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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

July 1, 1990

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: TIMOTHY E. DEAL

FROM: MEG LUNDSAGER

SUBJECT: Houston Summit: World Bank Lending to China

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President for the discussion on China at the briefing in Kennebunkport on July 2. The memorandum presents the various aspects of the World Bank/China issue, particularly expected positions of the other Summit countries and U.S. Congressional concerns. A possible G-7 compromise is suggested along the lines of a slightly increased lending program clearly linked to economic reform.

Suggested talking points for your use are at Tab II.

Concurrences by: Bret Coulson, Douglas Paal

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachment

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab II Your Talking Points

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT: Houston Summit: World Bank Lending to China

Purpose

To review other Summit country and U.S. Congressional positions on the issue of World Bank lending to China, which will arise at the Houston Summit.

Background

Following the events at Tiananmen Square last year, the G-7 countries, at the Paris Summit, agreed that World Bank consideration of new loans to China should be postponed. In January 1990, we indicated that the U.S. would be prepared to support loans aimed at improving Basic Human Needs (BHN) on a case-by-case basis.

The G-7 together hold 51 percent of the votes at the World Bank and through concerted pressure this year were able to persuade World Bank President Barber Conable to withdraw from Executive Board consideration several loans that were not for BHN projects. The net result of this pressure was that World Bank lending to China in its fiscal year ending June 30 was limited to \$590 million, far below the originally planned program of \$2-2.5 billion. Bilateral assistance and lending programs were also scaled back.

Economic Summit Country Views

The United States is taking the toughest position on this issue; maintaining the G-7 consensus on limiting World Bank loans to BHN required many high-level interventions with G-7 finance and foreign ministry officials.

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

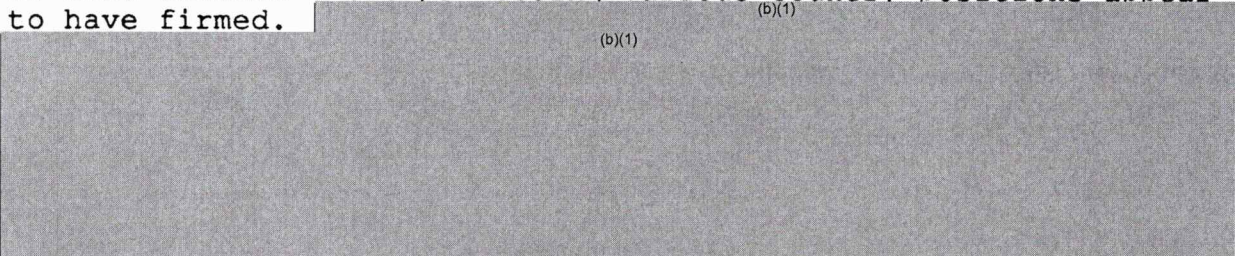
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In the time remaining before the Summit convenes, the G-7 are continuing to take a firm line on China in the World Bank. This will help keep the pressure on China to take additional steps and will reduce Congressional criticism that the Administration is eager to reopen the flow of World Bank loans.

At last weekend's Sherpa meeting various country positions appear to have firmed. (b)(1)



In sum, the consensus to restrict lending to BHN-only has frayed. A possible solution would be for the Summit to agree to a slightly larger lending program, perhaps up to \$700 billion, but clearly tied to economic reform. We could perhaps also maintain G-7 opposition to loans to state enterprises.

At Houston, we should also seek at the very least to obtain public commitments from bilateral lenders that their aid programs will be significantly reduced from the pre-Tiananmen period. Implementation should also be stretched out, perhaps tied to China's progress on economic reform.

U.S. Domestic Pressures

The Administration has submitted to Congress its request for \$3.18 billion, or \$1.06 billion annually for three years starting this October, for our contribution to the International Development Association (IDA), the concessional arm of the World Bank from which China predominantly borrows. The U.S. has committed to contribute 21.6% of the \$15 billion in this new replenishment of IDA.

As you are well aware, Congressional interest in the China issue is very strong. The House has completed action on the FY91 Foreign Aid appropriations bill, which includes language stating that if the World Bank approves any non-BHN loans, the U.S. must withhold from its FY91 contribution to IDA an amount equal to the U.S. "share" of those loans, calculated as our voting power in IDA (17.2%). Additional, much more onerous amendments are being considered for the House FY91 Foreign Aid authorization bill, which is still in committee. The Senate has not yet acted on similar legislation.

Even if the other G-7 countries decide to begin supporting a few non-BHN loans to China, current law would require the U.S. to abstain on or vote against those loans. Congressional reaction to a weakened G-7 consensus and an increased lending program

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cannot be predicted with confidence, but it may be that Congress would acquiesce to a slightly increased lending program that was clearly linked to meaningful Chinese economic reforms.

World Bank Position

While it is difficult to determine the World Bank position, it is clear that its lending program for China is being scaled back and staff reassigned in response to the united G-7 position. The World Bank currently has in the early planning stages about 45 projects totalling over \$7 billion. These loans, even under normal lending practices, would take many months, if not years, to negotiate and bring to the Board for approval. Of these planned loans, very few are for projects that would fit the BHN criteria.

Conable probably believes that the G-7 consensus is weakening and, depending on what happens in Houston, may bring some loans back to the Board this summer. He may recognize that he would still have to go slow and not return to previously planned high levels of lending. He is aware of Congressional sentiment and activity.

Conclusion

This suggests a compromise position at the Summit, where the G-7 would support increased non-BHN lending in furtherance of "economic reform." This G-7 consensus would be reached with explicit understanding that U.S. legislation will not permit U.S. support for the new non-BHN loans. The U.S. will also require agreement to a ceiling on annual World Bank loans to around \$700 million.

RECOMMENDATION

That you agree to this compromise position.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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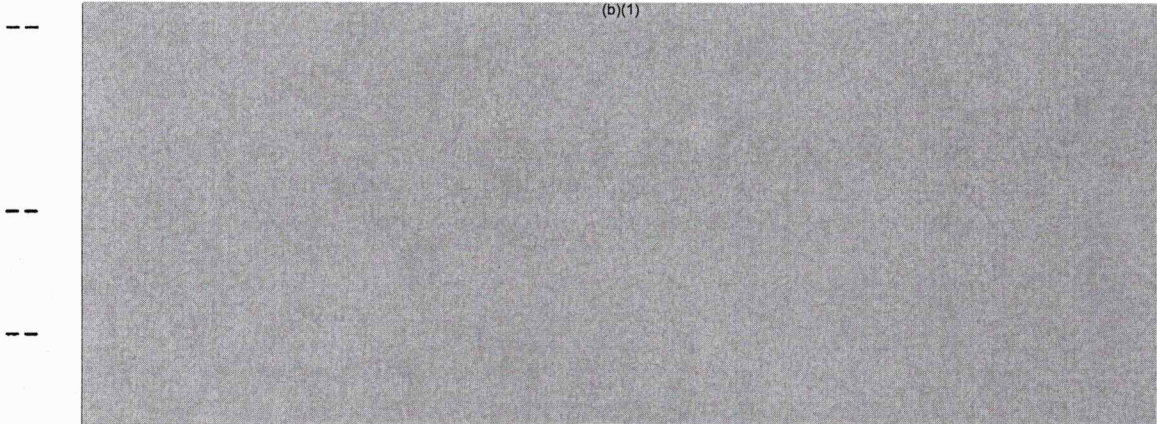
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Talking Points

-- We will have to face the question of World Bank lending to China in Houston.

-- Other G-7 countries appears to have mixed views:



-- We need to determine our own position, keeping in mind that, in any event, existing legislation will require the U.S. to abstain on -- or vote against -- any non-Basic Human Needs (BHN) loans until China improves its domestic human rights situation.

-- Nick, Jim, do you believe we could reach a consensus at Houston for a slight increase in lending, perhaps to \$700 million, clearly linked to economic reform? How do you think Congress would react?

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