Evelyn Lieberman		

REMARKS: Comm Center: Please provide Stephen Goodin with 2 copies. Thank you.

12/20/96

Pat Young,

Attached are some items that were sent to the POTUS while his was on the Australia/Asia trip in November, 1996. We never got the copy that he actually saw.

Yours to handle.

thanks.

Sharon E. Wagner

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Mr. President -

This was faxed
to you on road via
NSC, but I
understand you never
received it.

Tom

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 27, 1996

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I want to take this opportunity to update you on our progress in implementing the Dayton Peace Agreement and to outline the next steps in the process of securing this hard-won peace.

When the Balkan leaders chose peace one year ago at Dayton, I asked the American people to do the same by supporting the participation of our troops in a NATO-led Implementation Force to help secure the peace. I promised that the mission would be carefully defined, with clear, realistic goals. I also said that it would be completed in about one year.

As a result of IFOR's success, its mission will end as planned on December 20. NATO has shown how effective and important the Alliance remains. Thanks to NATO's robust capabilities and no-nonsense rules of engagement, IFOR has maintained a secure peace and completed its mission. As a result of this operation, NATO has also built closer security links with Russia and other Partnership for Peace members. In short, IFOR exceeded our expectations in bringing an end to a war that threatened stability in Europe.

Today, the Bosnian people are far better off than they were a year ago -- and prospects for a future of peace and freedom are much brighter. Although Bosnia's bitter legacy of hatred has not yet been overcome, during the last twelve months the killing has stopped and, with time, the habits of peace can take hold.

I recognize that our achievements on the military side have not been matched by progress on the civilian side. It will take longer than we and our Allies anticipated for Bosnia's economic and political life to reach the point where an outside security presence is no longer required. The Bosnian people, with the help of international civilian groups, will be responsible for

ensuring that civilian implementation proceeds apace and helps establish a self-sustaining peace. For a time, however, they will need the stability and confidence that only an outside security force can provide.

Over the past few weeks, NATO has been studying options for a new security presence in Bosnia when IFOR withdraws. I have carefully reviewed these options and have informed our allies that, in principle, the United States will take part in a follow-on security presence based in Bosnia.

NATO is now developing an operations plan for a new Stabilization Force (SFOR). Its mission will be carefully defined, and I will not accept an open-ended commitment to Bosnia. Since IFOR has completed the hardest military tasks of separating and demobilizing two opposing armies, we can rely on a much smaller force with a more limited set of tasks. Our military planners have concluded that NATO will require fewer than half the number of troops we contributed to IFOR -- about 8,500.

The fundamental military mission of SFOR should be to deter a resumption of hostilities by maintaining a presence in country and responding firmly to major disturbances and cease-fire violations. Achievement of this mission will ensure a secure environment for accelerating economic reconstruction and political reconciliation.

The mission will need to have a clear exit strategy. I believe the mission should last 18 months to help create conditions for lasting peace. Every six months, we and our NATO allies will review whether stability can be maintained with fewer forces. Toward the end of 1997, major strides should have been made in rebuilding the economy, creating joint political institutions, resettling refugees and establishing a stable military balance. At that time, we and our Allies can reduce our forces in Bosnia to a much more limited, deterrence posture -- with forces roughly half the initial size -- provided that doing so does not pose a significantly increased risk of renewed hostilities. The new mission in Bosnia should end in June 1998, and the remaining forces will completely withdraw from Bosnia quickly thereafter.

If NATO decides to support this kind of new mission, with limited objectives and a clear endpoint, I have agreed in principle that U.S. forces should participate. I have instructed my national security team to work with our NATO allies to ensure that we can come to agreement in Brussels on such a successor force.

I will reserve my final decision to commit U.S. troops until NATO has developed an operations plan, I have carefully reviewed it and am fully satisfied it meets all our requirements. We will, of course, continue to consult with Congress.

As always, my Administration and I stand ready to answer any of your questions as the process moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a long, sweeping underline.

The Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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November 22, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LARA 
JOHN HILLEY 
SUBJECT: Proposed Letter to All Members of Congress
Regarding Bosnia

Purpose

To inform Members of Congress about Administration policy regarding a follow-on security presence based in Bosnia following the end of IFOR's mission on December 20.

Background

As part of our effort to consult with Congress, we are proposing you send a letter to all Members of Congress and all Senators setting forth your decision in principle to participate in a new, more limited mission in Bosnia.

Your letter reviews the situation in Bosnia, describes your recent decision in principle that the United States will take part in a follow-on security presence in Bosnia, outlines the conditions for the participation of U.S. forces, describes our exit strategy and offers to consult with Congress.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A Letter to Members of Congress and the Senate

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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November 1996

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March 5, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Kitty Higgins
SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA HOT ISSUES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Affirmative Action:** The State Board of Allocation (which disburses all bond money in CA) has dropped affirmative action rules in its contracting rules for school construction. As a result of this action, passage of the \$3 billion school bond issue (on the March ballot) has become controversial within the State Party (see related issue at Education).

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Goals 2000:** Governor Wilson's refusal to release Goals 2000 funds continues to be an issue. Wilson stated in a letter to the Department in July, 1995, that he was holding up the \$42 million in second-year funds. Heavy pressure is being applied on the Governor by education and business groups, and most major newspapers have run editorials urging Wilson to release funds. The Governor soon will outline his specific concerns in a letter to Secretary Riley, and states that if his concerns are met, he will release the funds.
- **Higher Education:** The July, 1995 decision by the University of California Board of Regents to abolish all race-based preferences in both hiring and student admissions continues to garner significant media coverage at the national level (see related issue at Commerce).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Train incidents:** Two minor derailments have occurred recently in California: a Burlington-Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) freight train derailed at Barstow on February 23; and a Southern Pacific Transportation Company train derailed near Los Angeles on March 3 and leaked diesel fuel. No injuries were reported on either of these accidents. In response, FRA Administrator Molitoris ordered a comprehensive safety assurance and compliance inspection for all freight train facilities in the region (BNSF, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific).
- **NAFTA Issue:** Members of the California delegation are extremely concerned about unsafe Mexican trucks and unskilled Mexican drivers entering the United States. Sen.

Feinstein introduced December, 1995 legislation barring approvals of Mexican motor carrier applications until trafficking and safety requirements were addressed. Sen. Boxer was not a co-signer but continues to be concerned. In response, Rep. Filner took the lead in getting over 20 Democrats on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to write to you, urging that the December 18, 1995 implementation date of this legislation be postponed. They were pleased when Secretary Pena announced that further talks to ensure safety would be held before implementation.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **Concord, CA Nuclear Fuel Rod Transportation:** Spent nuclear fuel rods are being returned from over 20 countries around the world to the U.S. They are travelling through Concord, CA and being stored temporarily at the Concord Naval Weapons Station, on their way to Idaho's National Engineering Laboratory for storage and ultimate disposition.. While this marks progress of your commitment to secure weapons-usable materials in this country, local groups are very resistant to receiving these materials in their community. A public meeting was held Tuesday in Concord which generated significant regional media coverage.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **L.A. Youth Gang Drug Prevention Program Loses Federal Grant:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) sent notification last week to the L.A. County Office of Educations "Mujeres y Hombres Nobles" program, a grantee in the Youth Gang Drug Prevention Program, stating that due to budget cuts by Congress, there are no resources to provide continued funding for the program. Funding expired on February 29, and as a result, services to over 300 youth have been severely scaled back.

ACF has developed two contingency plans to extend funding to these grantees should new moneys be made available by the Congress. If either the program is refunded for FY 1996 or there is an indication that the Congress will include the program in the FY 1996 budget, ACF will work to get any available money out as quickly as possible, or would put in place no-cost extensions, which would allow grantees more time to spend FY 1995 dollars, helping to keep programs alive until new money becomes available.

- **California Welfare Waiver:** On February 29, HHS approved an amendment to the Assistance Payments Demonstration Project, a statewide welfare demonstration project for welfare recipients, combined with new work incentives. The waiver, originally approved by HHS in October 1992 under the Bush Administration, was challenged in court. The courts voided the original waiver and returned it to HHS for consideration. Under the original demonstration, California sought to subject all recipients to benefit reductions. However, consistent with a demonstration that encourages work, HHS approved the amendment after negotiating exemptions to the benefit cuts for certain

people who would not reasonably be expected to work, such as persons with disabilities and teen parents attending school.

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **San Francisco Housing Authority:** On March 2, Mayor Willie Brown and Secretary Cisneros announced a partnership to jointly manage the troubled San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA). The Mayor called for the immediate resignation of SFHA's Board of Commissioners and executive director and announced that a new Executive Recovery Council of local leaders will oversee the partnership effort between HUD and the City. The joint management agreement will last no more than 18 months.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- **Offshore Oil Tankers -- California Central Coast:** Santa Barbara and other parties are in the midst of a legal challenge to Exxon's offshore oil tankering practices. Offshore oil production and transportation by pipeline involves a Federal law that has been widely interpreted, and enforcement difficulties have occurred. In an effort to move the issue out of court, the Administration (Minerals Management Service) has offered to intervene in the dispute between Exxon and Santa Barbara County (see attached letter). At this point both parties have agreed to meet and try to resolve their policy differences.
- **Stevens Kangaroo Rat (SKR):** Riverside County recently signaled its intention to ~~participate in~~ the SKR program, a riverside habitat for the Stevens Kangaroo Rat, under the Endangered Species Act. Deputy Secretary Garamendi has had an on-going dialogue with local officials to close-out this conservation program successfully.

terminate

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Ward Valley Low-Level Waste Site:** The State is seeking to open a low-level radioactive waste site that would be operated by a private company. The proposed facility, which has been controversial, would be on land that would be transferred from the Department of the Interior (DOI). DOI estimates that one year of further testing and environmental impact statements are needed before action is taken.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- **New Federal Building:** GSA has been involved in discussions with S.F. Mayor Willie Brown, Congresswoman Pelosi, and Senators Feinstein and Boxer, regarding the possible construction of a new Federal office building in downtown San Francisco.



United States Department of the Interior

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Washington, DC 20240

Mr. R. D. Schilhab
Production Manager
Exxon Corporation, U.S.A.
225 West Hillcrest
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Dear Mr. Schilhab:

In our July 12, 1995, letter, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) concluded that Exxon's limited tankering of Santa Ynez Unit (SYU) crude oil from Martinez to Los Angeles area refineries does not constitute a significant change in activity from Exxon's approved SYU Development and Production Plan (DPP) and that Exxon is in substantial compliance with its DPP. We recognized in our letter that several issues concerning Exxon's tankering remained outstanding, and we encouraged Exxon to continue to work with Santa Barbara County and MMS to resolve the County's concerns.

Since our July letter, Exxon and the County have not resolved their differences regarding the tankering, and Exxon has filed a lawsuit against the County in which the proper interpretation and legal validity of a condition of the County's permit for Exxon's onshore processing facility are at issue. The County has recently requested that the Department of the Interior and MMS support the County in the litigation.

MMS must give the County's request due consideration. However, we believe that a cooperative resolution of the issues, including settlement of the litigation, may be possible and that such a resolution is far preferable to continued litigation. The County, the State of California, and MMS all have a long-term role to play in connection with Exxon's offshore and onshore activities related to the SYU production. In the view of MMS, an agreed-upon resolution of the present issues will be in the best interest of all concerned parties as well as in the public interest, and will help to establish a cooperative basis to address issues that will arise in the future.

As we discussed by telephone in November, MMS would be pleased to play a role in seeking to facilitate a resolution of the tankering issues. We understand that Exxon has a strong desire to conduct tankering operations in accordance with the conditions contained in our letter of July 12, 1995. We have reason to believe that a resolution that accommodates this result may well be possible.

We propose that a meeting among Exxon, the County, MMS, and the California Coastal Commission be scheduled as soon as practicable to explore the potential of an acceptable resolution. I would appreciate an early response that Exxon will participate in such a meeting.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Quarterman
Director

cc: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
California Coastal Commission

11-11-95 Wreath Laying Ceremony at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
11-11-95 Remarks by Pres. in phone call to 100 yr. old WWI veteran, Gaetano Maggio
11-11-95 Remarks by Pres. in Conference Call to veterans
11-11-95 Radio Address
11-11-95 Remarks of Pres. at Dedication Site of WWII Memorial Site
11-11-95 OMB Briefing by Alice Rivlin
11-13-95 Conference Call with New England Health Providers
11-13-95 Democratic Leadership Council remarks
11-13-95 Veto Statement
11-13-95 McCurry Briefing
11-14-95 Briefing Room Statement
11-16-95 Press Conference by President (Oval Office)
11-17-95 Interview with NHK TV of Japan
11-18-95 Radio Address

No mention of Georgetown in any of these documents.

Sean-

This is a great
intern project that I
sort of forgot about.

Phil
5/6/99

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

10-Jul-1996 09:57am

TO: Todd Stern

FROM: Michael Waldman
Office of Communications

SUBJECT: a few thoughts

A FEW THOUGHTS

a) we still need to schedule lunch!

b) I mentioned to Phil Caplan -- during the government shutdown, there was at least one, and possibly several, major POTUS statements that were NOT transcribed and released by the White House stenos, who were among those not brought in to work.

In particular, his briefing room statement on the first day of the shutdown (the first shutdown, that is) was not transcribed; he wrote much of it himself, it hardened the battle lines and made it harder for there to be a deal, the GOP reacted with mock horror, etc.

phi) We need to find a way to comb through Reuters or something to find the transcripts of those remarks that were not transcribed. Or, if that's not available, at least get this one session from C-SPAN and have the stenos transcribe it.

It really is important for history's sake .. as well as being one of his best statements of principle on the budget.

My office is flooded with interns, so if you want, we can work with your office to do this.

c) We need to get you the opening essay. Also, can I get a copy of the book for early 95 when it is available?

d) A thought re: the trip books -- I think that you should look through the material provided for the President on these trips with an eye toward what may be missing. There is now a one-pager on crime statistics for wherever he is going, which is GREAT ... as well as Gene's economic sheet ... and the Research and Cabinet Affairs memos, which are quirky and frequently of limited usefulness. What I realized we do not have, for example for today, is information on whether North Carolina got a welfare waiver, or whether the welfare rolls are down there as they are in

most places. That is something that I think would generally be useful. (It may have been in there, and I just didn't see it...)

Those are my thoughts for the day!

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In Weekly Compilation - Vol 31 - Number 46 - dated Mon Nov 20

Fri, November 10 - Brickly Room remarks on budget

Sat, November 11 - Radio address on budget + Vote Day

Mon, November 13 - Veto Remarks re: Debt Limit + Gov't Shutdown
in Oval office @ 8:36 am

Mon, November 13 - D.C. Speech

Mon, November 13 - Veto Message re: 2nd CR

Thur, November 16 - President's News Conf - Oval Office

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Sat, November 18 - Radio address (gov't still shutdown)

Sun, Nov 19 - Remarks from oval office - Reopening Gov't

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Sean Maloney <sean.maloney@kiodex.com>

06/13/2000 03:10:48 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: RE: agent orange

you're correct about the agent orange matter; nancy was out of the office when we talked it over with mara and i just wanted to keep her in the loop; but, i confess, i forgot to mention it to her after she got back. I'd tell nsc to go ahead and just give nancy a heads up on what's going on. as for my life: things are going well here, but it's a total blur; still way down on the learning curve -- how are things with you; up to speed? has adam started? how's it going?

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisel_Loy@who.eop.gov [mailto:Lisel_Loy@who.eop.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2000 3:01 PM

To: Sean Maloney

Subject: RE:agent orange

you thought you were done with us... remember adm zumwalt, Ned Powell (VA), and Agent Orange? I don't know if you remember where we were on this, but when I followed up with Mara recently on what had happened, she said NSC was ready to go (to meet with them) but was waiting for word from you -- she thought that you were going to do something first. I said all that I recalled, vaguely, was that you were maybe going to mention to Nancy that this was how we'd propose handling this: i.e., that NSC would do a meeting with those concerned to explain our policy, rather than having the President get back involved. Am I remembering this correctly? If that was the plan, did you talk to Nancy? Can I tell NSC to go ahead? I appreciate any dusty memories you might have...

More important, how's it going? How's life in the fabulous private sector? Would love to hear how your doing, if you have a minute between power-lunching and corporate jetting...



Mara E. Rudman
06/13/2000 11:13:19 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Lisel Loy/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Zumwalt/Agent Orange 

we need to talk. action had been with sean to check something with nancy h before we set up a meeting here... i will come down and see you on this today.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 5.9.00

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maria
6:12:00

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to go ahead;
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Nancy, closing
the loop.
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6:13:00

To: MARIA RUDMAN

From: The Staff Secretary

RECENT INCOMING FROM
NED POWELL RE: ADM. ZUMWALT
AND AGENT ORANGE. PRIOR
INCOMING/OUTGOING ATTACHED.
ANY GUIDANCE ON HOW TO
HANDLE?

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Washington, D. C. 20420
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**U. S. Department of
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Assistant Secretary
For Financial
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'00 MAY 8 PM 2:45

To: Nancy Hernreich/Betty Currie	From: Ned Powell
Fax: 456-1210	Pages: 4
Phone:	Date: 5/5/00
Re: Agent Orange	CC:

☐ **Urgent** ☐ **For Review** ☐ **Please Comment** ☐ **Please Reply** ☐ **Please Recycle**

• Comments:

As you know, I wrote the President about Agent Orange after Adm Zumwalt's death regarding an Agent Orange study. I received a letter back, which, quite frankly, I felt addressed the issue. However, when I shared the letter with Jim Zumwalt and Dr Arnold Schechter (a recognized expert in the field), the result was the attached e-mails. I am not a doctor, obviously, but I do know this issue is significant to the VA and the veteran's community. Such a study as described, also represents a wonderful opportunity to reach out to Vietnam in a most constructive way.

Hopefully we could arrange a short, 30 minutes would be wonderful, visit for Arnold and Jim to present their case. Is there any chance this can happen? This could do a significant amount of good. Thanks.

Ned
Ned

From: Arnold Schecter [mailto:Arnold.Schecter@email.swmed.edu]
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2000 12:08 PM
To: Jgzumwalt@aol.com
Cc: Powell, Edward A
Subject: President Clinton and Vietnam AO research

Dear Jim and Ted:

I read Pres Clinton's reply to you, Ted. He had it written by someone who knew nothing about the Vietnam based research which Admiral Zumwalt, you Jim, myself, the VVA, VVAF, American Legion, and the Institute of Medicine all feel will give us essential health information re Agent Orange health effects in people. And which we can get nowhere else.

I would like to request a 30 minute meeting with the three of us and the President to make the point. All we are asking is for him to:

A. Direct NIEHS of NIH to redirect several million dollars a year for this.

B. Add a line item for \$5 M per year for future NIEHS Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos Agent Orange research.

Is there any chance we can go with this. To honor Admiral Zumwalt, to do the right thing for US Viet vets and others exposed to dioxins, including our Vietnamese allies in the south-and all persons in industrial countries.

To not do anything, which is what President Clinton has done, seems to me the worst possible action in this regard. It is essentially a slap in the face-I know this is very strong language-to Admiral Zumwalt and American Vietnam veterans.

That's how I feel. How does the President feel?

-Arnie Schecter

>>> <Jgzumwalt@aol.com> 04/28/00 10:22AM >>>

Arnie:

Sorry I didn't get back to you earlier. I was wrapped up in preparing testimony before Senate committee re placement of a plaque at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial for veterans who died of war-related causes after their service there.

Re the call to Powell, can you send me an email of what you tack you want him to take and I then will send it on to him from me with a suggestion he, you and I do a conference call within the next few days.
Thanks. Jim Z

Powell, Edward A

From: Jgzumwalt@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2000 2:14 PM
To: Powell, Edward A
Subject: AO Meeting

Ned:

I am very eager to move forward on taking action to obtain funding to conduct joint research on Agent Orange in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. I am angered by the fact that one of my father's last initiatives in this regard appears to have faltered and may not be realized. As I am sure you know, my father was relentless in his pursuit of doing what he felt was in the best interests of our veterans concerning the Agent Orange issue. I am determined to ensure his past efforts did not go for naught. Accordingly, as Arnold Schechter has proposed, I feel it is imperative to have a meeting with the President to let him know he has received some bad advice concerning this matter and the importance in obtaining appropriate funding.

Last week, I wrote an OPED piece which appeared in the WASH TIMES pertaining to the placement of a plaque at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in honor of veterans who have died from Agent Orange exposure. I was shocked when an alleged expert wrote a letter to the editor claiming there is no credible scientific evidence that Agent Orange has caused harm to human health. Statements such as that, which are not true but, unfortunately, are then accepted as factual by those who have not fully investigated the matter, cause immense harm to what we are trying to do in getting to a point where we can deal directly with the health problems the exposure has caused. There is already sufficient scientific evidence to support a correlation between adverse health effects and exposure—a correlation that can be further established by undertaking a joint AO study in the countries delineated above.

I would greatly appreciate anything you can do to set up a meeting with the President to see if we can't get him to take the next step.

Please let me know your thoughts on the matter.
Regards, Jim Zumwalt

Powell, Edward A

From: Arnold Schechter [Arnold.Schechter@email.swmed.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2000 7:06 PM
To: Powell, Edward A
Subject: President Clinton

Dear Ted:

The main point which bothered Jim and me was that whoever wrote the letter for the President

a. stated the Air Force Ranch Hand study, one of the most criticized studies ever regarding Agent Orange Health research, was excellent

b. than no further research funding was needed

c. was completely not responsive to the importance, urgency, and uniqueness of Vietnam based Agent Orange research.

I can only imagine Admiral Zumwalt's response had he seen that letter.

-Arnie Schechter



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VA

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 2, 2000

The Honorable Edward Powell
Assistant Secretary for Financial Management
Department of Veterans Affairs
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Ned:

Thanks for your recent letter proposing an expanded study on Agent Orange in tribute to Admiral Zumwalt. Given Bud's tireless efforts on behalf of Vietnam veterans, I know he would be so pleased and honored by your good suggestion. Like you I feel extremely privileged to have been his friend. He was an example to us all.

As you know, one of the manifestations of Bud's work was the Agent Orange Act of 1991, which provides benefits for those suffering from diseases that might have been caused by exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. To date, six diseases have been determined compensable under this Act -- and ongoing studies such as the Air Force's Ranch Hand Study will continue to search for additional diseases that may be connected to Agent Orange. These government and non-government studies have been extremely beneficial, and I believe that they, coupled with our current program of compensation, are working.

I applaud your fine service on behalf of our nation's veterans, and I think you are right to remain vigilant about this important issue. We'll keep at it.

It was good to hear from you. Please give my best to Diane.

Sincerely,

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DATE: 07 MAR 00

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

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TO: POWELL, EDWARD

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 02 MAR 00

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR POSSIBLE EXPANDED STUDY OF AGENT ORANGE

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 08 MAR 00

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FOR

JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON DC 20420
January 18, 2000

William J. Clinton
The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

Admiral Zumwalt's funeral service last week was extraordinary. For many reasons, Bud touched each of us there to honor his life. He was the CNO when I was a petty officer third class (E-4) in the Navy in the early 1970's. Through Renaissance, I had the great pleasure to get to know him on a very different level.

I had lunch with Bud the Thursday in December before his lung collapsed in Durham. Given my role at the VA, you can guess what we talked about - obviously, Agent Orange. In so many ways, it seemed fitting that a man who had been such an inspiration to all of us as young sailors, would once again be calling on a "young sailor" for some help. What made me especially proud was the thought that I might actually be able to do something to help.

In talking with Dan Mendelson (the VA's PAD at OMB) on Thursday, we discussed the possibility of an expanded study of Agent Orange in Vietnam. Dan indicated you had mentioned such a study as well, and that Senator Daschle is also interested. I would have to believe that Senator Robb and Senator Warner would be supportive. Aside from the special tribute to Admiral Zumwalt as a fulfillment of his long time dream, the study would offer Vietnam a sincere gesture of the United States' desire for engagement. Additionally, such a study could put the issue of Agent Orange to rest for our veteran population who served in Vietnam.

My understanding is a study of this nature would require specific legislation to accomplish it. This is a bit beyond my area of expertise; however, I am more than a willing volunteer to help make the study happen. If this is something I can do, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Edward
Powell

I am sure your comments
would have made Bud very happy.
All the best. h.

AN 17:17

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

To: JRM

From: Amanda Harlin
Presidential Letters and Messages
Voice 202/456-5492 Fax 202/456-5426

☒ Please see comments below ☐ Please advise on how to respond ☐ Please call me regarding the attached

☐ For your information ☐ For your approval ☐ Per your request

☐ No response necessary for attached letter, unless response otherwise recommended ☐ For your agency's response ☐ Please respond by:

Comments:

per David Medine at NEC —
NRN and file all of this.

Thanks!

Amanda

7/31 Jeffery Oakman
Pleased to learn results of
- hybrid standardized tests
- reform of bankruptcy laws
please sign (conference
report) legislation
helps children / families
child support enforcement
(Check our SAP on this)
See Carolyn Wu's note.

Due ^{THX} by 8/11

BC SIG

Jeffrey: (8/2
Due 8/30
Munk, Jr

GOVERNOR



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July 10, 2000

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7/14

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Coleman-

These were handed to POTUS
at NGA conference in PA.

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To Dan B
for reply
7-1700

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Debi-

Set up as BC Gij

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NEC wants us
to postpone
responding to this

JHb



Justin L. Coleman
07/14/2000 01:18:02 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Delia A. Cohen/WHO/EOP@EOP, Janice H. Vranich/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc: Carolyn T. Wu/WHO/EOP@EOP
Subject: Follow-Up Governors meeting

copy sent 7/14 to C. Wu

Will you get copies of the Carper and Taft letters we sent to you yesterday to Mickey Ibarra?
Thanks,
Justin

----- Forwarded by Justin L. Coleman/WHO/EOP on 07/14/2000 01:15 PM -----



Carolyn T. Wu

07/14/2000 11:44:16 AM

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justina, can you get a copy of these to mickey

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Karen Tramontano

07/14/2000
11:39:26 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Mickey Ibarra/WHO/EOP@EOP, Matthew L. Bennett/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc: Carolyn Wu
Subject: Follow-Up Governors meeting

The president received 3 notes from governors that he handed to me --

1. from governor taft on usec -- i'm dealing w/ that issue anyway so i will follow-up substantively but i've forwarded the letter to correspondece for a response - and i will send you a copy too

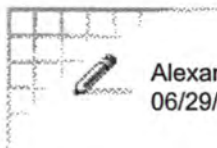
2. from governor carper --asking the president not to veto bankruptcy -- again i forwarded to this to correspondence -- and to gene -- it is unlikely the president will agree w/ carper -- at least not as the bill stands now

3. a note from the president on his conversation w/ kempthorne -- kempthorn asked the president to urge epa and doj to accept the state's offer on the cordeleon basin river -- i didn't know what this meant so i spoke w/ his chief of staff this morning -- as you know epa just gave the state a grant of \$100k on this

project -- but that was not what kempthorn was focused on -- the state evidently has made an offer outside the box of the current superfund zone -- i was going to call reid wilson at epa and ann harkin at doj and let them know about the conversation -- but you let me know how you would like to follow-up --

carolyn

would you please make sure that mickey/matt have a copy of the carper and taft letters -- thanks, kt



Alexander N. Gertsen
06/29/2000 12:46:17 PM

Background

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

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Subject: Text of a Letter From The President to The Speaker and Democratic Leader of The House of Representatives and the majority and Democratic Leaders of the Senate

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 29, 2000

TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO THE SPEAKER AND DEMOCRATIC LEADER OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
MAJORITY AND DEMOCRATIC LEADERS OF THE SENATE

June 29, 2000

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. Leader:)

I write again because I am deeply concerned about recent developments concerning bankruptcy reform legislation pending before Congress. I understand the House and Senate Republican Leadership has reached a conclusion on a package they will soon move through the Congress. We have not seen the final language, but, if the reported description is accurate, I will veto the bill.

OMB Director Lew sent a letter to the informal conferees, on May 12, 2000, that laid out the principles against which I will judge any final bankruptcy bill that comes to my desk. I would like to sign a balanced consumer bankruptcy bill that would encourage responsibility and reduce abuses of the bankruptcy system on the part of debtors and creditors alike. The majority of debtors turn to the bankruptcy system, not to escape bills they can afford to repay, but because they face real hardship -- uninsured medical expenses, unemployment, or divorce. We can target the abuses without placing unnecessary barriers before those

in need of a fresh start who turn to bankruptcy as a last resort. I remain concerned about the balance in the bill that the informal conferees have produced.

In addition, in my letter of June 9, 2000, I highlighted five issues that could help to determine whether the final bill meets my standards of balance and fairness. On three of these issues, the Republican resolution is seriously flawed.

First, I cannot support a bankruptcy bill that fails to require accountability and responsibility from those who use violence, van-dalism, intimidation, and harassment to deny others access to legal health services. Some have strategically abused the bankruptcy system to avoid the penalties that Congress and the States have imposed for such illegal acts. The language that I understand the Republicans will include on this subject is inadequate. It would require a finding that there was a "willful and malicious threat of serious bodily injury" before certain debts would be made nondischargeable. Often, no such finding is made when holding parties liable for their actions in denying others access to legal health services under Federal or State law. The final legislation must include an effective approach to this problem, such as the one contained in the amendment by Senator Schumer, which passed the Senate by a vote of 80-17.

I am also concerned that the changes proposed to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act would deny an effective remedy to victims of abusive check collection practices. We have yet to hear a compelling rationale for why check collectors should not be subject to the same requirements as those who collect other debts. Moreover, no committee in either body of Congress has considered this issue, raised for the first time in Conference. At a minimum, the proposal should be subject to full Congressional consideration, so that public scrutiny can be applied to the implications of the proposed changes.

The proposed limitation on State homestead exemptions will address, for the first time, those who move their residence shortly before bankruptcy to take advantage of large State exemptions to shield assets from their creditors. But the proposal does not address a more fundamental concern: unlimited homestead exemptions that allow wealthy debtors in some States to continue to live in lavish homes. In light of how other provisions designed to stem abuse will affect moderate-income debtors, it is unfair to leave this loophole for the wealthy in place.

I remain concerned that the negotiations have produced a bill that has lost some of the balance that the Senate bill had tried to achieve, albeit imperfectly from my perspective. As a result of all these concerns, I will veto the bill that we understand the Republicans plan to forward to my desk. But I continue to urge Congress to reconsider and send me a fair bill that meets the test of balance.

Sincerely,

Debra D. Alexander
06/26/2000 02:56:03 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jeffrey H. Oakman/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc: John A. Wertman/WHO/EOP@EOP
bcc:
Subject: Re: bankruptcy reform 

there's no point in doing anything until the veto threat is issued. john - there's a walk through card on this batch. please pull and return to jeffrey. jeffrey - once the language is released, update and hand deliver back to me for edit.

thanks.

debi
Jeffrey H. Oakman



Jeffrey H. Oakman
06/26/2000 02:53:36 PM

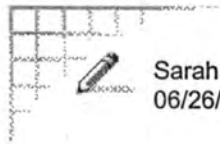


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cc:
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Things may be changing shortly ...

----- Forwarded by Jeffrey H. Oakman/WHO/EOP on 06/26/2000 02:53 PM -----



 Sarah Rosen Wartell
06/26/2000 02:52:33 PM

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To: Jeffrey H. Oakman/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc:
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works today -- we may issue a veto threat tomorrow so stay tuned.



Jeffrey H. Oakman

08/01/2000 03:31:40 PM



Record Type: Record

To: Sarah Rosen Wartell//OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: bankruptcy

While our friends on the Hill are in recess, could I send out a response like the one below to my 5 or 6 letters concerned with bankruptcy reform? The sooner the better to get this out, so please let me know if you recommend any changes or added details (the draft is based on 6/29 letter to Hastert and Lott).

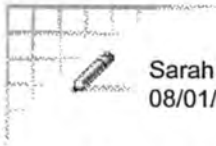
Thanks as always,
jeffrey

DRAFT:

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As we pursue our efforts on this matter, I hope you will remain involved. Best wishes.



Sarah Rosen Wartell
08/01/2000 05:58:58 PM

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To: Jeffrey H. Oakman/WHO/EOP@EOP

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Jeffrey H. Oakman

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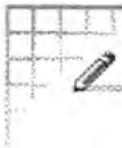


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Do you have a status report on the bankruptcy issue? Thanks.

Sarah Rosen Wartell



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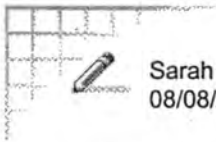


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Fantastic -- I can send that out to all letters but one. Gov Tom Carper has written twice recently encouraging POTUS to sign on to the compromise primarily because it is good for children. He's getting a BC sig. I'll fax you his letters, and we can figure out what to say to him. Thanks,
jeffrey

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INCOMING LETTER(S) FROM: Tom Carper
RE: _____

- ☐ FOR YOUR REVIEW
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☐ PER YOUR REQUEST

COMMENTS:

Thanks!
Jeffrey

John Westerman

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STATE OF DELAWARE
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July 26, 2000

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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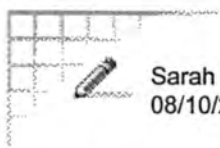
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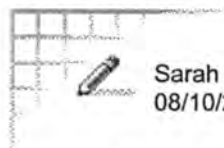


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cc: Janice H. Vranich/WHO/EOP, Debra D. Bird/WHO/EOP
Subject: Re: bankruptcy

I just got this from NEC -- Gov Carper wrote recently encouraging POTUS to sign a compromise with the Republicans on bankruptcy reform, but the negotiations are still going on and not looking good. Carper is slated for a BC sig, so I wanted to check if it is OK to delay that. In the meantime, SRW has cleared interim language for my MI letters on this issue, but does not want that used for Carper. please advise on how to proceed. Thanks,
Jeffrey

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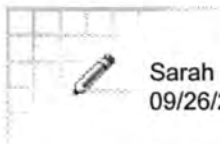
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To: Amanda C. Hanlin/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Governor Carper 

I think we need to continue to hold off. Dance with Congressional rs ongoing and he'll share any letter we send with industry and hill.



Sarah Rosen Wartell
09/26/2000 05:32:08 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Amanda C. Hanlin/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc: debra d. alexander/who/eop@eop
Subject: Re: Governor Carper again

the wh just released a new letter from gene sperling on the bankruptcy bill. you can use it to write a response. (see attached0.) it will be a bit more critical than potus would want to be to the gov'r, but you can't send a letter that doesn't make the key points -- don't think bill is balanced and have certain specific problems. take a look and let me see how you want to proceed.



bk00potuslet.922.fin.d

September 22, 2000

The Honorable Trent Lott
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Majority Leader:

I write in response to your request for the President's views on how we might proceed to complete bankruptcy reform legislation this year. The President believes that the public interest would be well served by balanced bankruptcy reform that encourages responsibility of, and reduces abuses by, debtors and creditors alike. We would like to reach agreement on legislation that meets that test.

The President appreciates your significant movement on the homestead issue. We realize that the offer goes against strongly held views of some members of your caucus, and we are grateful for the effort. While we had proposed placing a cap of \$250,000 on the size of state homestead exemptions, we could accept a homestead cap of \$500,000, were we to reach agreement on other issues.

The President also appreciates the constructive step you took by adding a means-test safe harbor for below-median income debtors. As you know, we strongly support inclusion of this provision in the bill to reduce unnecessary reviews of bankruptcy filings by debtors who have little if any capacity to repay their debts. There is a technical problem with the safe harbor language that you forwarded, which we assume was unintentional and should be fixed.

The President is deeply troubled that your offer fails to address the problem of abusive bankruptcy filings by those who seek to avoid the legal consequences of violence, vandalism, and harassment used to deny access to legal health services. Our society should not tolerate those who develop a strategy to first threaten and intimidate doctors, health care professionals, or their patients and then turn to the bankruptcy courts to avoid legal liability for their actions. I reiterate that the President will not sign any legislation that does not contain an effective means to ensure accountability and responsibility of perpetrators of clinic violence.

The Administration also cannot accept the inclusion of two provisions that work to the detriment of consumers and were not in either the House or Senate bills. The President has previously stated his concerns about the amendment eliminating existing protections under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act against inappropriate check collection practices. We are also troubled by the addition of a new proposal on the treatment of rent-to-own agreements in bankruptcy. This proposal was rejected during the bipartisan negotiations of the informal conferees and there

is too much concern about its possible implications on debtors and other creditors to be to be considered without significant public scrutiny and analysis. The President will not accept bankruptcy legislation that includes either of these provisions this year.

These serious issues are coupled with the President's continued concern with the imbalance in the underlying bill between the interests of creditors and debtors. The addition of the means test safe harbor is a constructive step; however, we fear that too many of the bill's provisions, while aimed at bankruptcy abuses, will place unnecessary barriers before those who genuinely need bankruptcy protection when faced with the most difficult situations life has to offer – unemployment, uninsured medical expenses, and divorce. For example, we believe that, if we can allow courts to make exceptions to the homestead cap in the "interests of justice" for debtors with up to a half-million in equity in their homes, we should be able to provide judges with comparable unfettered discretion to vary from a rigid application of the means test to moderate-income debtors.

While the President appreciates your good faith effort to work together, in light of the concerns mentioned above, the President would veto the bill described in your offer. The Administration urges Congress to send the President a balanced bankruptcy reform measure that addresses the concerns raised above. We appreciate your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

Gene Sperling
National Economic Advisor

Cc: The Honorable Thomas Daschle
The Honorable Dennis J. Hastert
The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter regarding bankruptcy reform. I'm glad to know your thoughts, and regret that I was unable to respond sooner.

My Administration remains committed to meaningful, balanced reform that would encourage responsibility on the part of debtors and creditors while preserving bankruptcy as a reasonable last recourse for those who face divorce, unemployment, illness, and uninsured medical expenses.

As we pursue our efforts on this matter, I welcome your continued involvement. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 12, 2001

Ms. Kathleen M. Ahlberg
Clerk of the Legislature
Orleans County Legislature
Three South Main Street
Albion, New York 14411

Dear Ms. Ahlberg:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for sending your resolution and apologize for the delay in answering. The President appreciates your interest and will certainly consider the views expressed in the resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Delia A. Cohen".

Delia A. Cohen
Special Assistant to the President
Director of Correspondence and
Presidential Messages

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September 28, 2000

President William Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20250

Dear President Clinton:

In response to a letter from Robin Roberts of Lynn-ette & Sons, Inc. dated September 20, 2000, enclosed is Resolution No. 399-900 adopted by the Orleans County Legislature at its meeting on September 27, 2000. This resolution supports the request of Lynn-ette & Sons, Inc. for a moratorium on Immigration and Naturalization Service Laws and also asks for an investigation into the low commodity prices for agricultural products.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Kathleen M. Ahlberg

Kathleen M. Ahlberg, Clerk
Orleans County Legislature

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Enc.

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RESOLUTION NO. 399-900

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR MORATORIUM ON
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE LAWS

WHEREAS, seasonal workers are the backbone of the harvesting season for the growers of agricultural products, and

WHEREAS, without these seasonal workers the agricultural industry would greatly suffer, due to the lack of available labor, and

WHEREAS, the prices of the agricultural commodities have decreased greatly, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature requests a moratorium on the INS laws until the crops are harvested, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Legislature requests an investigation into the low commodity prices for agricultural products, and asks that any possible action that would increase the viability of agricultural products be performed.

Moved, Rush; Unanimous Second.

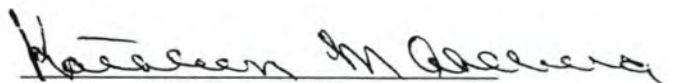
Adopted. 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent, Bower.

COUNTY OF ORLEANS
STATE OF NEW YORK

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Orleans County Legislature on the 27th day of September, 2000.

Dated at Albion, New York
September 28, 2000

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Kathleen M. Ahlberg, Clerk
Orleans County Legislature
County of Orleans, New York

Matt - Immigration

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