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02a. Log	White House Telephone log [E.S.T.] [redaction of personal information] (2 pp.)	01/27/89	(b)(6)	
02b. Log	White House Telephone Log [Signal Switchboard] [redaction of personal information] (1 pp.)	01/27/89	(b)(6)	
02c. Note	Re: phone call to the President from Gary Brown [redaction of personal information] (1 pp.)	01/27/89	(b)(6)	
02d. Notes	Handwritten notes by President Bush Re: phone call with President Roh (1 pp.)	01/27/[89]	(b)(1)	
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AR Disposition:	MR Disposition:
AR Disposition Date:	MR Disposition Date:

RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P-1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P-2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P-5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Removed as a personal record misfile.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- (b)(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- (b)(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- (b)(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- (b)(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- (b)(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- (b)(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- (b)(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- (b)(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information



7:16 Poter in Oval

7:58 Sununu + Boshen

7:59 out

8:01

B. Bates
Scowcroft

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

7:30 Sun Studdert (see attached)
Cliff Sharroch
Binny Sharroch 7:32 out

Friday, January 27, 1989

(b)(3)[50 USC 403g, Sec 6]

8:00 am
(15 min)

Intelligence Briefing
(Scowcroft/Sununu)

8:02 add Sununu
(b)(3)[50 USC 403g, Sec 6]

Oval Office

8:15 am
(30 min)

National Security Briefing
(Scowcroft/Sununu)

8:18

Oval Office

8:19 VP in

8:23 Bates out 8:24 Bates in

8:45 am
(30 min)

Meeting with Governor Sununu

8:40

Oval Office

9:05 VP depart, Sununu depart

Bates out
Scowcroft out

8:42 E. Roga

9:15 am
(30 min)

Personal Staff Time

9:12 Sununu in

9:17 Sununu out

Oval Office

9:37 outside Oval w Mr B.

9:39 into Oval w Mrs. Bush

9:41 Don Rho

9:45 am
(30 min)

B

Meeting with Ray Shaddick

Oval Office

(Hagin)

9:45 in (see attached)

(TAB A)

9:48 add Gov. Sununu

9:50 Bates + Scowcroft out to Study

10:15 am
(15 min)

Meeting with Bobby Holt

Oval Office

(Hagin)

10:16 Bobby Holt + Hagin (TAB B)

10:30 am
(90 min)

Personal Staff Time

in 10:23 add Sununu

Oval Office

10:28 all out

11:00

- Press Briefing Room

12:00 noon
(90 min)

Lunch and Personal Staff Time

Oval Office

11:29 Bates into Oval

1:35

1:30 pm
(30 min)

Poter Bates to Room Pm

Meeting with Inspectors General

Still

Roosevelt Room

(Bates)

(TAB C)

2:12 Poter to Oval

2:00 pm
(60 min)

Personal Staff Time

Oval Office

3:00 pm

3:30 pm

News Conference

(Fitzwater)

(TAB D)

450 OEOB

3:30 pm
(75 min)

Personal Staff Time

Oval Office

4:05

4:45 pm
(15 min)

Meeting with Governor Sununu

Oval Office

5:00 pm
(15 min)

B

Swearing-in Ceremony for James A. Baker III as Secretary of State
(Bates)

open photo

East Room

(TAB E)

10:14 all leave except Newman, Rhoads, Shadock +
mills

10:30 Breeden, Sununu, Fitzwater, Card, Acowcroft

Brady, Dorman, Tetter, V.P.

10:55 Fitzwater out.

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10:58 Fitzwater in

11:01 Patus + Fitzwater out

11:01 arr lower Press Office

11:02 Press Briefing Rm

11:44 Depart Press Briefing Rm

11:44 arr oval

11:59 Sununu into oval

12:04 add Sect. Baker + Bruce Selb

12:03 Patus, Sununu + Baker + Selb to study

12:41 Sununu out

12:43 Selb out (Patus + Baker in Study)

12:52 Patus + Baker to S. grounds

12:55 Ground Floor Res.

12:57 Dpt Res to S. grounds w/ Mrs. Bush + Baker

1:03 Baker + Patus arr Oval

1:14 Baker depart

4:05 Jon Burmeister, Jim Cicconi, Shirley Green

4:08 Patty Presock
add Sununu

4:34 all out except Sununu

4:37 Sununu out

4:45 to Sununu's office

4:46 to Bates' office

4:46

Dpt Bates to Medical Unit 4:49 arr Med Unit

4:55

Dpt Med Unit to Blue Rm 5:02 to E. Rm

5:35 (?) to

2nd Flr Res.

2:00 Patus + Baker 2nd Floor Res.

Daily file

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS: PRIVATE DINNER AND MOVIE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1989

TIME: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Second Floor/Private Residence
Family Theatre

DRESS: Casual/Business Suit

NUMBER OF GUESTS: 46

FROM: Laurie Firestone *LF*

7:00 p.m. Guests arrive East Entrance, Center Gate, and are escorted to second floor via Grand Staircase.
(Parking on East Executive Avenue.)

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH greet guests.

(Refreshments are passed.)

7:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH lead guests into Dining Room for buffet dinner. (Guests serve themselves, then sit in the hallway or the living rooms.)

8:30 p.m. (approx.) After dinner, THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH lead guests from second floor to Family Theatre via Grand Staircase for movie.

Guests are seated in Family Theatre;
popcorn is passed.

10:00 p.m. (approx.) At conclusion of movie, THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH depart Family Theatre en route residence.

All guests depart East Entrance.

FOR EVENT: DINNER/MOVIE -1/27/89

ACCEPT AND NO RESPONSE

NAME

NAME

BUFFET DINNER AND MOVIE - Friday,
January 27, 1989/7:00 p.m.

Visitors Entrance/Parking on East
Executive Avenue/Phone Invitation
Contact Social Office x7788

THE PRESIDENT & MRS. BUSH

***Houseguests-Cleared by Ushers

Ashley, Cathy (Mrs. T. W. L.)

Ashley, T. W. L. "Lud" (Hon.)

Bartlett, Charles L. (Mr.) A

Bartlett, Martha (Mrs. Charles L.) A

Burke, Bunny (Mrs. Daniel B.)*****

Burke, Daniel B. (Mr.)*****

Cook, Carole (Mrs. Lodwick) A

Cook, Lodwick "Lod" (Mr.) A

Fletcher, Arthur (Mr.) A

Fletcher, Bernyce (Mrs. Arthur) A

Gray, C. Boyden (Hon.) A

Halbouty, Billye (Mrs. Michel T.) A

Halbouty, Michel T. (Mr.) A

Hall, Adele (Mrs. Don)*****

Hall, Don (Mr.)*****

Holloway, Dabney (Mrs. James L. III) A

Holloway, James L. III (Admiral) A

Laird, Melvin R. (Mr.) A

Michel, Corinne (Mrs. Robert H.) A

Michel, Robert H. (Hon.(Rep.)) A

Montgomery, G. V. "Sonny" (Hon.Rep.) A

Moss, William (Mr.) A

Ney, Edward N. (Mr.) A

Ney, Judith (Mrs. Edward N.) A

Powell, Alma (Mrs. Colin L.) A

Powell, Colin L. (General) A

Powell, Josephine (Mrs. Lewis R. Jr) A

Powell, Lewis F. Jr (Hon.) A

Robb, Charles S. (Hon.(Sen.)) A

Robb, Lynda (Mrs. Charles S.) A

Siller, Raymond (Mr.)*****

Smith, Jean W. (Mrs. William F.) A

Smith, William French (Hon.) A

Stevens, Ted (Hon.(Sen.)) A

Strauss, Helen (Mrs. Robert S.) A

Strauss, Robert S. (Hon.) A

Thornburgh, Richard L. (Hon.) A

Valenti, Jack (Hon.) A

Valenti, Mary Margaret (Mrs. Jack) A

Webster, William H. (Hon.) A

Webster, William H. Jr (Mr.) A

Welch, John F. Jr (Mr.) A

Wright, Charles Alan (Mr.) A

Wright, Custis (Mrs. Charles Alan) A

NOTE: The Ashley's have been invited.
Waiting for a response.

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FOR EVENT: DINNER/MOVIE -1/27/89

ACCEPT AND NO RESPONSE

NAME

NAME

Total Accepts/ No Response 44

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GATE LIST

REPORT DATE: 26 JAN 1989

FOR EVENT: DINNER/MOVIE -1/27/89

REGRETS AND SUBSTITUTES

NAME

NAME

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January 27, 1989/7:00 p.m.
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THE PRESIDENT & MRS. BUSH
***Houseguests-Cleared by Ushers

Bell, Billie Byrd (Mrs. William T.)	R
Bell, William T. (Mr.)	R
Blanton, Jack S. (Mr.)	R
Bren, Donald L. (Mr.)	R

Laird, Melvin R. (Mrs.)	R
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Murdoch, Anne (Mrs. Rupert)	R
Murdoch, Rupert (Mr.)	R

Stevens, Ted (Mrs.)	R
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Thornburgh, Richard L. (Mrs.)	R
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Total Regrets/ Substitutes	9
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	TOTAL		ACCEPTS	NORSVP	REGRETS	SUBS
INVITEES:	31	=	23	4	4	0
GUESTS:	22	=	14	3	5	0
TOTALS:	53	=	37	7	9	0

Possible Attendance as of 26 JAN is 44

TOTAL GUESTS 44

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THE PRESIDENT & MRS. BUSH

***Houseguests-Cleared by Ushers

✓Ashley, Cathleen (Mrs. Thomas L.) A
✓Ashley, Thomas L. "Lud" (Hon.) A
✓Bartlett, Charles L. (Mr.) A
✓Bartlett, Martha (Mrs. Charles L.) A
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✓Burke, Daniel B. (Mr.)*****
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✓Fletcher, Arthur (Mr.) A
✓Fletcher, Bernyce (Mrs. Arthur) A
✓Gray, C. Boyden (Hon.) A
✓Halbouty, Billye (Mrs. Michel T.) A
✓Halbouty, Michel T. (Mr.) A
✓Hall, Adele (Mrs. Don)*****
✓Hall, Don (Mr.)*****
✓Holloway, Dabney (Mrs. James L. III) A
✓Holloway, James L. III (Admiral) A
✓Laird, Melvin R. (Mr.) A
✓Michel, Corinne (Mrs. Robert H.) A
✓Michel, Robert H. (Hon.(Rep.)) A
✓Montgomery, G. V. "Sonny" (Hon.Rep.) A
✓Moss, William (Mr.) A
✓Ney, Edward N. (Mr.) A
✓Ney, Judith (Mrs. Edward N.) A
✓Powell, Alma (Mrs. Colin L.) A
✓Powell, Colin L. (General) A
✓Powell, Josephine (Mrs. Lewis R. Jr) A
✓Powell, Lewis F. Jr (Hon.) A
✓Robb, Charles S. (Hon.(Sen.)) A

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✓Valenti, Jack (Hon.) A
✓Valenti, Mary Margaret (Mrs. Jack) A
✓Webster, William H. (Hon.) A
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Stevens, Ted (Mrs.) R

Thornburgh, Richard L. (Mrs.) R

Total Regrets/ Substitutes 9

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ACCEPT AND NO RESPONSE

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Total Accepts/ No Response

44

+ 2 (The President & Mrs. Bush)

46

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NAME

	TOTAL		ACCEPTS	NORSVP	REGRETS	SUBS
INVITEES:	31	=	24	3	4	0
GUESTS:	22	=	15	2	5	0
TOTALS:	53	=	39	5	9	0

Possible Attendance as of 26 JAN is $\begin{array}{r} 44 \\ + 2 \\ \hline 46 \end{array}$ (The President & Mrs. Bush)

TOTAL 199 (✓)
NO SHOWS 13 (X)

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GATE LIST

FOR EVENT: SWEARING-IN -1/27/89

ACCEPT AND NO RESPONSE

NAME

NAME

SWEARING-IN OF JAMES A. BAKER III
AS SECRETARY OF STATE, Friday
January 27, 1989/5:00 p.m.
Visitors Entrance/Limited Parking
Telephone Invitations
Contact Social Office x7788
THE PRESIDENT & MRS. BUSH

✓ Armstrong, Anne (Hon.)
✓ Armstrong, Tobin (Mr.)
✓ Avery, Nathan (Mr.)

✓ Baker, Anita (Mrs. Malcolm)
✓ Baker, Anne (Mrs. Walter B. Jr)
X Baker, Coalter Jr (Master)
✓ Baker, Douglas B. (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Eliza (Ms.)
✓ Baker, James A. III (Hon.)*****
✓ Baker, James A. IV (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Jessica (Miss)
✓ Baker, Joanne (Mrs. Lovett)
✓ Baker, John C. (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Joshua (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Julie (Mrs. Stewart A.)
✓ Baker, Lovett (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Lovett Jr (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Lynn (Mrs. Malcolm Jr)
✓ Baker, Malcolm III (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Malcolm Jr (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Mark A. (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Marshall (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Mary Bonner (Miss)
✓ Baker, Nancy (Mrs. James A. IV)
✓ Baker, Reba (Mrs. Stuart M.)
X Baker, Rosemary (Miss)
✓ Baker, Stewart A. (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Stuart M. (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Susan (Mrs. James A. III)****
✓ Baker, Tegan (Mrs. John C.)
✓ Baker, Walter Browne III (Mr.)
✓ Baker, Walter Browne Jr (Mr.)
✓ Bates, David Q. (Hon.)
✓ Bentsen, Hon.(Sen.) Lloyd
✓ Blakemore, William B. (Mr.)
✓ Bogaard, Karla (Miss)
X Boren, Hon.(Sen.) David L.
✓ Brennan, Blake (Mr.)

✓ Brennan, Blanche (Miss) A
✓ Brennan, Elizabeth (Miss) A
✓ Brown, Lewis A. (Mr.) A
✓ Brown, Sidney (Mrs. Lewis A.) A
✓ Bruce, Ann (Mrs. William K.) A
✓ Bruce, William K. (Mr.) A

✓ Cabaniss, Betty (Mrs. John) A
A ✓ Cabaniss, John (Mr.) A
A ✓ Coates, Barbara (Mrs. Francis G. Jr) A
A ✓ Coates, Cynthia (Mrs.) A
✓ Coates, Emily (Mrs.) A
A ✓ Coates, Francis G. Jr (Mr.) A
A ✓ Coe, Douglas (Mr.) A
A ✓ Crane, Edward Lilo (Dr.) A
A ✓ DABNEY, RICHARD
A X Dabney, Judith (Mrs. Robert L.) A
A X Dabney, Robert L. (Mr.) A
A ✓ Domenici, Hon.(Sen.) Pete A
A ✓ Duncan, Baker (Mr.) A
A ✓ Duncan, Sally (Mrs. Baker) A
A ✓ Domenici, MRS PETE
A ✓ Eagleburger, Lawrence S. (Hon.) A
A ✓ Eastland, Anne (Mrs. Seaborn Jr.)
A ✓ Eastland, Seaborn Jr (Mr.)
A ✓ Ebert, Alfred H. Jr (Mr.) A
A ✓ Ebert, Katherine (Mrs. Alfred H. Jr.) A
A X Edwards, Hon.(Rep.) Mickey A
A ~~Edwards, Hon.(Rep.) Mickey~~
A ✓ Fascell, Hon.(Rep.) Dante B. A
A ✓ Foley, Hon.(Rep.) Thomas S. A
A ✓ Francisco, George C. III (Mr.) A
A ✓ Francisco, Trebie (Mrs. Geo. C. III) A

A ✓ Garrett, John T. (Mr.) A
A ✓ Garrett, John T. Jr (Mr.) A
A ✓ Garrett, Mary B. (Mrs. John T.) A
A ✓ Garrett, Mary Christine (Miss) A
A ✓ Garrett, Nancy (Mrs. John T. Jr.) A
A ✓ Garrett, Traci (Miss) A
A ✓ Gerry, Lloyd H. (Mr.) A
A ✓ Gerry, Robert L. IV (Mr.) A
A X Graham, Eliza (Miss)
A ✓ Grooms, Karen Castleman (Mrs.) A

A ✓ Haemisegger, Lisa (Miss) A
A X Hatfield, Hon.(Sen.) Mark O.

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x Helms, Hon.(Sen.) Jesse	A	✓Marston, Jonathan (Mr.)	A
✓Herman, Richard (Mr.)	A	✓Martin, Anne (Ms.)	A
✓Hoggard, V. Kim (Ms.)	A	✓Martin, Dorothy M. (Mrs.)	A
✓Hoghaug, Erik (Mr.)	A	✓Martin, Francis E. III (Mr.)	A
✓Hubbard, Ford Jr (Mr.)	A	✓Martin, Mary Stuart (Ms.)	A
x Hubbard, Patricia (Mrs. Ford Jr)	A	✓McCalla, Dudley (Mr.)	A
✓Hutchinson, Marjorie (Mrs. Palmer)	A	✓McCalla, Mary Aline (Mrs. Dudley)	A
✓Hutchinson, Nancy (Miss)	A	✓McFarlin, Bruce (Mr.)	A
		✓McFarlin, Kelty (Mrs. Bruce)	A
✓Jackson, Caron (Mrs. Michael)	A	✓McHenry, A. Jerome (Mr.)	
✓Jackson, Michael (Mr.)	A	✓McHenry, A. Jerome (Mrs.)	
✓Jitkoff, Andrew (Mr.)	A	✓McHenry, Adam C. III (Mr.)	A
✓Jitkoff, Julia (Mrs. Andrew)	A	✓McHenry, Adam C. Jr (Mr.)	A
✓Jitkoff, Nicholas (Mr.)	A	✓McHenry, Carlton (Mr.)	A
✓Jitkoff, Tatiana (Miss)	A	✓McHenry, Hilary (Miss)	
✓Johnston, Nancy (Mrs. Robert A. Jr)	A	✓McHenry, Jay (Mr.)	
✓Johnston, Robert A. Jr. (Dr.)	A	✓McHenry, Katie (Miss)	
✓Jones, Brian (Mr.)	A	✓McHenry, Mary Stuart (Miss)	
✓Jones, Courtney (Miss)	A	✓McHenry, Sandra (Mrs. Adam Jr.)	A
✓Jones, M. Scott (Mr.)	A	✓McHenry, William B. (Mr.)	A
✓Jones, Melissa (Mrs. M. Scott)	A	✓McLean, Mary Hale (Mrs.)	A
		✓Meyers, Alice (Mrs. John H.)	A
✓Kelley, Edward W. (Hon.)		✓Meyers, John H. (Mr.)	A
✓Kimmitt, Robert (Hon.)	A	✓Michel, Hon.(Rep.) Robert H.	A
✓Knapp, David (Mr.)	A	✓Milano, Carol Lancaster (Mrs.)	A
✓Knapp, Letitia (Mrs. David)	A	x Moffitt, Bonner Baker (Ms.)	A
		✓Moore, Betty Kyle (Mrs. Preston Jr)	A
✓Little, Arthur F. III (Mr.)	A	✓Moore, Cheryl (Mrs. Preston III)	A
✓Little, Caroline (Mrs. Arthur F. III)	A	✓Moore, Elizabeth (Miss)	A
x Lollar, Carolyn "Klinka" (Mrs. John	A	✓Moore, James H. (Mr.)	
✓Lollar, Carolyn (Miss)	A	✓Moore, James H. (Mrs.)	
✓Lollar, John H. III (Mr.)	A	✓Moore, Preston III (Mr.)	A
✓Lovett, Edgar II (Mr.)	A	✓Moore, Preston Jr (Mr.)	A
✓Lovett, H. Malcolm Jr (Mr.)	A	✓Mosbacher, Georgette (Mrs. Robert A.)	A
✓Lovett, Mary Nell (Mrs. Malcolm Jr)	A	✓Mosbacher, Robert A. Sr (Hon.)	A
✓Lovett, Pamela (Mrs. Edgar II)	A	✓Mosbacher, Sandra S. (Mrs.)	A
✓Lugar, Hon.(Sen.) Richard G.	A	✓Mullins, Janet (Hon.)	A
✓Lummis, Frances (Mrs. William R.)	A		
✓Lummis, Frederick (Dr.)	A	✓Neff, Marlene (Mrs. Richard W. Jr)	A
✓Lummis, Marilyn (Mrs. Frederick)	A	✓Neff, Richard W. Jr (Mr.)	A
✓Lummis, Ransom C. (Mr.)	A		
✓Lummis, William R. (Mr.)	A	✓Paton, David (Dr.)	A
		✓Paton, Diane (Mrs. David)	A
✓Mantor, Elizabeth "Betsy" (Mrs. Phil	A	✓Peacock, Dexter (Mr.)	A
✓Mantor, Philip (Mr.)	A	✓Peacock, Sarah Beth (Mrs. Dexter)	A
✓Marston, Edgar J. III (Mr.)	A	✓Pell, Hon.(Sen.) Claiborne	A
✓Marston, Graeme (Mrs. Edgar J. III)	A	✓Pond, David (Mr.)	A

FOR EVENT: SWEARING-IN -1/27/89

ACCEPT AND NO RESPONSE

NAME

NAME

✓Pond, Laura (Miss)	A	✓Wyatt, Douglas (Mr.)	A
✓Pond, Shirley (Mrs. Warren)	A		
✓Pond, Warren (Mr.)	A	✓Zoellick, Robert (Mr.)	A
✓Quayle, Dan (Vice President)	A		
✓Quayle, Marilyn (Mrs. Dan)	A		
✓Randall, Eliza L. (Mrs.)	A		
✓Rehnquist, Natalie (Mrs. William)	A		
✓Rehnquist, William (Chief Justice)	A		
✓Reid, Diana (Ms.)	A		
✓Ross, Dennis (Mr.)	A		
✓Rush, Jane "Jinkie" (Mrs. Stockton)	A		
✓Rush, Stockton (Mr.)	A		
✓Schutts, Jack (Mr.)	A		
✓Schutts, Patricia (Mrs. Jack)	A		
✓Seale, John Meyers (Mr.)	A		
✓Seale, Robert A. III (Mr.)	A		
✓Seale, Robert A. Jr (Mr.)	A		
✓Seale, Virginia (Mrs. Robert A. Jr)	A		
✓Sharp, Dudley Jr (Mr.)	A		
✓Sharp, Kay (Mrs. Dudley Jr)	A		
✓Sununu, John H. (Hon.)	A		
✓Thomas, Beverly (Mrs. H. Grant)	A		
✓Thomas, H. Grant (Mr.)	A		
✓Tobin, James T. (Dr.)	A		
✓Tutwiler, Margaret (Hon.)	A		
✓Uzielli, Phillip (Mr.)	A		
✓Warner, Hon.(Sen.) John	A		
✓Weatherall, Alicia (Mrs. Robert S.)	A		
✓Weatherall, Robert S. (Mr.)	A		
✓Webb, Ceia (Mrs.)	A		
✓West, Kathryn (Mrs. Milton)	A		
✓West, Milton (Mr.)	A		
✓Whitten, Hon.(Rep.) Jamie L.	A		
✓Wilson, Barry (Mr.)	A		
✓Wilson, Ellen (Ms.)	A		
✓Wilson, Isabel (Mrs. Wallace)	A		
✓Wilson, Wallace S. (Mr.) 1625	A		
✓Winston, James O. IV (Mr.)	A		
✓Winston, S. Elizabeth (Ms.)	A		
✓Winston, William T. (Mr.)	A		
✓Wright, Hon.(Rep.) James C. Jr	A		

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GATE LIST

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FOR EVENT: SWEARING-IN -1/27/89

ACCEPT AND NO RESPONSE

NAME

NAME

Total Accepts/ No Response 210

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REGRETS AND SUBSTITUTES

NAME

NAME

SWEARING-IN OF JAMES A. BAKER IIIAS SECRETARY OF STATE, Friday
January 27, 1989/5:00 p.m.

Visitors Entrance/Limited Parking

Telephone Invitations

Contact Social Office x7788

THE PRESIDENT & MRS. BUSH

Aspin, Hon.(Rep.) Les R

Baker, James A. Jr (Mrs.) R

Beilenson, Hon.(Rep.) Anthony C. R

Biden, Hon.(Sen.) Joseph R

Broomfield, Hon.(Rep.) William S. R

Byrd, Hon.(Sen.) Robert C. R

Cheney, Hon.(Rep.) Dick R

Cohen, Hon.(Sen.) William S. R

Conte, Hon.(Rep.) Silvio R

Dickinson, Hon.(Rep.) William R

Dole, Hon.(Sen.) Robert J. R

Eagleburger, Marlene (Mrs. Lawrence) R

Farrish, William S. III (Mr.) R

Farrish, William S. III (Mrs.) R

Gibbs, Melissa (Mrs.) R

Gramm, Hon.(Sen.) Phil R

Herman, Richard (Mrs.) R

Hollings, Hon.(Sen.) Ernest F. R

Hyde, Hon.(Rep.) Henry R

Kasten, Hon.(Sen.) Robert R

Kimmitt, Holly (Mrs. Robert) R

Leahy, Hon.(Sen.) Patrick J. R

Marston, Christopher (PFC) R

Mitchell, Hon.(Sen.) George R

Moore, Mary Ruth (Miss) R

Moore, Wilson (Mr.) R

Murray, Daphne W. (Mrs.) R

Nunn, Hon.(Sen.) Sam R

Obey, Hon.(Rep.) David R

Pond, Stephen W. (Mr.) R

Pond, Stephen W. (Mrs.) R

Rogers, Hon.(Rep.) Harold R

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Total Regrets/ Substitutes 36

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INVITEES:	179	=	139	11	29	0
GUESTS:	67	=	57	3	7	0
TOTALS:	246	=	196	14	36	0

Possible Attendance as of 27 JAN is 210

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

E. S. T.
PRESIDENT BUSH

JANUARY 27th

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	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	6:53	AM	REV. JESSE JACKSON WASHINGTON, D.C. NO PHONE #	SPOKE WITH PATTY PRESOCK.
INC		PM		
OUT	7:04	AM 7:05	PATTY PRESOCK OFFICE: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 6508	TALKED OK
INC		PM		
OUT	7:43	AM 7:45	MR. CHARLES BARTLETT OFFICE: WASHINGTON, D.C. 234-3681	TALKED OK
INC		PM		
OUT	9:14	AM	MR. BILLY BELL (b)(6)	LEFT WORD TOLD PATTY PRESOCK CANCEL CALL
INC		PM		
OUT	9:18	AM 9:21	MR. DICK PEARSON OFFICE: WASHINGTON, D.C. 857-7000	TALKED OK 9:19 AM
INC		PM		
OUT	10:26	AM 12:00	MRS. DORO LEBLOND (b)(6)	TOLD PATTY PRESOCK TALKED OK 11:54 AM.
INC		PM		
OUT	12:00	AM 1:19	MR. JOHN ROBSON OFFICE: ATLANTA, GA. 404 727-6377	READY PATTY PRESOCK ASKED HIM TO RETURN CALL 1:30p. TALKED
INC		PM		
OUT		AM		OK 1:17 PM.
INC		PM		
OUT	1:07	AM 1:10	MRS JAMES BAKER JR. (b)(6)	TALKED OK 1:08 PM.
INC		PM		
OUT	2:27	AM	MR. JOHN BUSH OFFICE: NEW YORK, N.Y. 212 371-2170	at a memorial ser. told PATTY PRESOCK LEFT WORD.
INC		PM		
OUT	2:29	AM 2:32	SECRETARY JAMES BAKER OFFICE: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 420	TALKED OK 2:30P.
INC		PM		

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JANUARY 27th

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TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
PLACED				
OUT	2:33 AM	2:35	MR. MARVIN BUSH	
INC	PM		(b)(6)	TALKED OK
OUT	2:45 AM	2:53	MRS. BARBARA BUSH RESIDENCE: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. ?	NO PHONE TALKED OK 2:52 PM.
INC	PM			
OUT	3:14 AM	3:17	MR. C. BOYDEN GRAY WASHINGTON, D.C. 566-5561	TALKED OK 3:16 PM.
INC	PM			
OUT	3:35 AM	3:39	MR. CHASE UNTERMEYER OFFICE: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 689	TALKED OK
INC	PM			
OUT	3:49 AM	3:52	MR. CHASE UNTERMEYER OFFICE: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 689	TALKED OK
INC	PM			
OUT	5:45 AM	5:46	MRS. PATTY PRESOCK OFFICE: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 620	TALKED OK
INC	PM			
OUT	6:43 AM		FORMER CONG. GARRY BROWN (b)(6)	TALKED TO PATTY PRESOCK
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
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INC	PM			

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

January 27, 1989

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	9:10 AM	9:58	Conference Call: President Roh Tae Wuo	Tlkd-ok 9:51 AM
~~INC~~	PM		(b)(6)	
OUT	AM		Mr. James A. Kelly White House Situation Room White House Signal x22264	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. Chang Ho Lie White House Situation Room White House Signal x22264	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mrs. Barbara Bush Diplomatic reception Room The White House White House Admin x894	PRESUS Cancel 1:27 PM
~~INC~~	1:19 PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

1989 JAN 27 4:44

P /
Discuss
with Brent
Monday

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DATE OF SUBMISSION: Friday, January 27, 1989

PHONE NUMBER: 512-282-2611.

ACTION:

got her 1-28 6 PM

cc: Chase Untermeyer

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Friday
January 27, 1989
6:45 p.m.

PHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FORMER CONGRESSMAN GARY BROWN (served in Congress
(b)(6) with the President)
778-9012 - ofc

Wants to discuss the FSLIC.
I offered to have one of the President's assistants
return his call, but he said he wanted to talk to the
President directly.

GUIDANCE:

_____ refer to Richard Breedan
to return the call on behalf of the President

OTHER: _____


Patty Presock

1/30
9:15 am - L.W.
10:45 am - TALKed

PHONE CALLS
FRIDAY
JANUARY 27, 1989

✓ 1 Doro Bush called - call whenever
you have a minute (after lunch would
be fine).

✓ 2. REMINDER - you want to call John Robson
(Dep. Sec. Treasury)
404-727-6377

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Friday, January 27

6:00 Breakfast for the President and First Lady
6:05 The First Lady to the South Grounds
6:09 The First Lady to the Second Floor
9:30 The First Lady to the South Grounds
9:41 The First Lady to the Oval Office
10:19 The First Lady to the Second Floor
12:30 Lunch for the First Lady in the Study
12:50 The President to the South Grounds
12:57 The First Lady to the South Grounds
1:08 The President to the Oval Office
1:15 The First Lady to the Flower Shop
2:53 Mary Stewart to the Second Floor
4:30 MR. and Mrs. Hall to the Second Floor
4:30 Guest arrive for Swearing-in ceremony (199)
4:45 Mrs. Bush to the Blue Room
4:52 The President to the Blue Room
5:00 President and Mrs. Bush to the East Room for
Secretary of State James Baker swearing-in
5:20 Mr. and Mrs. Burke to the Second Floor
5:46 The President and Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
via Grand Stair Case
6:22 Mrs. Bush to the North Grounds
6:26 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
7:00 Guests arrive for private dinner Second Floor (44)
7:30 Dinner is served
8:30 Guests proceed to Movie Theater to view Working Girl
10:30 Movie concludes guests depart
10:31 President and Mrs. Bush say goodbye to guests
10:33 The President, Mr. & Mrs. Hall, and Mr. Siller
to the Second Floor
10:34 Mr. & Mrs. Burke to the Second Floor
10:36 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
10:40 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
10:42 Retired

Houseguest:

Mr. Raymond Siller - Room 213
Mr. & Mrs. Hall - Lincoln Bedroom
Mr. & Mrs. Burke - Queens Bedroom



News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EDT EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush Delivers Pep Talk To Government Workers -- President Bush, in a pep talk to top-level federal workers, told members of the much-maligned civil service Thursday they are engaged in a noble calling.

(Washington Post, Washington Times, Reuter)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bush Trip To 'Reassure' China -- A "working visit" to China by President Bush next month sends a signal that the Chinese aren't forgotten as U.S.-Soviet ties grow, foreign policy experts said Thursday.

(USA Today, Washington Times, Reuter)

Tower Says He Was Paid Over \$1 Million By Defense Firms -- Defense Secretary-designate Tower said Thursday his ties to U.S. defense contractors and a British aircraft firm netted him over \$1 million since 1986 but vowed it would not influence his actions as Pentagon head.

(Washington Post, Reuter)

NETWORK NEWS (Thursday Evening)

S&L CRISIS -- A soon-to-be released GAO study reportedly names some of the country's best-known accounting firms for failure to report the magnitude of the S&L crisis.

AFGHANISTAN -- Secretary Baker has decided to shut down the U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

ETHICS -- President Bush went before top bureaucrats to stress his commitment to their service.

NATIONAL NEWS...A-2

INTERNATIONAL...A-10

NETWORK NEWS....B-1

NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH CALLS CIVIL SERVANTS UNSUNG HEROES Remarks Signal Contrast With Reagan

In a sharp contrast to the criticism of the bureaucracy in the Reagan years, President Bush yesterday hailed government workers as "some of the most unsung heroes in America" and urged them to uphold high ethical standards.

Bush, who has been a federal employee for 18 of the last 22 years, told an audience of 3,700 senior government executives in his first speech outside the White House since his inauguration: "I've not known a finer group of people than those that I have worked with in government."

...White House aides said the speech was meant in part to emphasize that Bush is taking a conciliatory approach toward the federal establishment, in contrast to Ronald Reagan....

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A7)

Bush Delivers Pep Talk To Government Workers

President Bush, in a pep talk to top-level federal workers, told members of the much-maligned civil service Thursday they are engaged in a noble calling.

In contrast to former President Reagan..., Bush told 3,700 members of the senior executive service that "government service is a noble calling and a public trust."

"I want to make sure that public service is valued and respected because I want to encourage America's young to pursue careers in government," he added....

He also pressed his campaign for integrity in government, a message he has preached almost daily since his inauguration.

"The guiding principle will be simply to know right from wrong; to act in accordance with what is right, and to avoid even the appearance of what is wrong," he said.

(Reuter)

Bush Tells Senior Executives Ethical Behavior Is Priority

President Bush gave a stirring pep talk to 3,700 senior career government officials yesterday and promised to remove unnecessary and counterproductive regulation of federal workers.

But the President, at the same time, cautioned the senior executives that they must avoid even the appearance of any wrongdoing....

"Our duty is to serve and my strong conviction is that we must do it only for the right reasons, as you do, out of a sense of service and a love of country. Government should be an opportunity for public service, not private gain." ...

"Our principles are clear. The government service is a noble calling and a public trust. There is no higher honor than to serve free men and women; no greater privilege than to labor in government beneath the Great Seal of the United States and the American flag."

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A3)

FOR BUSH, FREE SHAVE
Honeymoon Spirit Engulfs The Capital

...President Bush is getting [the customary presidential honeymoon] -- so much so that some people accuse the press of behaving like a George Bush fan club -- even though he assumed office with certain disadvantages. Usually a new president can credibly beg the indulgence of the public and the news media because he belongs to a new generation (Kennedy), or a fresh party (Carter), or he takes over at a time of crisis (Johnson). Succeeding a popular man of his own party whom he served for two terms as a junior partner, Bush fits none of those molds.

Yet the new President and his circle found ways in the period of transition from the Reagan Presidency to the Bush Presidency to help create a honeymoon spirit, and they have found ways since Inauguration Day to keep it alive. He got down to work by brandishing symbols of the ways in which he differs from Ronald Reagan, starting with the "new breeze is blowing" leit-motif in his Inaugural Address, and continuing through the fishing and public prayer and jogging and experiments with news converage. (News Analysis, R.W. Apple, New York Times, A12)

FED'S INFLATION POLICY IS PRUDENT, BUSH NOMINEE SAYS

Michael Boskin, President Bush's nominee to head the Council of Economic Advisers, yesterday told the Senate committee considering his appointment that he had no quarrel with the Fed's policy of boosting interest rates to keep inflation in check.

Boskin...also told the Senate Banking Committee that the nation's number one economic priority must be reducing the federal deficit.

Cutting the deficit by restraining spending, he said, is the only sure way to increase U.S. saving and investment, which will enhance American competitiveness in world markets and generate larger productivity gains.

Boskin told the committee that, based on his relationship with Bush, whom he advised during the campaign, he will have regular access to the President. "I will be chief economic adviser," he said. "The Treasury secretary will be chief economic spokesman."

(John Berry, Washington Post, B3)

Top Bush Economist Sees Growth As Slower Than Reagan Projected

The man chosen by President Bush as his chief economist, Michael Boskin, disassociated himself today from President Reagan's final forecast for the economy and predicted somewhat slower growth this year.

Reagan's forecast was for a growth of 3.5%. Boskin told the Senate Banking Committee at confirmation hearings on his appointment...that he expected growth to be "a little over 3%."

Even if Boskin's lower forecast is officially adopted in Bush's budget proposals, expected on Feb. 9, the change would probably not be great enough to alter significantly the magnitude of the deficit reduction task. Nor would it upset emerging expectations that lawmakers and the Bush Administration can get through the year without raising taxes.

(Peter Kilborn, New York Times, A1)

S&L CUSTOMERS WITHDRAWING FUNDS BECAUSE OF FEE

Anxious customers are withdrawing money from S&Ls because of the Bush Administration's suggestion that depositors may be asked to pay a fee to prop up the government's S&L insurance fund, a top regulator says.

Danny Wall, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, said in an interview Thursday that the nervousness is based on a misunderstanding of what has been discussed.

"We've had problems since yesterday (Wednesday)," Wall said. "There have been cases where they say, 'I don't like what I heard on TV. I'm taking my money out.'"

No S&Ls are in trouble as a result of depositors' reaction, he said, but "I'm concerned that people don't cause themselves losses by cashing in a CD (certificate of deposit) early" and thus incurring penalties.

(Dave Skidmore, AP)

DEPOSIT FEE PLAN SPAWNS NEW DOUBTS ON BRADY Treasury Chief Was Cautioned That Proposal Would Raise Furor

...The furor that erupted this week over the [S&L levy] idea has not only undermined the new Administration's stance against raising taxes, it also has spawned new doubts about the political acumen of [Secretary] Brady, according to critics both within and outside the Administration.

The Treasury chief's detractors say he displayed naivete in sticking by the notion of imposing a 25- to 30-cent levy on each \$100 of deposits, an idea that was denounced on Capitol Hill a "boneheaded" and attacked by many banking and financial experts....

The hostile reaction has probably doomed the proposal, according to congressional leaders. But whatever the eventual outcome, the episode has again raised the questions about Brady that surfaced late last year. Visitors to the Treasury last fall reported that the new secretary seemed to lack a solid grasp of some key economic issues.

(Paul Blustein, Washington Post, A1)

INDUSTRY TRADE GROUP FLOATS S&L BAILOUT PLAN

As the storm rages over the Bush Administration's proposal to tax depositors to bail out the S&L industry, another proposal that calls for taxpayers to foot the bill is being offered by the S&L industry's largest trade group.

The proposal, released this week by the U.S. League of Savings Institutions, would cut the fee that S&Ls pay for deposit insurance. But it would tap taxpayers to bail out the sick sector of the industry, where a third of the nation's S&Ls are in financial trouble....

(Kathleen Day, Washington Post, B2)

ACCOUNTING FIRMS FACE SUIT OVER S&L AUDITS

Home Loan Board Says Problems Were Not Disclosed

Danny Wall, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, said yesterday that the board is suing a number of accounting firms -- including three of the industry's Big Eight -- for failing to disclose financial problems while auditing the books of failing S&Ls.

Wall declined to name the firms for the House Budget Committee. But he said that some may have conspired with S&L owners to commit fraud.

Meanwhile, congressional investigators are planning to refer for possible disciplinary action several of the Big Eight firms for lapses in their S&L audits, industry executives acknowledged yesterday.

(Kathleen Day, Washington Post, B2)

GAO SAYS S&L REGULATORS' PLAN EXCEEDS CASH BY \$26 BILLION

The GAO said yesterday that S&L regulators are heading for a cash crunch because they have spent or promised to spend \$26 billion more than they will take in during the next decade....

That does not include the estimated \$35 billion more regulators will have to spend to close 350 institutions that are insolvent but still open, said Charles Bowsher, GAO head.

Earlier in the hearing, the top S&L regulator, Federal Home Loan Bank Board Chairman Danny Wall, said the insurance fund is not overcommitted, although he acknowledged it would be "very soon" if it continued rescuing and closing failed S&Ls.

(Dave Skidmore, Washington Post, B1)

FOR LAWMAKERS, LBOs SERVE UP A DILEMMA

Most See A Need To Do Something -- But What?

After three days of hearings, 14 witnesses and seven hours of testimony, two things became clear yesterday about Congress' attitude toward leveraged buyouts: Legislators don't know quite what to do about them. But key leaders, fearing the LBO craze is putting many corporations deeply in debt, have decided they must do something.

After his Senate Finance Committee had listened to one federal official after another warn of the dangers of LBOs but then urge restraint in trying to curb them, Chairman Bentsen said yesterday, "We ought to try to come up with a legislative solution."

But Bentsen, like the witnesses before his tax-writing committee, acknowledged the dangers implicit in trying to curb LBOs....

Bentsen declined to commit himself to a specific plan. But apparently he was mulling an idea by Treasury Secretary Brady, who suggested reducing the tax benefits for interest on debt, which encourage LBOs, while creating partial tax deductions for dividend payments to treat dividends more like interest is treated under the tax code.

(Stan Hinden, Washington Post, B1)

WHITE HOUSE: 'NO LET UP' IN WAR ON DRUGS

President Bush isn't easing up in the drug war, his aides insist -- but some experts fear he's backing off his inaugural vow to stop the "scourge."

"There will be no let up," Press Secretary Fitzwater said Thursday.

But questions about Bush's commitment arose after:

-- Word spread that drug czar Bennett won't be in the Cabinet after all.

-- Bush said he'll stress education, not busting dealers and stopping drugs at U.S. borders....

"I think (Bush) was widely misinterpreted," said Fitzwater. "The President intends to keep the accent on all aspects of the drug problem."

(Judy Keen & Jessica Lee, USA Today, A1)

QUAYLE: 'GIVE ME A CHANCE'

Vice President Quayle is warning political humorists the joke could be on them.

"I think the American people really are saying: 'Give Dan Quayle a chance,'" he said "The more that they go at me without any foundation whatsoever, the bigger the backlash.... People will be laughing at them before it's all over." (Johanna Neuman & Bob Minzesheimer, USA Today, A1)

("Heartbeat Kid' Sees Opportunity", Vice President's interview with Neuman and Minzesheimer, appears in USA Today, A2)

LUJAN CAUTIOUS ON POLICIES AT INTERIOR

Interior Secretary-designate Lujan, facing a confirmation panel of mostly Western senators, said yesterday that he does not intend to change the pro-West positions he has developed over 20 years as a congressman from New Mexico -- unless President Bush has other ideas.

"I'm not a free agent to come up here and espouse things I've espoused over my congressional tenure, but I will ask permission to do so," said Lujan, who retired from Congress this year.

If members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee were disappointed with Lujan's noncommittal response, it was not apparent as senator after senator praised the veteran House Republican for his honesty, affability and dedication to compromise.

(Cass Peterson, Washington Post, A7)

THE TRANSITION OF JACK KEMP

As a member of Congress, conservative Jack Kemp voted against key bills on housing and the homeless. Now, as someone who says he will be an activist secretary of the \$14.5 billion HUD Department, his first job will be to find replacement strategies for many of those programs....

Kemp has won bipartisan plaudits from several of his former colleagues on Capitol Hill in recent weeks and is expected to win the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban affairs as it meets to consider his nomination today.

But even those who are optimistic about Kemp's ability to restore the nation's federal housing agenda have expressed doubt about his chances of restoring federal involvement while the Bush Administration is preoccupied with reducing the federal deficit.

(Gwen Ifill, Washington Post, A19)

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JESSE JACKSON SEEKS WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson told Attorney General Thornburgh Thursday that a White House conference on civil rights should be held to show the Bush Administration's commitment against discrimination.

After a meeting between a small group of civil rights leaders and Thornburgh at the Justice Department, Jackson said the attorney general would consider the idea.

"For the first time in eight years, the lights have been turned on in the Justice Department," said Jackson, who denounced the Reagan Administration for failing to enforce the federal civil rights laws vigorously....

Thornburgh, who did not mention the controversial civil rights policies of the Justice Department under Reagan, said the session was part of a series of meetings to establish a dialogue with civil rights groups.

"This department, as is this President, is committed to the full enforcement of the civil rights laws," he said. (Reuter)

HOUSE WOULD DEAL AWAY OUTSIDE INCOME FOR PAY RAISE

House negotiators have reached a tentative agreement that would require members to give up much more than their speaking fees in return for a 50% pay raise, according to bipartisan sources [who insisted on anonymity].

Senate leaders were not far behind in negotiating a contingency plan to restrict outside income should the raise become law, as expected, on Feb. 8, a Senate source said Thursday.

Both houses are expected to move hastily to restrict non-salary income once the raise kicks in to minimize the political damage and avoid the embarrassment of members earning considerable outside income in addition to their new salary of \$135,000. (Larry Margasak, AP)

Hill Foes Of Pay Raise Concede Initial Defeat; Repeal Effort Planned Later In Session

House opponents of the 50% congressional pay increase conceded yesterday that they will not be able to force a vote on it before it automatically goes into effect on Feb. 8 but said they will begin concentrating on strategy to seek to repeal it later this year.

Key opponents of the raise...said they failed to persuade Speaker Wright to permit a vote on a resolution of disapproval that is expected to be adopted in the Senate.

"It's clear the leadership is not going to permit any business to be transacted" before Feb. 8, Rep. Thomas Tauke (R-Iowa) said. "Now we have to focus on how to repeal it. Our message is they can run from it but they can't hide from it."

...But even some raise opponents say they are pessimistic that they will be able to rescind the raise. "The chances are really difficult," said Rep. Robert Smith (R-N.H.) "We may get a vote, but I doubt it. The speaker has to let it out of committee."

(Tom Kenworthy, Washington Post, A7)

Although He's 'Appalled,' Bush Won't Take A Stand

President Bush, who earlier described himself as "appalled" by elements of the 50% congressional pay raise, declined to take a stand on it yesterday as opponents of the measure conceded they are powerless to stop it and urged the public to demand a recorded vote....

Bush, who yesterday addressed 3,700 members of the senior executive service...did not mention the raise despite pleas Wednesday from a professional organization representing the group....

Speaking on condition that his name not be used, a senior Administration official told The Times yesterday that Bush probably would go along with whatever Congress decides to do about the raise.

(Dan Vukelich, Washington Times, A1)

BROWN'S FINAL CHALLENGER REVIEWS BID FOR DNC POST
Ex-Congressman Jones May Remain In Race

Former Oklahoma Rep. James Jones, vowing to continue to push the Democratic Party to the center, said yesterday that he may stay in the race for the party chairmanship even if he determines that Ronald Brown is assured of victory....

Jones, who met with reporters in the morning, said he plans to decide about his candidacy early next week. He warned that the Democratic Party is perceived as "a party of weakness and a party of limitations." Brown, "if he wins, will have to make some moves to move to the center and to disassociate himself from some of those perceptions if we are going to have a majority party," Jones said.

(Thomas Edsall, Washington Post, A8)

Republicans: Democrats 'Wrong' To Elect Brown

The likely election of Ron Brown as DNC chairman shows that party leadership still ignores the voters' message, Republican officials said yesterday.

"If you look where Brown came from, out of the Kennedy-liberal wing (of the party)," said Leslie Goodman, RNC Chairman Atwater's press secretary, "they (democratic leaders) are going to have to realize what the voters have been telling them repeatedly which is that they are on the wrong side of the issues."

Terry Wade, until last week RNC chief of staff, told Scripps Howard News Service, "If Brown is elected, it just demonstrates the Democratic leadership hasn't learned their lesson."

(Isaiah Poole & Donald Lambro, Washington Times, A3)

STATE MIGHT CLOSE ARMS PLANT

Colorado will shut down the federal government's Rocky Flats nuclear-weapons plant in May unless a new site is found for its hazardous wastes, Gov. Roy Romer (D) told a Senate committee yesterday.

The plant, 16 miles from Denver, is considered a critical part of the nation's network of nuclear-weapons factories. It is the only plant capable of processing plutonium for nuclear weapons and is the only fabricator of nuclear-warhead triggers....

"We must find a solution by May or we aren't going to have production at Rocky Flats," he said, adding that he doesn't want to close the plant but that "it is an action I will take if I have to."

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(Washington Post, A4)

FAA ORDERS INSPECTION OF ENGINE BOLTS ON 737s

In response to last Friday's incident where an engine fell off a Piedmont Airlines jet, the government yesterday ordered increased inspections of the engine attachment bolts and support structures on 432 Boeing 737 jets.

The order was issued simultaneously with an urgent recommendation from the National Transportation Safety Board for more detailed inspections.

The order applies to all Boeing 737-100 and -200 models operating in the U.S., the FAA said. (Washington Post, A4)

NO GLOBAL WARMING SEEN IN 96 YEARS OF U.S. DATA

If there is a global warming trend, it has not shown up in records of the average annual temperature in the U.S. since 1895, according to researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The scientists say their studies on the 48 lower states do not contradict other research which indicates that a global warming has begun. (Philip Hiltz, Washington Post, A3)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Congressional Honoraria: Quick And Easy Income," appears in The Washington Post, A1.

"Liberals' 'Blueprint' For The '90s," appears in The Washington Post, A19.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BUSH TO VISIT CHINA NEXT MONTH, SOUTH KOREA STOP POSSIBLE

President Bush will make a two-day stopover in China after his trip to Japan next month for Emperor Hirohito's funeral and White House sources said a presidential visit to South Korea was also likely.

In announcing the President would visit Beijing for talks with Chinese leaders Feb. 25 and 26, White House spokesman Fitzwater told reporters Thursday: "It is clearly in an expanding mode."

Asked if Bush would stop in South Korea on his way to or from Hirohito's funeral on Feb. 24, another White House official said, "It's possible."
(Gene Gibbons, Reuter)

Bush To Meet 'Old Friend' Deng Before Sino-Soviet Summit

BEIJING -- President Bush's two-day visit to China next month will include talks with Chinese leader Deng, pre-empting the Sino-Soviet summit meeting widely expected in April or May.

Beijing-based diplomats on Friday said the President's whistlestop itinerary on Feb. 25 and 26 would leave time for "little more than handshakes" but nevertheless be a symbolic affirmation of Sino-American ties ahead of Mikhail Gorbachev's trip to Beijing....

"Washington is not opposed to better ties between China and the Soviets but wants to show it is paying close attention to the shift," a Western diplomat said Friday. Chinese officials are expected to brief Bush on the summit preparations.

The New China News Agency on Friday quoted a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying Bush would meet with Deng and "other leaders" -- probably President Yang, Premier Li and Communist Party leader Zhao.
(Andrew Roche, Reuter)

Bush Trip To 'Reassure' China

A "working visit" to China by President Bush next month sends a signal that the Chinese aren't forgotten as U.S.-Soviet ties grow, foreign policy experts said Thursday....

Press Secretary Fitzwater said Bush decided to visit China "to offer our support as they inch toward some openness in their society and some economic reforms."

Georgetown University professor Ray Cline sees the trip as "tactical rather than policy-oriented, to emphasize his expertise in foreign affairs and to emphasize his awareness of the importance of Asia."

Duke University political scientist Jerry Hough agrees. "He's got to reassure the Chinese that we're still interested. China became a very low priority under President Reagan."
(Jessica Lee, USA Today, A5)

President Focuses On Asia, Plans Beijing, Seoul Visits

TOKYO -- The Bush Administration is starting off with a renewed Asian emphasis in U.S. foreign policy by adding China and South Korea stops to the President's visit to Japan next month for Emperor Hirohito's funeral.

Administration officials yesterday raised the possibility the trip may be expanded further, to include the Philippines and other nations in the region.

With China involved diplomatically in the unfinished business of the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia and awaiting a visit from Soviet leader Gorbachev, the Bush Administration is likely to continue making East Asia a priority foreign policy arena.

Analysts see signs that Bush, because of his background and a changing world political and economic scene, may become more of a "China hand" than his predecessor, Ronald Reagan.

(News Analysis, Edward Neilan, Washington Times, A1)

TOWER SAYS HE WAS PAID OVER \$1 MILLION BY DEFENSE FIRMS

Defense Secretary-designate Tower said Thursday his ties to U.S. defense contractors and a British aircraft firm netted him over \$1 million since 1986 but vowed it would not influence his actions as Pentagon head.

"I will have to stand primarily on my reputation as an honest public servant," the former Texas senator told the Senate Armed Services Committee on the second day of hearings on his nomination by President Bush.

"I'm going to be held accountable by the President of the United States. I'm going to be held accountable by you," he said when pressed on the conflict of interest issue.

Tower, expected to be approved by the Senate for the Cabinet post, promised to take no part in any future Defense Department decision to ban firms for which he had worked from doing government business.

(Charles Aldinger, Reuter)

Tower Got \$750,000 As Defense Consultant

Defense Secretary-designate Tower told the Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday that he had been paid more than \$750,000 as a consultant for leading defense contractors during the past 2½ years, but said it would not influence his decisions at the Pentagon and vowed to "bend over backward" to avoid even the appearance of conflicts of interest.

Tower's repeated and adamant denials of conflicts of interest from his consulting work...drew praise from Republicans, but expressions of misgivings from Senate Armed Services Chairman Nunn.

While praising his integrity, Nunn said he was troubled by the "perception" of Tower's ability to operate in an objective fashion, as well as the practical impossibility of isolating himself from decisions affecting his former clients.

"Frankly, the difficulty here is not that you have worked for a contractor as a consultant, but the number of them, five or six or seven of the major corporations," said Nunn. "If you were to recuse yourself on all of them, you couldn't be secretary of defense."

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A1)

Tower Says 'Star Wars' Umbrella Over All Of U.S. Unrealistic

Defense Secretary-designate Tower said Thursday a "Star Wars" defense could not protect all Americans from nuclear missiles but he supported limited deployment of such a system as soon as feasible.

Tower also said a decision would be made soon by the Bush Administration on whether to support or cut former President Reagan's controversial request for \$5.9 billion in research next year for SDI.

(Charles Aldinger, Reuter)

Senate Panel Amicable In Questioning Of Tower

On the first day of his confirmation hearings before the Senate Armed Services Committee Wednesday, John Tower joked that he had brought along a small cheering section. By the time the committee finished questioning Tower yesterday about his past links to major defense contractors, the cheering section included the panel itself.

Most of the jury appeared to have made up their minds before they heard all the evidence and sounded unhappy at even having to raise the issue. "I am not only comfortable but fully confident that he is prepared to do the job with an exceptional performance," said Sen. Wilson....

(Dan Balz, Washington Post, A6)

JAPAN DEFENSE CHIEF REGRETS TOWER'S REMARKS

TOKYO -- Defense Minister Kichiro Tazawa expressed regret Friday at remarks by Defense Secretary-designate Tower [during his confirmation hearing] that Japan should share a larger portion of spending on common defense.

Tazawa told reporters that Japan had steadily built up its defense capabilities under its "exclusively defense-oriented" policy and under the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty....

"It is regrettable that Mr. Tower...called (on Japan) to further build up its defense capabilities," he said. (Reuter)

THREE TO PLEAD GUILTY IN PENTAGON FRAUD CASE -- ABC NEWS

Three people were expected to plead guilty Friday to charges connected with the Defense Department procurement scandal, ABC News said.

The television network reported Thursday night that two of the plea bargains involved admissions of illegal campaign contributions to key congressmen.

A court hearing was scheduled for Friday morning in Alexandria.

(Reuter)

ARAFAT WILL NOT VISIT WASHINGTON WITHOUT A BUSH INVITATION

CAIRO -- PLO Chairman Arafat will not address an Arab-American convention in Washington unless he receives an invitation from the Bush Administration, a Palestinian official said Thursday.

Nabil Shaath, a senior member of the Palestine National Council, told Reuters in a telephone interview that Arafat had not applied for the visa to enter the U.S.

"He will not attempt to go by the back door," Shaath said.

"It must be a clear invitation from the U.S. Administration."

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(Reuter)

ISRAEL MUST GIVE LAND FOR PEACE, SHULTZ WARNS

In his valedictory on the Middle East peace process, Secretary Shultz renewed U.S. support for Israel's security but warned that there can be no peace unless Israel ends two decades of military occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights.

Writing on his last full day in office, Shultz said that the new U.S. dialogue with the PLO, which he initiated last month, marks no change in the U.S. "commitment to Israel." But he made it clear that there are wide gaps between the American and Israeli approaches to a Middle East settlement.

In a two-page letter to California Rep. Mel Levine (D), Shultz provided a concise summary of current U.S. policy toward the Arab-Israeli conflict. It forms the starting point for the Bush Administration's consideration of the issue. (Norman Kempster, Los Angeles Times)

PEREZ DE CUELLAR CONCERNED OVER TOUGHER ISRAELI CRACKDOWN

UNITED NATIONS -- Secretary General Perez de Cuellar expressed concern on Thursday over tougher measures adopted recently by Israel against the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

"The uprising...remains a grave subject of concern for the international community," he told a meeting of the U.N. Palestine Rights Committee.

"I am particularly disturbed by the toughening of the measures taken in recent weeks and the high number of deaths caused by bullets," he said. (Reuter)

U.S. EMBASSY IN KABUL TO BE EVACUATED, CLOSED Baker Acts As Afghan Situation Worsens

Secretary Baker, in one of his first acts after taking the oath of office, has ordered the closing of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul and the evacuation of the handful of American diplomats remaining in Afghanistan as the situation there deteriorates, Administration officials said yesterday....

An Administration official who asked not to be identified said the decision was taken because of a U.S. conclusion that the Kabul regime will be incapable of providing adequate security as the situation in Afghanistan deteriorates with the pullout of Soviet armed forces.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A16)

SOVIET BOMBS KILL HUNDREDS IN AFGHAN EXIT

ISLAMABAD -- Hundreds of Afghan civilians have died in Soviet reprisal bombings north and south of the strategic Salang Tunnel, the route of withdrawal for Soviet forces from Afghanistan, Western diplomats reported yesterday.

The diplomats described the shelling as an "atrocity" and quoted Afghan sources and eye-witnesses as saying that Soviet tanks had crushed the bodies of the hundreds of civilian victims of Soviet jets and Soviet-Afghan artillery.

Soviet forces and elite Afghan units carried out the attacks in the area on Monday in their bid to keep open the mountainous highway linking Kabul and the Soviet border, the diplomats said. (Washington Times, A1)

NAJIBULLAH INVITES PEREZ DE CUELLAR KABUL

UNITED NATIONS -- President Najibullah of Afghanistan has invited Secretary General Perez de Cuellar to visit Kabul, the wartorn capital that could be plunged into a bloodbath once the last Soviet soldier leaves.

Western diplomats on Thursday interpreted Najibullah's invitation as a bid to legitimize the government in Afghanistan, where people are facing what one U.N. official called a "killing combination" of lack of food and heating oil.

The secretary general's spokesman, Francois Giuliani, said the invitation was being considered but he declined to speculate whether it would be accepted as Soviet troops prepare for final withdrawal from Afghanistan on Feb. 15.

Other sources said they thought it was highly unlikely that Perez de Cuellar would make the trip. (Reuter)

REBELS SEND FOOD CONVOY TO KABUL Purpose Is To Gain Support Of Residents

TORKHAM, Afghanistan -- Afghan guerrillas, whose troops surround Kabul and Jalalabad, sent a convoy of 43 trucks loaded with flour and rice from this post on the Afghan-Pakistani border today in an effort to ease food shortages in the two government-held cities and to win the support of their residents....

The fractious guerrilla alliance also is eager to demonstrate that it can administer services for the cities and towns it hopes to capture following the withdrawal of Soviet forces from the country, scheduled to be completed by Feb. 15.... (James Rupert, Washington Post, A1)

STATE DEPARTMENT PROBES CHARGE OF U.S. BIO WEAPON AID TO IRAQ

The State Department said Thursday it had no evidence to back a claim by a U.S. senator that Iraq had obtained a potent strain of bacteria from the U.S. that could be used for biological weapons.

Spokesman Redman said the State Department was not aware of any U.S. involvement in the alleged affair but it would continue to look into the senator's [McCain] accusation.... (Reuter)

U.S. SAYS LIBYA STILL NOT ABLE TO MAKE POISON GAS AT FACTORY

The U.S. said Thursday it agreed with West German officials that Libya was not yet able to make poison gas at a chemical weapons factory it had built south of Tripoli....

State Department spokesman Redman said the U.S. government has been saying for some time that Libya did not yet have the capability to produce chemical arms, although it was on the verge of full-scale production.

"That's still our evaluation," Redman told a news briefing. (Reuter)

BONN TO WORK WITH U.S. AGAINST LIBYAN PLANT
Kohl Pledges To 'Coordinate' With Allies
To Block Chemical Arms Production

BONN -- In his clearest statement of intent to cooperate with Washington, West German Chancellor Kohl said today that Bonn "will coordinate with its partners and allies on how to prevent" an alleged Libyan chemical weapons plant "from beginning production of chemical weapons."

Kohl...issued the conciliatory statement a day after meeting with World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman and after the seizure of new documents in the affair.

In addition to Kohl's announcement that Bonn will coordinate with its allies on the matter, his chief spokesman, Friedhelm Ost, said, the meeting with Bronfman included a discussion of the "alleged participation" of West German firms in the plant. (Robert McCartney, Washington Post, A18)

U.S. SPLIT ON HIGH-TECH TRADE WITH SOVIETS

The Defense Department, in an apparent split with foreign policy makers, said on Thursday the U.S. should not consider easing trade controls with the Soviet Union until Moscow completed its withdrawal from Afghanistan....

At a news briefing, Pentagon spokesman Fred Hoffman declined to acknowledge a dispute [between the Pentagon and State Department, reportedly initiated in the previous administration between then-Secretaries Carlucci and Shultz].

But he said: "We view it as premature to reconsider relaxation of this policy before the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan has been concluded.

"And of course...any modification of the policy is a matter for the President to decide, based on the strategic situation at that time."

(Reuter)

BUGGED MOSCOW EMBASSY MIGHT BE SOLD
Superpowers Mull Offer To Convert Facility To Private Offices

A bid by American business to take over the bugged U.S. Embassy building in Moscow to use as private offices is being explored here and in the Soviet Union, the State Department said yesterday.

Spokesman Redman, responding to a report in the Journal of Commerce, said a plan for privatizing the incomplete U.S. Embassy chancery was presented to the State Department by Dwayne Andreas, chairman of the Archer Daniels Midland Co. and a cochairman of the U.S.-Soviet Trade and Economic Council. Redman said informal exploration of the idea has been undertaken with Soviet officials in Moscow but that no reply has been received. (Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A18)

NORIEGA OPENS BANK, PERHAPS FOR LAUNDERING

PANAMA CITY -- Gen. Noriega...has opened his own bank here in what U.S. and Panamanian sources see as a move to expand military control over the economy and, possibly, corner a revived drug-money laundering business....

"It's a full-service bank for money-laundering activities," said a knowledgeable U.S. official. "The idea is to cut out the middleman." He asserted that the military is "trying to corner the market on money-laundering," which he said is "flourishing right now."

Other U.S. officials and Panamanian banking sources said they believed the new bank was Noriega's response to a U.S. sting operation last year against an international bank that he used to launder millions of dollars in drug cash....

"This way he (Noriega) can control who knows what.... He doesn't have to deal with outsiders anymore," said one highly placed U.S. banking source familiar with the new Noriega bank.

(William Branigin, Washington Post, A1)

LEFT, DIPLOMATS FEAR STEP-UP OF SALVADORAN FIGHTING

SAN SALVADOR -- Diplomats and leftist politicians said today that if the government maintained its rejection of a rebel peace proposal, it would lead to a rapid escalation of the war aimed at impeding the March 19 presidential elections....

Diplomats who monitor the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) said they were surprised by the quick government rejection in light of the guerrillas' concessions, but said [President] Duarte could be forced to become more flexible under pressure from the U.S., Western Europe and Latin America.

Surprisingly, staff writer John Goshko reported, a more upbeat view of the FMLN proposal came from the State Department in Washington, where officials disputed the idea that Duarte had rejected it categorically....

U.S. officials said that a close reading of Duarte's remarks Wednesday night does not support claims by the largely rightist Salvadoran media that his rejection of the proposal left no room for flexibility....

(Douglas Farah, Washington Post, A16)

U.S. Says Salvadoran Rebel Vote Proposal Worth Study

The U.S. said Thursday a proposal by Salvadoran rebels to participate in elections if they were delayed is worth studying.

"Any proposal such as this is worthy of serious and substantive consideration, which it is receiving (in El Salvador)," State Department spokesman Redman said at a news briefing....

Redman said Salvadoran officials were reviewing the proposal, set out in an FMLN document.

"We understand that President Duarte has said that the FMLN document introduced a very important point."

He said Duarte had stated that, for the first time in history, the FMLN had agreed there was a method other than violence for reaching power..

"This is something for Salvadoran leaders to consider.... The president has in fact circulated (the document) to a number of other Salvadoran leadership groups," Redman said.

(Reuter)

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VIETNAM'S ENVOY ON RARE VISIT HERE FOR TALKS

Vietnam's ambassador to the U.N., on a rare visit to Washington facilitated by the Bush Administration, said yesterday that the time has come to heal the wounds of war between Vietnam and the U.S.

Trinh Xuan Lang...was granted special exemption from the tight travel restrictions that otherwise limit Vietnamese diplomats to New York City and environs....

State Department spokesman Redman said officials from the NSC staff, the National League of POW/MIA Families and State and Defense departments would discuss with Lang further moves to account for American troops missing in Vietnam. (Washington Post, A18)

SIHANOUK VOWS TO BOYCOTT TALKS ON CAMBODIAN PEACE

BEIJING -- Cambodian resistance leader Prince Sihanouk announced today that he is boycotting upcoming scheduled peace talks because the Phnom Penh government rejected his plan to end the 10-year conflict in Cambodia.

The action by Sihanouk, who has frequently used such shock tactics in the past to bolster his position, appeared to be aimed at strengthening his hand for negotiations at a later date. But it also seemed to indicate that the warring Cambodian factions, as well as the larger powers backing them, are now wrangling with the toughest questions obstructing a peace pact. (Daniel Southerland, Washington Post, A18)

AIR FORCE SEES NO MECHANICAL FAILURE IN B1 CRASH

...An Air Force report released yesterday said the [B1] bomber that crashed just after midnight Nov. 18 showed no signs of mechanical failure, indicting the service is preparing to blame the mishap on pilot error.

Investigators reported, however, that the bomber cut short its training flight partially because of aircraft maintenance problems and deteriorating weather, missed its first landing approach in the overcast weather and had requested an instrument landing on its second and final runway approach. (Molly Moore, Washington Post, A4)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Central America: An Early Priority For James Baker," appears in The Christian Science Monitor, A1.

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Thursday Evening, January 26)

S&Ls

NBC's Tom Brokaw: It's clear tonight that a lot of people knew some time ago that too many savings and loans in this country were a disaster waiting to happen. Now officials are saying the cost of saving this industry could be as high as \$100 billion, and it's going up every day that something isn't done. The head of the GAO told Congress today that big-time accounting companies must share the blame.

NBC's Irving R. Levine reports some big accounting firms are blamed in the GAO report for failing to spot fraud and mismanagement in savings and loans that went broke, sometimes only weeks after getting a clean bill of health from accountants. Members of Congress charged today that in some cases, accounting firms covered up for the S&Ls in order not to lose them as customers.

(Danny Wall: "We have currently 11 suits underway against accounting firms. The accounting profession is clearly being pursued and being identified as part of the problem.")

It was also disclosed at the hearing that some law firms are being held responsible for the S&L mess. And the federal agency that is supposed to regulate S&Ls also was the target of criticism, from the GAO, for allowing one S&L to switch examiners because it found the ones assigned to it too tough. Still unresolved: what to do about the mess. The Administration idea that was floated yesterday to charge depositors a fee for insuring their savings came in for more criticism.

(Rep. Slattery: "To try and raise the money needed to deal with the problem by increasing taxes on deposits is just absolutely incredible.")

The White House acknowledges that the idea of making depositors pay for insurance is a public relations disaster, but for the moment it is clinging to the idea for lack of a better one. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: More this evening about the taxpayer billions to bail out savings and loans ruined by mismanagement and corruption. A soon-to-be released U.S. Government study reportedly named some of the nation's best-known accounting firms for failure to find or report the bungling and looting. Word of this comes as the top regulator in charge of thrifts says it could cost the taxpayers billions more.

CBS's Rita Braver reports savings and loans are in such bad shape the top regulator could not even estimate how much more a cleanup will cost above the \$38 billion spent last year. Sources say that in a report due out next week the GAO will recommend that the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants take disciplinary action against Arthur Young and another big firm for sloppy procedures. But there is plenty of blame to go around.

(Robert Ely, analyst: "It's asking a little much, particularly years after the fact, to blame the accounting firms for not having blown the whistle on some of these savings and loans when that is what the regulators were there to do.") (CBS-Lead)

ABC's Sheilah Kast reports the House Budget Committee is on a quest to find out how much it is going to cost to solve the S&L problem. Estimates range up to \$100 billion, but the committee did not get a precise answer from the chairman of the office that regulates S&Ls. (Danny Wall: "The quicker the problem is dealt with, the less expensive, the less costly it's going to be.") Neither Wall nor anyone on the committee backed the idea floated by the Bush Administration of a new fee to be paid by depositors. But the committee agreed when Wall said the thrift industry doesn't have enough money to bail itself out. (Rep. Panetta: "The fact is, one way or another, the American taxpayer will have to bear this burden.") But the committee is talking about a package deal: before Congress puts up more public money, it wants changes in the way the system works. Some members were troubled by a GAO report, to be released next week, which found that private accounting firms -- including some of the Big 8 firms -- failed to uncover fraud and mismanagement at S&Ls just before they failed. The government's chief accountant declined to say whether his agency's report will describe simple negligence or something worse by accountants, but he said they ought to be able to see through lies by S&L managers. (ABC-9)

AFGHANISTAN

ABC's Peter Jennings: We're going to begin tonight with another indication of how violent and unstable the situation has become in Afghanistan as Soviet troops continue to pull out. The new Secretary of State, James Baker -- and it is his first day of the job -- has decided to shut down the U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

ABC's John McWethy reports it was a decision that could not wait. Conditions in Kabul were quickly getting worse and the lives of those Americans still there were judged to be at risk. Other countries are expected to follow the U.S. lead. (NBC-6, CBS-9, ABC-Lead)

GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Jennings: There may be a great deal of detail on the new President's plate, but what he's talking about in public has to do with the quality of government rather than its specific functions. Mr. Bush is stressing ethics. In fact, it is the theme of this first week in office.

ABC's Brit Hume: For the third day this week, the President sought to stress his commitment to improved government ethics. This time, with his top appointees on stage and the Marine band booming, he went before the top bureaucrats in Washington, all 3,700 of them -- a group Ronald Reagan never addressed on a subject his critics said he didn't address either.

(President Bush: "The guiding principle will be simply to know right from wrong, to act in accordance with what is right and to avoid even the appearance of what is wrong. Government should be an opportunity for public service, not private gain.")

But the President also made clear he wants the ethics commission he named yesterday to streamline and simplify the rules so they don't make government service unattractive and frustrating.

Hume continues:

(President: "I believe that there is tremendous pent-up energy in the federal government -- a powerful force for good that needs to be released. And I want to be the President to do that.")

As vice president, though, Mr. Bush supported Ronald Reagan's pocket veto of an ethics bill whose congressional sponsors are pushing it again. That complex bill is more about policing people than releasing them.

(Sen. Levin: "We don't reduce sanctions, we don't make it easier to violate our ethical laws. If President Bush has any suggestions for where there is overregulation, he should forward them to us.")

The President will probably be able to work with Congress on this issue. He seems determined, though no one here would ever put it this way, to abolish what under President Reagan came to be called the "sleaze factor." (ABC-10)

Brokaw: President Bush promoted ethics in government, the second time this week that he took up that theme. This time it was a speech to senior civil servants. He asked them to set an example, saying the guiding principle will be to know right from wrong. The President said government service, after all, is for public service -- not private gain. (NBC-11)

Rather: President Bush again talked of ethics in government today.

During the campaign, Mr. Bush promised strict ethics would be one of his priorities. He did so then amid complaints about the ethics and conduct in office of a number of high officials in the Reagan-Bush Administration. Questions were also raised when Mr. Bush supported President Reagan's veto of last year's ethics in government bill. Today, President Bush accentuated ethics in a speech to hundreds of top federal managers.

(President: "The guiding principle will be simply to know right from wrong, to act in accordance with what is right and to avoid even the appearance of what is wrong.") (CBS-3)

TOWER NOMINATION

NBC's Andrea Mitchell reports John Tower told the Senate Armed Services Committee he earned more than \$1 million from defense contractors in the past, but as defense secretary would show no favoritism when making decisions involving his former clients. The chairman questioned that.

(Sen. Nunn: "How can Sen. Tower be objective after receiving from 3/4 of a million to a million dollars in fees from these defense contractors over the last two years -- how can he then be objective in protecting both the national security and taxpayers' interest?")

Tower: "I think the likelihood is that, if anything, I would bend over backwards."

Nunn: "So the people who ought to be worried are the former clients." Laughter.)

Tower was working for LTV when it sold the Pentagon a military version of a jet, \$100 million for a plane the Pentagon did not originally want. According to congressional sources, one of those responsible for successfully pushing the contract for the jet was Tower, who earned \$246,000 from LTV. Today Tower acknowledged he called committee staff members and senators about the program.

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Mitchell continues:

(Nunn: "Were any of those contacts before your firm registered under the lobbying act on February 2, 1988?"

Tower: "I did make one or two contacts. I would not construe those as lobbying.")

He did not register as a lobbyist until the day after the first news report of his involvement. But Tower said on this one contract he would take no action as defense secretary, to avoid a conflict. Critics say not enough protection for the public.

(Dina Pasor, Project on Military Procurement: "And you're never going to know whether John Tower did this for the taxpayer or his buddies in the defense industry who he's allied himself with for years.")

Some committee members say the laws regulating lobbyists are too loose. Today Tower himself recommended tightening the same laws that permitted him to make so many deals. (NBC-2)

CBS's David Martin reports members of the Senate Armed Services Committee said the appearance of a conflict of interest remains. Tower said he would only disqualify himself from decisions involving the relatively obscure LTV plane. He said that was the only system he openly lobbied for. The Justice Department has assured the Armed Services Committee there is no evidence Tower is involved in the current scandal in which consultants for defense contractors allegedly bribed Pentagon employees for insider information.

(CBS-2)

WRIGHT CASE

CBS's Bob Schieffer reports ultra-conservative groups are pressuring the House Ethics Committee to censure Speaker Wright. Until now, no one can recall the committee being openly lobbied. But pressure groups see it as a chance to dump Wright, and with the committee divided evenly, Republicans like Charles Payashan are caught in the middle. Using direct mail, one group urged Payashan's constituents to write or call the Congressman to urge Wright's expulsion from Congress. To former Congressman Stokes, that kind of lobbying is tantamount to tampering with a jury in a court of law. Payashan agrees. In the meantime, the committee wants to complete the investigation in about a month and hopes to do it, as Payashan says, untampered. (CBS-4)

ECONOMY

Brokaw reports the government says orders for "big ticket" durable goods rose last month more than 6%. (ABC-12, NBC-14)

CHINA TRIP

Jennings: The White House made it official today: President Bush will spend two days visiting China next month after he goes to Japan for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito. (NBC-3, CBS-5, ABC-11)

GORBACHEV/SAKHAROV

Jennings reports Andrei Sakharov and Yelena Bonner have told a French newspaper they believe Mikhail Gorbachev will soon be overthrown. "We would not bet ten rubles on Mr. Gorbachev unless he holds open elections to show he has public support for his reform," they said. Otherwise, the Sakharovs say, the conservatives will overthrow Gorbachev or at least impose their views on him. (NBC-5, ABC-2)

SOVIET ECONOMY

Brokaw reports one of Gorbachev's leading advisors says the real Soviet deficit is almost three times the official estimate -- the equivalent of \$165 billion. He said their problem is so bad that economic reforms will produce no improvement in the Soviets' standard of living for at least six years. (NBC-4)

POLAND

CBS's Bert Quint reports talks scheduled to begin early next month could lead to the government legalizing the union, and for both sides it is a gamble. By collaborating with the government, Walesa and his aides could share with the regime the wrath of a desperate populace. Already, opposition groups have taken to the streets, disgusted with Solidarity's moderation. For the regime, consulting with Solidarity could be the only way to win financial aid from Western nations, but it could also give the union a chance to become a political force and challenge the Communist Party's monopoly on power. In the countryside, there is a sense of hopelessness. (CBS-10)

NUCLEAR CLEANUP

ABC's Barry Serafin reports governors and senators from states that are home to this country's bomb factories came to Capitol Hill demanding those weapons plants be cleaned up. Today, words like "nightmare" and "scandal" were used to describe four decades of accidents, official neglect, pollution and contamination at nuclear weapons plants in a dozen different states. A new Energy Department report says it could cost up to \$114 billion to clean up 15 nuclear weapons plants across the country, to bring them into compliance with health and safety standards and deal with radioactive waste. Estimates from Congress and the GAO are higher -- \$155 billion. And it will take decades. Some who have studied the enormity of the problem believe there will be some weapons plant sites so dirty and dangerous they can never be cleaned up. They have even given them a name: national sacrifice zones. (ABC-12)

ARMS SMUGGLING/JUNG

ABC's Dennis Troute reports on the activities of J.W. Jung, arrested last week for trying to smuggle nerve gas out of the country. Federal officials are now looking at the possibility of adding espionage charges to this affidavit alleging arms export violations. (ABC-3)

TEACHING MATH

ABC's Bettina Gregory reports that the National Research Council says three out of four American students do not have the mathematical skill to sustain our technological society. One reason, the council says, is it is socially acceptable to do badly in math. The report asks teachers to turn away from pencil-and-paper techniques and memorization to practical lessons. The report concludes the main reason why so many students have fear and loathing of mathematics is because of the rigid, outdated way it is taught. (NBC-7, ABC-5)

DROUGHT

ABC's Charles Thomas reports the drought that began in 1988 continues in the Great Plains. The continued dry spell has midwestern farmers concerned about their winter wheat crop. But with five months left in the winter wheat growing season, agriculture experts advise farmers and consumers not to panic. (ABC-8)

ATWATER

NBC's Ken Bode profiles Lee Atwater. This is not your typical Republican national chairman. On his first weekend in office, with his boss looking on, Lee Atwater made some nifty moves. (TV Coverage: Atwater playing guitar with the President and blues musicians at the Washington Convention Center.) Atwater and George Bush are close friends and jogging buddies, and Atwater looks to become one of the most powerful party chairmen in modern times -- a sort of presidential assistant for politics. (Atwater: "Democrats, I don't think are going to -- they don't like me for some reason. I'm actually very lovable.") Now President Bush and Lee Atwater want to improve Republican standing among blacks. Atwater believes that at least middle class blacks may be ready to listen to Republicans. (Atwater: "I am convinced the times have changed and events have changed and now we have a shot at it. We're going to have to break down the barriers. We've got to take the initiative.") The effort has already begun: the Bush family worshipping at a black church and Atwater speaking at Martin Luther King's church. Black leaders say they will be looking for more than symbolism. They will be judging the Republicans on substance, like affirmative action and black appointments. As for Atwater: (Benjamin Hooks: "And I'm not going to completely rule Lee Atwater out. I'll be watching him very closely, like I'm sure he'll be watching us in the black community.") Atwater says he'll put a command focus on outreach to blacks. And with the Reagan team barely out of town, big signs of change in the Republican style. Their opening act is something very new to the nation's capital. (NBC-12)

RON BROWN

CBS's Bruce Morton reports on Ronald Brown, leading candidate for DNC chairman, and the debate over the direction of the Democratic Party. Even though former Congressman Jim Jones remains in the race, everyone agrees it's over. Some Democrats argue he is too liberal and will send the wrong message to the South. (CBS-11)

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1:00 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

PRESIDENT/NEWS CONFERENCE (Lori Santos, UPI) -- President Bush, holding his first presidential news conference today, assured Americans that deposits in the nation's failing savings and loan industry "are backed by the full faith credit of the government" and he has no plans to change that. Dropping into the White House press room on only about 20 minutes notice, Bush, his voice rasping, said a recent proposal to charge depositors a fee to help bail out the industry had not reached his desk and remained only an option under consideration. And responding to the storm of controversy that has arisen in Congress and charges that he is abandoning his pledge of "no new taxes," Bush said the criticism "doesn't mean any thinking along those lines should cease."

(David Espo, AP) -- President Bush, convening his first news conference far from prime time, said today he intends no "footdragging" in U.S.-Soviet affairs and that his trip to China next month was not intended to unsettle relations with the Kremlin. Bush also gave his endorsement to a proposed \$45,000 pay raise for members of Congress and sidestepped questions about a proposal to place a fee on savings accounts to help rescue the troubled savings and loan industry. The free-wheeling question and answer session, lasting more than 40 minutes, marked the end of Bush's first week in the Oval Office, and the new President summed it up by saying, "There is still a wonder of it all."

(Michael Gelb, Reuter) -- President Bush, in his first White House news conference, assured the American people today that their deposits in financially troubled thrift institutions were safe. "Those deposits are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government and they are sound, they are dollar-good," Bush said, wrapping up his first week as President. "I just wanted to assure the American people about that." Bush, speaking horsely because of a cold, refused to commit himself on a Treasury proposal to assess a fee on deposits in thrifts and banks to provide money to beef up the industry. Bush said the controversial suggestion was "only a facet -- a possible facet" and had not even reached his desk. Bush announced he would briefly visit Seoul next month on his way home from Japan and China.

HOSTAGES/IRAN (Nicosia/AP) -- Iran's president today criticized President Bush for saying that Washington would appreciate help in gaining the release of the nine Americans held hostage in Lebanon, Tehran radio reported. Also today, hopes faded that two Britons held hostage in Lebanon would be freed soon. A radio station said the expected release was "mere speculation." Apparently interpreting Bush's statements to mean that release of the hostages was a pre-condition for resuming ties with Iran, President Ali Khamenei said, "In setting conditions for resumption of ties, the American President should know that we, not they, have conditions to set. We have always said that ties with America can only be resumed when America revises its arrogant attitude," Khamenei added.

ARAFAT/EC (Madrid/Reuter) -- PLO Chairman Arafat held his first official talks with the European Community today in a bid to enlist EC support for an international conference aimed at ending the Arab-Israeli conflict. Arafat met the foreign ministers of Spain, the current president of the EC Council of Ministers, France and Greece for two hours and told them Europe should be involved in efforts to bring about such a conference, diplomats said. Diplomats said Arafat called informally for EC recognition of Palestine in his talks with the three ministers....

KADAFI/BUSH (New York/AP) -- Libyan leader Muammar Kadafi says in a television interview that he has never had direct contact with any American administration and he would like to open a dialogue during the George Bush presidency. He called Bush "a man who is completely different from Reagan. He's a politician, a factual man, a practical (man). Reagan used to treat the presidency as a theatre where he performs his acts." Kadafi spoke through an interpreter during the interview with Barbara Walters, which was conducted Monday in a tent in Kadafi's compound in Tripoli.

KEMP/HEARINGS (AP) -- Jack Kemp, seeking confirmation as secretary of HUD, told Congress today that homelessness "is a national tragedy of appalling proportions" and pledged to improve housing conditions in America. In remarks prepared for his confirmation hearing before the Senate Banking Committee, Kemp said "we can help recapture the American dream for our distressed inner cities and those who live in poverty and despair." On the problem of homelessness, Kemp noted that President Bush is committed to full funding of the McKinney Act.... But he said "funding, while necessary, is not sufficient. We need to work together to provide a complete and effective safety net" with both public and private efforts.

PENTAGON SCANDAL PLEAS (Alexandria/AP) -- A procurement officer with the Marine Corps and two defense industry figures pleaded guilty today to criminal charges in the government's investigation of wrongdoing in the Pentagon's \$150 billion a year purchasing operation. The Marine official, Jack Sherman, 52, admitted in U.S. District Court that he accepted bribes in return for providing confidential information about Pentagon contracts. He agreed to cooperate with prosecutors in the continuing investigation. Also pleading guilty were Robert Barrett, a former executive at Unisys Corp., and Joseph Hill, a consultant who did work for Unisys and its predecessor, Sperry Corp.

IRAN-CONTRA/REAGAN (UPI) -- The judge overseeing the trial of former White House aide Oliver North said today he can force former president Reagan to testify in the case, but has not decided whether such a step will be necessary. U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell issued the ruling during a court hearing dealing with numerous procedural issues before Tuesday's scheduled trial of the man Reagan once called "a national hero." ...Whether Reagan might be called to testify about North's activities remained up in the air. Gesell has yet to rule on motions to quash subpoenas seeking testimony from both Reagan and President Bush.

MANDELA (Cape Town/Reuter) -- The South African government is talking to jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela about ways to effect his release without triggering bloody riots, Information Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said today. Van der Merwe told Reuters in an interview he could not promise that Mandela would be freed this year, however.



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We're glad you and the
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January 27, 1989

It is a great pleasure to send this greeting to everyone gathered in Los Angeles for WAIF's National Humanitarian Award Dinner honoring Julie Andrews and Blake Edwards.

As devoted adoptive parents, Julie and Blake are indeed deserving of this special salute by an organization that has done so much good for children. I understand that, since its founding in 1955, WAIF has helped find adoptive families for nearly 40,000 children. This is certainly an outstanding accomplishment, but not really surprising for an organization that receives so much of its public support from stars in the entertainment industry, many of whom are present at this event.

From Jane Russell, WAIF's founder, to Carol Burnett, your Dinner Chairman, to Julie and Blake Edwards, you show all of us the true meaning of the word "star" and the true meaning of the word "family." The joy you bring to others shines as much from your caring hearts as it does from your unique talents. You are doing a wonderful job.

Barbara and I are blessed by being grandparents of an adopted child, so we deeply appreciate all that you do to help every child who needs a loving home. From the entire Bush family, best wishes for an enjoyable evening and for every success in this worthwhile cause.

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Dear Bob:

It hardly seems possible that twenty years have passed since I was a sophomore in the House and you were a freshman in the Senate. However, when you look back at all we've accomplished over those two decades, the realization takes hold.

Bob, you have been a steadfast friend through the years. As your many friends gather tonight to honor you, I want to join in commending you for your service to the Nation and to the citizens of Oregon. You have earned a reputation for integrity, leadership and political courage and I am proud of our long association.

Barbara and I wish you every happiness as you celebrate this important milestone, and send our very best to you and Georgie.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Bob Packwood
United States Senate
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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AND SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES A. BAKER, III
AT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The East Room

5:02 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Well, if I could ask the Secretary of State and Mrs. Baker and Chief Justice to come forward, we'll get on with the program here.

(Secretary Baker is sworn in.)

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Vice President, distinguished members of the United States Senate and House, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, thank you, sir, for doing the honors today.

This is a very special occasion for me because, as you all know, Jim and I have been friends for a long time, going back perhaps more years than either of us would care to admit -- long really before our public lives began. And we served in government together, campaigned together, traveled a long way through some rough and tumble times. And it's well-known that the new Secretary of State is my friend. I have great confidence in him. And judging from how he sailed through the confirmation process -- thank you, gentlemen -- the United States Senate shares that confidence.

And as Secretary of State, he will be my principal foreign policy advisor. As I pledged in my Inaugural Address a week ago, my presidency will usher in the age of the offered hand, and that applies certainly to foreign policy. I've also spoken of a new engagement. Nowhere is the need for a new engagement greater than in foreign policy.

The post-war generation has come of age, and today we live in a distinctly different world than that which we were born into -- a world that demands new strategies and new solutions. And today we see a process of change in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, in the Middle East. A changing situation creates new possibilities as well as dangers. In Southern Africa and in Indochina there is diplomatic progress. And in Central and South America, totalitarian forces still threaten to undermine the will of the people.

We must keep democracy on the march. And we're faced with change and the potential for change all over the world. And it's up to us to guarantee that the United States remains an engaged power for positive change.

In another era, the secretary of state's role was largely confined to matters of war and peace. Today's world is much more complex than that -- more dangerous, too. Today's secretary of state must be prepared to work with our allies to solve such global threats as the international narcotics trade, terrorism, the degradation of the world's environment, and the economic distress of developing countries.

And that's why I chose James Baker. He's savvy, he's sensitive, he's tough -- a rare combination, indeed. And so, Jim, you've got a big job ahead of you; leading, coming up with bold, new initiatives, helping all of us fulfill the President's special role in foreign policy. We will also try to restore bipartisanship to foreign policy. It will be a bipartisanship based on trust, open communication, and consistency of action.

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This is a time for America to reach out and take the lead, not merely react. And this is a time for America to move forward confidently and cautiously -- not retreat. As the freest and the fairest and the most powerful democracy on the face of the Earth, we must continue to shine as a beacon of liberty, beacon of justice for all the people of the world.

And those of you who are here today -- Jim Baker's family, closest friends -- know something that many other people will soon learn for themselves: Jim Baker will be a great Secretary of State.

Jim, congratulations. The floor is yours. (Applause.)

SECRETARY BAKER: Thank you. Thank you very much.

Mr. President, Barbara, Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, distinguished members of the Congress, my friends -- most of whom are relatives -- (laughter) -- I am truly honored and privileged to stand before you today. Many of you have come a long distance to be here and as you mentioned, Mr. President, you and I have come a long distance together. I hope to continue to merit your confidence. I know I will continue to enjoy our friendship. One other thing -- I hope that in foreign policy we're going to make a better team than we oftentimes did on the tennis courts in Texas. (Laughter.)

Ladies and gentlemen, the taking of an oath is always a solemn moment. Yet, I cannot help but think that there will be even more solemn moments to follow. Because it's been my experience for eight years here now in Washington that after the swearing-in, sooner or later, comes the swearing at. (Laughter.)

Mr. President, through your choice and the Senate's consent I will occupy an office that dates from the infancy of our Republic. Over the last few weeks, I've learned a lot about the job. I find the more I learn about it the more humble I become. Yet, mixed with that humility is a pride -- not in myself, but in our great country.

One of his statutory duties of the secretary of state is to be the custodian of the Great Seal of the United States. We're all pretty familiar with the great eagle holding the olive branches -- but also holding the arrows. There's reverse side to that seal, however, that interests me. And on it is an unfinished pyramid. And on the bottom, a Latin inscription which means, "A new order of the ages." It's dated 1776.

To me this expresses our forefathers' conviction that our country offers something new. Our Constitution, our democracy is a new order of human activity. And the unfinished pyramid is a symbol of strength and it's a symbol of continuity.

America rests on the broadest possible base which, of course, is the contribution of every American. But the work of America -- to perfect our society, to strengthen and extend freedom -- is really never finished.

So, as I stand here today -- very grateful to you, Mr. President -- I recognize that we are entering a new era of international relations. One that's filled with more than its share of promise, but perhaps more than its share of perils as well. I also recognize that our country is ever new in our capacity to meet the challenge and to advance the cause of freedom.

I enter this office secure in the knowledge that under your leadership, Mr. President, and with the support of the Congress and the support of the American people we can continue successfully what we began two centuries ago.

Thank you very, very much. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Harmony and peace in here. (Laughter.)
First, I sound worse than I feel. Let me --

Q What's wrong with you?

THE PRESIDENT: Slight cold. But it's been a full week since the Inauguration. I just wanted to stop by under our new policy, give you an update. I've been talking this week about ethics and the emphasis is not, believe me, a fad or some passing fancy. We're going to be hearing more about it, I think a lot more.

In broader terms, I'm trying to set high standards for government service -- duty, honor, personal sacrifice for the common good. And I want to assemble a government that the people of this nation can be proud of. That's our goal, that's our mission. We did appoint this week, as you know, a new Commission on Ethics. We've got two able Chairmen, Vice Chairmen -- Judge Wilkey and General Griffin Bell. We appointed a -- that commission started a fresh, constructive dialogue with Congress on both sides of the aisle. I'm pleased with the way those initial meetings have gone. So we're ready to roll.

I think it's been officially announced that we're going to -- certainly to Tokyo, then on to China and I'm looking forward to very much. And then also, we'll be stopping for a relatively brief stop in Korea on the way back from China.

We've had other invitations. That's about all we can do. And in a nostalgic basis, needless to say, we're -- Barbara and I are looking forward in a very personal way to going back to Beijing.

Now, with no further ado, I'll be glad to take some questions.

Terry.

Q Mr. President, you said before you became President that you supported Ronald Reagan's decision on a 50 percent pay raise for members of Congress and that you'd have something more to say about it once you'd get to the Oval Office. Most of the polls show that a vast majority of Americans oppose that pay raise --

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

Q -- now you're President -- what's your view on that pay increase?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I did say I supported it and I do support it. A raise is overdue, there's no question about that. There are some good things in this -- the reform of the honorarium, payments for these speeches, I think is very, very good. I think it's good government. It's a complicated formulation. There are some elements that bother people, including me. But the President did consider all this carefully. He went forward with the

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Commission's recommendation, and that -- because of the way it works on Congress -- and the ball is clearly in their court -- it leaves us with either the Commission recommendation or nothing.

And so, seeing the problems as I do, I still feel that I should not go about undoing the Reagan decision.

Yes, Helen.

Q Mr. President, your trial balloon on the S&Ls' taxing savings and checking accounts has fallen like a lead balloon. Are you dropping that plan? Do you have any other plans in the works?

THE PRESIDENT: First place, I think it's a little absurd to be commenting on a facet, a possible facet of solving a problem when it hasn't even come to me. You're talking about speculating on something that hasn't even reached the desk of the President even as an option -- say nothing of its being a proposal.

Q Well, it certainly has come from your people.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, as an option, not as a proposal. And I think you're right -- there seems to be some controversy around it. But that doesn't mean that any thinking along those lines should cease. But I'm going to reserve comment until I actually have it presented to me. And I expect this is the first of many such things that's going to happen of this nature. I will say this -- that the savings and loans deposits are backed by the full faith and credit of the government and they are sound, they are good -- dollar good. And I just want to assure the American people of that and nothing is going to change in that regard. But in terms of this one idea, let them float. It doesn't bother me for a lot of ideas to be considered and debated.

Q The reaction is very negative -- the public reaction, congressional reaction. Will that enter into your decision?

THE PRESIDENT: Anything I do on savings and loans or when we get into this budget deficit reduction program -- look, I don't expect it's all going to be sweetness and harmony and light. The minute we get those proposals up there on February 9th, I expect we're going to have other firestorms swirling around. But I have not made decisions on this one. I'll wait until I get all the facts, call them as I see them and hope that we can convince the American people that that's the way to go.

Q Mr. President, you've set a tone of high-mindedness and propriety this week with your emphasis on ethics; also of bipartisanship in your discussions with Congress. Beyond those matters of process and tone, sir, what would you like the country and the world to say is the message of your first week in office as to what your administration is about?

THE PRESIDENT: Reaching out to the Congress. I really am serious about this trying to get more of a bipartisan foreign policy, for example. And though we haven't addressed that specifically in terms of issues, I have addressed it in broad terms to the members of Congress with whom I've met here and with whom I met over in the Residence. And so I'd like to signal an era of real openness with Congress.

Look, I know we're going to have conflicts, Brit. And I know we're going to run up against each other. But I want to start with that approach. And we're going to -- we're in a broad review, as you've heard from my various nominees as they appear before the Senate, on specific areas of foreign policy. A message would be taking steps to make clear to the congressional leadership that that's what I want to do. The other one, as I mentioned, is trying to set a tone in terms of conflict of interest that I hope will serve us in good stead.

Q What signal do you think it may send the world, sir, that you're making your first visit to China -- after, of course, the ceremonial trip to Tokyo -- while Soviet leader Gorbachev, having asked for early talks, is still waiting for a response?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I don't know what signal it sends in that regard. But let me just remind you that I'm the one who does not believe in "playing the Soviet card" or "playing the China card." We have a strong bilateral relationship with the People's Republic of China. I have a personal acquaintance with the leaders with whom I will be meeting there, including Deng Xiaoping, and being that close, it just seemed like an appropriate visit. But not to signal a playing of the card to go one up on Mr. Gorbachev. There's nothing of that nature in this visit. That is a strong, important strategic and commercial and cultural relationship that we have with the Chinese -- the largest number of people in the world in that country. And so the visits stands on its own and does not have any signaling that should be detrimental to anybody else's interest.

Going right across here -- how do we get in the back here, Marlin?

Q Mr. President, your National Security Advisor, Brent Scowcroft, said last week on television that the Cold War was not over and that he felt that Mr. Gorbachev was trying to make trouble for the Western Alliance. What is your view, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm not sure that's an exact -- I should let the General defend himself. But I've expressed my view, not only in the campaign context, but in several times afterward -- and also to Mr. Gorbachev. And our administration position, in which General Scowcroft is in total agreement -- indeed, he'll be one of the leaders in this reassessment -- is let's take our time now. Let's take a look at where we stand on our strategic arms talks, on conventional force talks, on chemical biological weapons talks, on some of our bilateral policy problems with the Soviet Union; formulate the policy and then get out front -- here's the U.S. position.

And I don't think the Soviets see that as foot-dragging. I'm confident they don't. Indeed, I made that clear to General Secretary Gorbachev just this week in a rather long talk with him. So I -- but if the -- I want to try to avoid words like "Cold War" if I can because that has an implication. If someone says "Cold War" to me, that doesn't properly give credit to the advances that have taken place in this relationship. So I wouldn't use that term. But if it's used in the context of -- do we still have problems, are there still uncertainties, are we still unsure of -- in our predictions on Soviet intentions -- I'd have to say yes, we should be cautious.

Q Mr. President, there seems to be some question about just how long your no-tax pledge applies. Is that a one-year pledge, a two-year pledge, a four-year pledge?

THE PRESIDENT: I'd like it to be a four-year pledge.

Q Is it a four-year pledge? Are you --

THE PRESIDENT: I'd like it to be a four year pledge, yes.

Q Mr. President, Yasser Arafat's been over in Europe meeting with Foreign Ministers of Spain, France and Greece. Marlin has said and so has Mr. Scowcroft that it's too early for Arafat to meet with Jim Baker. On what level would it be appropriate for Arafat to meet with an American official -- an assistant secretary of state, for example?

THE PRESIDENT: As we changed the policy on the Middle East on dealing with -- I mean, as the change came about in the policy on communicating with the PLO, it was based on their

acceptance of three principles. As long as they stay hooked and stay committed to those three principles we will have, when appropriate, meetings with the PLO.

I haven't given any thought at all to what -- when a meeting with the Chairman Arafat with an American official is appropriate. And I would wait to see how we go forward. The point in talking to them is to try to facilitate peace in the Middle East. And it seems to me that if there's some logical step that requires high-level sign-off by various participants over there, then and then only would it be proper to elevate the meetings to that level.

We're just starting -- you crawl before you walk -- we're just starting to talk to them because they have, dramatically I'd say, agreed to the principles that are part of our policy.

Q Let me ask you if I can in that regard -- you said in a wire service interview the other day that you needed to have some foreign policy initiative early in this administration early in your administration. It seems the Soviet relationship is going on the back burner while you discuss the nuclear force structure, for example. In what area are you going to try to move forward? Central America, the Mideast? Where?

THE PRESIDENT: All of them. But we had to have a little time. We're not going to let this Soviet thing put us in the mood of -- mode of foot-draggers. We're going to be out front. There's no reason to suggest that all we have to do is react to a speech by the General Secretary. I want to take the offense in moving this relationship forward and doing -- taking steps that are in the interest of freedom around the world, whether it's in Eastern Europe or in strengthening our alliance.

But there's plenty of trouble spots. One of them, as you mentioned I think, Central America. But we need to complete the reviews. But I can't tell you, John, which one will become -- where you will see the first major initiative -- whether it's going to be the Middle East, whether it's going to be Central America. We've got problems, of course, that afflict the whole continent and other continents in this Third World debt problem. And then, of course, the Soviet Union.

But, no, I don't want to play defense and I don't want to look like we're foot-dragging, just waiting around to, you know, let others set the agenda. But prudence is the order of the day. And when you're gunning for something as important as a bilaterally-supported policy in Central America, it does take a little time. I've only been here less than a week.

Yes, Owen.

Q As you know, the minimum wage has been frozen for even longer than congressional pay raises. Since you support a large increase in pay for the most affluent one percent of the country, would you favor pushing for an increase in the minimum wage, which would benefit the lowest income groups of the country, as part of your promise in your Inaugural Address to reach out to all the people?

THE PRESIDENT: I would -- I've always said that my position in minimum wage is that I should -- I would want it linked to a training wage -- to a differential of sorts so that you don't throw people out of work by raising the minimum wage. And I'm not one who has felt that the minimum wage is the key to economic prosperity for the lowest -- people on the lowest end of the economic spectrum. But, as I indicated a certain flexibility on that question and again I'll wait for Elizabeth Dole -- takes office next couple of days -- to come in with her recommendation.

Saul.

Q Do you -- if I could just follow -- do you --

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THE PRESIDENT: Now, let me ask you to stop the proceedings -- don't take it out of their time. How are -- what would be the fair and noble way to handle follow-up questions as we do these things? Would it be good to have them or not have them?

Q Handle them. Handle them, yes.

Q There should be one follow-up.

Q One follow-up.

Q One follow-up.

THE PRESIDENT: But then you cut out -- but then if we do it, everybody else doesn't get a chance to ask a question, and I'm about to pull the rip cord on this thing. (Laughter.) No, seriously, how do we -- I want some --

Q Staying longer. (Laughter.)

Q If you make the statement and just leave -- and not have anyone follow it up it just hangs out there.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

Q Suppose you don't answer the question --

THE PRESIDENT: You mean my first answer is less than precise? (Laughter.)

Q Yes. (Laughter.) On occasion. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: On occasion. No, but I'm asking. We've got to get -- I'd like to get -- because here we are, all these --

Q One follow-up.

Q One follow-up.

Q Make a deal, one follow-up

Q You'll just have to be more precise.

THE PRESIDENT: -- women and men who have a Leubsdorf area there -- untested on the question. (Laughter.)

Q And the standee --

Q Spread it out.

THE PRESIDENT: And the standees have gotten no time at all so --

Q When, in fact, it's a true follow-up.

THE PRESIDENT: Instead of yet another question, you mean?

Q Yes.

Q Right, right.

Q A real follow-up.

Q Exactly. You decide. If you think somebody's playing games with you, say I'm sorry.

THE PRESIDENT: Say I've already answered that? Then what happens? (Laughter.)

Saul?

Q Wait a minute. Where's my follow-up?

Q You're finished. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: You didn't have a follow --

Q The first row gets to follow up? That wouldn't be fair.

THE PRESIDENT: All right. I've already answered that one.

Yes, Saul. (Laughter.)

Q I yield to Owen first.

Q Are you concerned from the standpoint of perception you're supporting a pay raise for the -- a high income group and not pushing on an equal basis for a lower income group to give the public perception that you're lobbying for a wealthy sector of the country?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I'm not concerned by that perception because -- but I am troubled by certain aspects of the proposal, as I think I've indicated -- the pay raise proposal. But we're down to the crunch here, recommendations up there on the Hill, it's yea or nay, I mean it's one way or another. But I don't think that would be fair at all.

I think the main thing in terms of the question you raise -- jobs -- how do we continue to create jobs, keep it going. And I've given you one ingredient that I think has to be a part of any consideration of the minimum wage. But as I've indicated, I'm flexible on how that should be accomplished.

I'm not sure that one can make a connection between the minimum wage and more employment. I think you can -- if you raise the minimum wage without this differential, I think you will reduce employment. So I think the main thing in the area you're talking about is how do we increase economic opportunity. And maybe there is a way to do it, but I don't think it would be fair to say when you take a pay raise that affects a tiny fraction -- judges and Congressmen -- that that is -- has a broad economic impact on the country. I've expressed some concern about it, but for other reasons.

Q Do you agree with Senator Tower's testimony in which he doesn't seem to believe that the SDI program, as envisioned by President Reagan, is likely? And if you do agree with it, can you expand on that, please?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I think I should wait and see a little more what John Tower means. My position has not changed on SDI.

Q Which is -- I mean, John Tower has said that he doesn't believe that a large-scale SDI to protect the population, as envisioned by Reagan --

THE PRESIDENT: I'd better --

Q -- is likely.

THE PRESIDENT: Saul, before I comment on Tower's testimony, I'd better read it. If he's talking about a shield so impenetrable that you have no -- that that eliminates the need for any kind of other defense, I probably would agree with that -- certainly short-run. But I'd better cover by waiting until I see what he said.

The standees, two standees --

Q Thank you. The first action taken by your Secretary of State was to order the boarding up of the Embassy in Kabul. Does that indicate that this administration, this country, then has no influence with the rebels and you are now fearful of chaos and massacres there? And to what extent did you discuss this with Gorbachev the other day?

THE PRESIDENT: Did not discuss it with him the other day. And what it indicates is a prudent policy to protect a handful of American life. And it's a step that other countries have taken in Afghanistan. There is -- certainly I think we'd all agree -- there is uncertainty about what follows. I'm convinced the Soviets will continue their withdrawal, and well they should. But it is simply a prudent way in which to protect life, I think. We've had meeting after meeting with Afghan rebels, and there's no question in their mind how we feel about say, a Soviet presence in that country. But I think there's a lot of uncertainty. And there's enough uncertainty that a Secretary of State was taking prudent action in this regard.

Q What role do you see for the United States after the Soviets withdraw in that country?

THE PRESIDENT: Catalytic role for helping bring about stability, hopefully in a government where the people have a lot of say. And it won't be easy.

Yes, Tom.

Q Mr. President, I'd like to try the pay raise one last time. As you just said, it's not just for members of Congress and not just for federal judges, it's for a lot of senior officials of the government, political appointees. You also have told some reporters in recent days that you're concerned about the long-term pension implications of all these larger salaries. Wouldn't you be happier with a pay raise that's a little bit less rich than 50 percent?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't have that option to get into that now. I have I think expressed myself in the past on separating out some of these categories, but we're not -- regrettably, you're never dealing with just the way I would like it to be. And so I'll just leave it that -- my earlier statement.

Q Sir, this is a thematic question. You've had a week on the job. Has it been easier or tougher than you expected? Any surprises? And did you find the note in your underwear drawer? (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: No note in the underwear, and it's been a good, easy week. And I expect it will change dramatically in the days ahead. But my view is to -- if it weren't for the cold, smile and enjoy it while you can because I can already sense, you know, looking forward to a little more -- little more confrontation out there.

Q Has there been any surprises, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: None particularly, no. And it -- and I think one of the reasons is that I've been around here in a different role for eight years and then in and out on other jobs. So it's -- but there's still the wonder of it all. I mean it still feels different, but not surprises.

Q A follow-up, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: You already had a follow-up. Nice try.

Rita. (Laughter.)

Q Mr. President, there seems to be some bruhaha about the fact that Bill Bennett's not an actual member of the Cabinet, as are the USTR and the OMB Director. In light of the fact that you

emphasized drugs as an overriding consideration in your campaign and also that public opinion polls show consistently this is among the top priorities of the public, why isn't he in the Cabinet? And do you foresee that you might change your mind on that?

THE PRESIDENT: No. The reason he isn't in the Cabinet is that I tried to reduce down the numbers of full Cabinet members. And I think Bill Bennett's time is best spent not worrying about agricultural subsidies, but -- when we have a meeting on agriculture -- but concentrating on drugs. To the degree there's symbolism that this means I think it's less important -- I'd like to knock that down hard. And I have to do that in substantive ways -- sitting at his side as we meet with his peers at Cabinet level, making clear to them that I will be insisting on cooperation of -- as he asks for the support of the Defense Secretary for military assets on interdiction; as he asks for the support of the Education Secretary on certain educational initiatives.

But the Cabinet rank is there, giving him the standing that I think the job not only requires, but demands. And I think his -- I think the idea of not sitting through Cabinet meetings that have nothing to do with that subject should be the reason that -- a rationale for having Cabinet level, but not being in all those meetings.

I see -- I'm glad he mentioned this because I think there's been some feeling, well, that means I'm less interested in drugs. That's not right. I'm not -- I'm very interested in the economic statistics, but our Chief of Economic Advisors is not a Cabinet member, as he's been designated by previous presidents. Our Chief of Staff, in whom I have full confidence, is not a Cabinet member, but I think we have a very strong Chief of Staff set-up.

Q Mr. President --

THE PRESIDENT: Over here, way up in the window --innovative standing.

Q You just touched on the issue of Third World debt. There are many experts who are saying that if there's any danger for the U.S. economy, it's in how greatly leveraged it is, both in terms of corporated indebtedness and Third World debt. And they say that the S&L crisis, for example, is simply a subsumed feature of this. Do you see this as a real problem that you're going to address aggressively, and what kind of steps would you take to overcome the high proportionality of debt to equity that exists in the U.S. economy now?

THE PRESIDENT: The question of corporate debt -- on that one, the role of the White House and the role of the federal government ought to be to do its level best to keep a strong economy. And I don't believe that it's the government role to assign levels beyond which a corporation can't borrow. In terms of Third World debt, we do have a responsibility, and a lot of that's going to be working with the private banks and others. And, again, that's going to be -- we'll have some recommendations; we have to have them pretty soon on that question.

I'm not sure I got to the substance of your question. But I don't -- separating out these two things.

Q Try another one.

Q -- reported differences that you have with Alan Greenspan's testimony in Congress earlier this week with regard to interest rates and monetary policy.

THE PRESIDENT: I'll be honest with you. I don't think I'm far apart from Chairman Greenspan at all -- far apart. There may be some differences. He is -- because of the -- of plant capacity utilization he is more concerned about inflationary pressures than I am right now -- seems to me there's an area of difference. But

basically and generally speaking, I think we're in -- we're fairly close together.

Q Mr. President, by spending your first week dwelling as you have on ethics, aren't you voicing an implicit criticism of the Reagan administration's record, ethical record?

THE PRESIDENT: No.

Q Why else was it necessary to declare National Ethics Week, so-to-speak?

THE PRESIDENT: Because I feel strongly about it.

Q Can I follow on that line, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: No, she's in first and then you. Need to cool off on that one. (Laughter.)

Q Mr. President, considering -- given your strong anti-tax ban in the campaign, why are you allowing Mr. Brady to consider as an option for the S&Ls a tax increase?

THE PRESIDENT: I'm not -- he has thrown out a lot of different possibilities in discussions we've had. We have people that are experts on what a tax is. I would refer you to Richard Darman, who is the head of the OMB. And he's the guy that defined that very well up there with the duck test on the Hill and --

Q So you're not thinking of a tax?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm just saying I'm not prepared to say what I think on it right now till I hear from it, because the more I discuss it, the more you all go out and say this is a -- something that I'm considering when I'm not. It hasn't come to me yet. But I've been around for a long time and I don't remember hearing people talk about the fee that went into covering the FDIC or FSLIC as a tax. I don't remember people writing that before. But -- not trying to get into the fight anymore right now -- I'll be back.

Q You've mentioned ethics in a number of ways and you've talked about the value of service this year. The last two days we've picked up the headlines in the papers and they've read, the President has -- President Reagan has a \$5 million book deal, he's got a \$50,000 a speech deal. With all respect for the office and the former President, do you think it's appropriate to cash in on the presidency?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't know whether I'd call it "cashing in." I expect every president has written his memoirs and received money for it. Indeed, I read that a former President -- was it Grant? Grant got half-a-million bucks. That's when half-a-million really meant something. (Laughter.) I mean, you know, so I think there is plenty of tradition that goes with presidents' writing memoirs and being paid for it.

Q But you've also talked about perceptions. Is there a perception problem here?

THE PRESIDENT: No, because I think there has been a long history of that, and I don't think it's ever been challenged as inappropriate.

Q Mr. President, would you try to clear up the continuing controversy over the reported disagreements on abortion between your nominee for Health and Human Services and yourself? Are you in sync?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

Q Is he in sync with you? Does it matter? Do you have to be absolutely in sync as long as once in office he would

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support your position?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think that last point is the important point, but also, we are in sync. And so I have a person who has stood in front of you all when I nominated him and said that, and I have no reason to think anything differently.

Q Mr. President, a few moments ago you talked about, on your no-new-taxes pledge, the idea that you'd like it to be a four-year pledge, and that does appear to be a softening of language from the campaign. I wonder, has anybody -- Mr. Darman or any of your advisors told you to change your mind about the duration of that pledge -- revenues needed and so on?

THE PRESIDENT: No, that hasn't changed my mind -- anything in the last few days of talking like that.

Q Mr. President, we've heard a lot about your position on abortion this week because of Mr. Sullivan. Are you planning any initiatives from the White House related to abortion, or are you going to wait and see what the Supreme Court does, number one? And number two, as a person who's always, from what we know, had the financial and emotional resources to know that you could raise your children comfortably, do you feel any awkwardness about telling other people, whose situations you don't know, how they should run their lives?

THE PRESIDENT: Not when it comes to the question of life. I do feel an awkwardness in terms of having been able to take care of my kids when they were sick or raise them properly or something like that. I feel a certain privilege, I feel a certain -- I was very fortunate in that regard, and I know a lot of people aren't. But in some -- on this issue I think we're talking here of principle, and I sure would like to put the emphasis on adoption, and that means a broader acceptance of that principle.

Q Are you going to have any White House initiatives or are you going to wait for the Supreme Court?

THE PRESIDENT: Wait for -- I think probably wait, but I have been pledged, as you know, to an amendment. But I'd like to see the Supreme Court decision as soon as possible.

Q Mr. President --

THE PRESIDENT: One, two, three.

Q Mr. President, a Tehran radio report this morning seems to indicate that they are rejecting your statement of a week ago today that goodwill would beget goodwill. While you didn't specifically mention Iran by name in your speech, what would your message to them be on relations and what would your message be to them about helping get the hostages out?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I would make a broad appeal, transcending Iran, to anybody that can be helpful to get the hostages out. I haven't seen the wire copy, but perhaps they're -- if there is such a story by them, maybe they're saying well look, we're not holding your hostages. And I'd have to say, well, from our intelligence, our information, that's probably correct -- probably correct. In terms of the future, There was a period of time when we had excellent relations with Iran, and I don't want to think that the status quo has to go on forever. But I do think that the renunciation of terror in any form and a -- facilitating to the degree they can -- the release of the hostages -- would be a couple of good steps they could take.

Q A follow up, Mr. President -- follow up on that?

THE PRESIDENT: No, you don't get to follow his question.
(Laughter.)

Ann, and then here. We've got to get these ground rule -- sure.

Q Mr. President, you've spoken frequently about reaching out to blacks, that you want that to be an important goal of your administration. This week the Supreme Court issued a decision that may kill many of the minority set-aside programs that have been so helpful to blacks across this country. Does that concern you? Are you worried about these programs?

THE PRESIDENT: I -- it didn't kill all set-asides, and it didn't kill off affirmative action. I have been committed to affirmative action, I want to see a reinvigorated Office of Minority Business in Commerce, I want to see our SBA program go forward vigorously. And so I would say that decision spoke to one set of facts -- in Richmond, I believe it was -- and -- but don't read -- I will not read into that a mandate to me to stop trying on equal employment and on affirmative action generally.

Q You said during the campaign, Mr. President, that you would roll back taxes on capital gains if elected. Now that you've begun to look at the budget numbers, is that going to be a promise you can keep when you make your submission to Congress, or is that no longer affordable?

THE PRESIDENT: I hope it's affordable, it gains you revenue. And we've got a big argument with some people about that. They don't want to go back and look at what happened in 1978 -- it gains revenue. Now I know we've got all kinds of bureaucracies around here that doesn't agree with that, but that was discussed in the campaign -- I'm convinced it will bring in additional revenue, and in the process create additional jobs for men and women. So I would like to see it a fundamental part of whatever we do.

Now, if your question is, can I get it done, that's something else again. But I want to see it done. There was an issue in our campaign where there was a clear difference. That was when there was a clear difference. The opposition was saying, my opponent is proposing something that'll cost the taxpayer \$30 billion. And I'm saying it'll create jobs. And indeed, I've seen estimates by intelligent people thinking it'll bring in revenues in excess of \$4 billion. And so I'm going to keep pushing that, because I know it's right, and I ran on it.

Q Mr. President, once more on the pay raise. You've portrayed yourself as a latecomer on the issue who has no real power to effect it. But in point of fact, I believe that you do have the power, if you want to, to limit the pay raises that would otherwise automatically go to your own staff. Will you do that, number one, and number two, do you think both Houses of Congress ought to vote on this?

Q Sununu already --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think in the best of all worlds -- (laughter) -- wait until I get --

MR. FITZWATER: It's a trick question, sir. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: He's a fair-minded guy. (Laughter.) No, I think our Chief of Staff has tried to hold the line on increases in hiring people. And I think you're all aware of that. And I think he's done a very good job on it. I don't know how the law affects the staff in terms of automatic increases, but there's a nice little problem that if you do go forward with automatic increases, or any money, that has to be appropriated some way. So we'll have to talk about what we'll do.

What was the other part of it?

Q Do you think both Houses of Congress ought to vote on this issue?

THE PRESIDENT: In a perfect world, in a world where we're starting over, yes, I'd have to say I do. But that isn't the proposal that's up there, and it's all or nothing. And in my view, I've told you where I come down on that.

We've got time for a couple of more, because it's 38.57.89, 58.80 -- this thing is buzzing away up here.

Yes, go back --

Q Mr. President, a few minutes ago on the answer concerning the hostages, you indicated that Iran was probably not holding the hostages. Did you mean to say that we believe that Iran exercises no control over people who are holding the hostages?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I mean to say they are not holding the hostages. Do they have any control? I think you can get varying degrees of intelligence on that, various assessments as to how much control they have over Hezbollah or these families or whoever it is. And also, you've got different groups involved in the holding of these hostages. But no, I'm glad to get a chance to clarify it. Because unless the information I have is wrong, Iran itself, the government, is not actually holding these people. And if they were, I would just reiterate my view that the way to improve relations is to let them go, give these people their freedom. They didn't do anything wrong.

Q And a follow-up, Mr. President. Do we believe that Iran can exercise influence to gain the hostages' release?

THE PRESIDENT: I think they can have influence.

Q You inherited a budget from President Reagan that it calls for something like a two percent real increase in defense spending. In the campaign, you seemed to think that maybe zero real growth in defense spending would be adequate. With deficit pressures, do you think there's some room for reduction in the Reagan defense budget to fund some of the other programs, like the S&L problem that you've got to worry about?

THE PRESIDENT: We're wrestling with that problem right now. I'm committed to a strong defense. I did say certain things in the campaign that fit into our flexible freeze concept, and so we will -- I will have to address that with some detail on February 9th, and I will.

We've got time for just a couple of more.

Q Mr. President, just the other day that education was the main way of dealing with drugs.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

Q Isn't that a backing away from your commitment on drugs? Certainly there are other things than education to deal with the problem.

THE PRESIDENT: Absolutely. And I was surprised when I read that some interpreted what I said as suggesting that interdiction is not important, or cooperation with foreign governments in terms of eradication at the source is not important. They are very important. My point is, we are not going to solve the problem of drug use in this country through interdiction alone, through cutting off the supply alone. And a larger component of this solution lies in education and in that whole demand side of the equation, law enforcement at home -- these things.

Last one here. This is a follow-up?

Q It is a follow-up, but, Mr. President, how much money are you going to spend on drugs? If it's a major problem that

you say it is, certainly education is just one very small part of it, isn't it?

THE PRESIDENT: It's not a small part, it's a tremendous part. And the federal government can spend some on it, and the private sector has got to spend enormous amounts. The media has done a good job in terms of pro bono advertising, and that's got to be enormously stepped up. So, look, it has got to be a tremendous increase, not only on the money, but the emphasis on the educational side. I do want to see -- find a way to step up the total funding on antinarcotics.

And I want to get -- go back to what I said on Bill Bennett, because this question of Cabinet rank and whether that shows less an interest in narcotics troubles me. You will see me, side by side, with Bill Bennett, on putting the proper emphasis from the Oval Office on my determination to do everything in the government's power, federal government's power, to eliminate this scourge.

Last one.

Q Mr. President, you and your aides have talked about the need for a fast start, and you've talked all week about ethics and about bipartisanship. And yet, the week has been marked by unexpected controversies over Dr. Sullivan's views on abortion, and then the S&L issue, which is sort of a self-inflicted wound. Are you finding it harder to control the agenda here than you thought you would?

THE PRESIDENT: No, no. I'm just getting a preview of coming attractions, and it's been lovely. (Laughter.) And it's going to change, and I know it. But no, I think it's been a wonderfully harmonious week, and these are just little ripples on the surface of an otherwise calm pond.

Q You're not concerned that if you just talk about things that -- I mean, everyone approves of ethics, just about, and everyone approves of bipartisanship. Isn't there a danger of people saying that there's not much meat behind the words?

THE PRESIDENT: There's a danger of that, yes, but people are -- realize that we've been here four days of this week, or five -- this is the fifth day in office after the weekend. And they understand that in things like the foreign policy area that it's prudent to have a review. They understand that we've got to get our people in place. And so there's some danger I guess, Carl, but I wouldn't say an overwhelming danger. I mean, we just go forward. If we just sat around and did nothing except be pleasant to people on the Hill or something, why I expect that would grow a little old for you all.

But we're going to -- (laughter) -- I think we did -- we set a certain tone and certain outreach and then go forward. As soon as these specific proposals start up there, whether it's on education or antinarcotics, or on foreign policy or on some bilateral foreign visitor coming in, there will be plenty of time for controversy and plenty of time for lively debate on substance. But I would simply say that'll follow and follow pretty soon.

Thank you all very much.

Q Y'all come back now, ya hear?

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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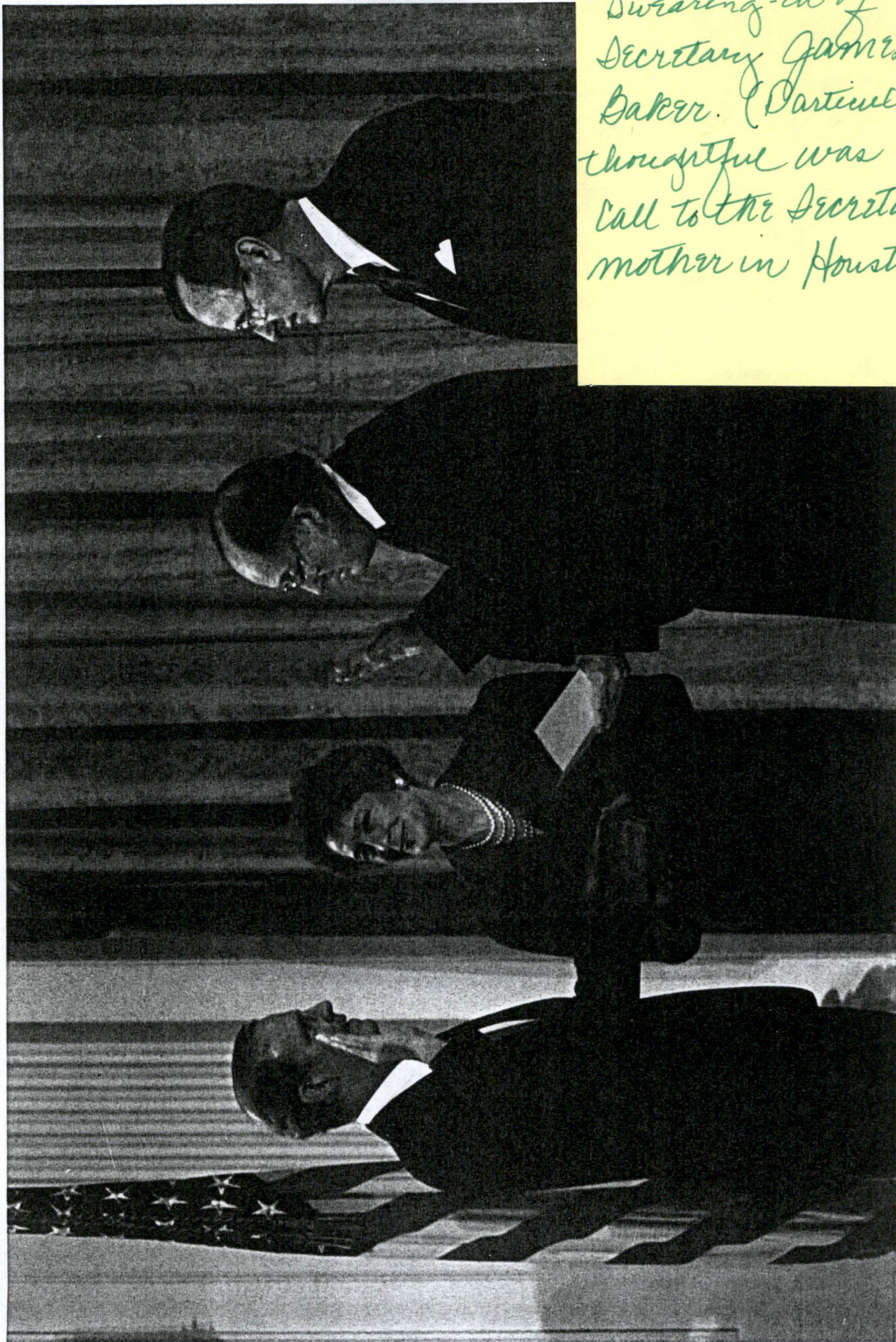
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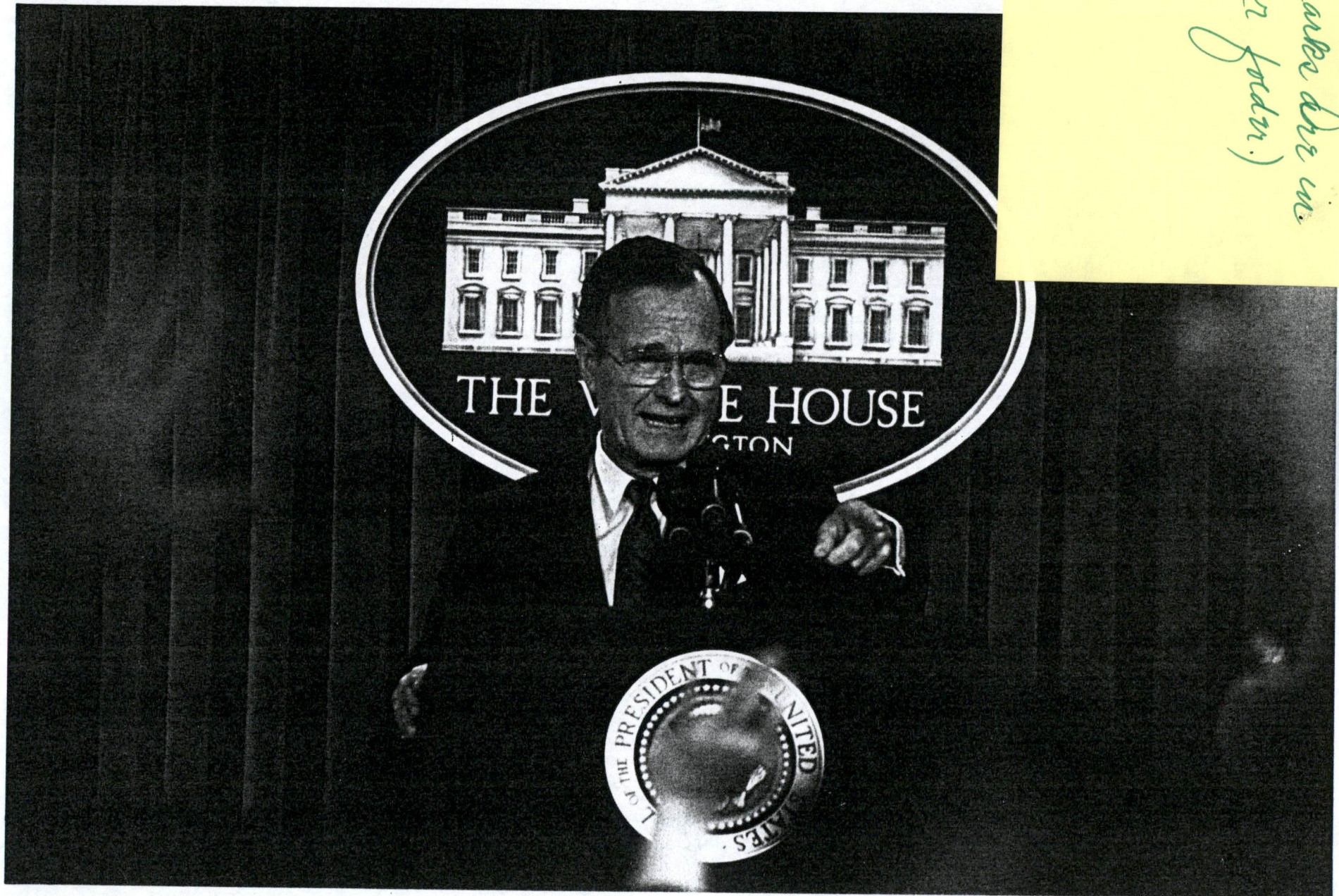
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