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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Friday, February 17, 1989

8:00 am (15 min)	<u>Intelligence Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)	Oval Office
8:15 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)	Oval Office
8:30 am (15 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
8:45 am	The President departs for St. Louis, Missouri to Address and Lunch with Students at Washington University (Studdert)	South Lawn
	(TAB A -- Trip Schedule)	
3:10 pm	<u>Arrives White House</u>	South Lawn
3:10 pm (1 hr 50 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
5:00 pm	B <u>Depart for Camp David</u>	South Lawn
8:30 pm (2 hrs)	B <u>Private Dinner with</u> <u>HRH The Prince of Wales</u> (Scowcroft)	Camp David

SUPPLEMENTARY BRIEFING MATERIAL

TAB B -- Meeting with AIDS Patient (Demarest)

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7:28 Chase Untermeyer in to Oval; out @ 7:45

8:59 Gates, Scowcroft, Gurnea, (b)(3) 50 USC 403g, Sec 6 into Oval

7:19 (b)(3) 50 USC 403g, Sec 6 out; VP in

PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

Washington, D.C.
St. Louis, Missouri
Washington, D.C.
Camp David, Maryland

LOCATION

DATE 17 February 1989

TIME

MOVEMENTS

CST

EST

0710	South Grounds
0712	Oval Office
0847	South Grounds
0851	Depart South Grounds via Marine One
0856	Arrive Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland
0908	Depart Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One
0951	Arrive Lambert-St. Louis International Airport,
	St. Louis, Missouri
0959	Depart Lambert-St. Louis International Airport
	via Motorcade
1015	Arrive Field House, Washington University
1102	Depart Field House via Motorcade
1105	Arrive Karl Umrath Hall
1148	Depart Karl Umrath Hall via Motorcade
1203	Arrive Lambert-St. Louis International Airport
1213	Depart Lambert-St. Louis International Airport
	via Air Force One
1440	Arrive Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland
1451	Depart Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One
1458	Arrive South Grounds
1501	Residence
1511	Oval Office
1559	South Grounds
1603	Depart South Grounds via Marine One

PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Camp David, Maryland

DATE 17 February

TIME

MOVEMENTS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DINNER/CAMP DAVID/FEBRUARY 17, 1989

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCE OF WALES

THE AMBASSADOR OF GREAT BRITAIN AND MRS. ACLAND

AMBASSADOR HENRY CATTO

GENERAL SCOWCROFT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

February 17, 1989

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	7:45 AM		Mr. Jerry Weintreub Okura Hotel, Tokyo, Japan 582-0111	WCL 8:06 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	9:05 AM	9:08	Ms. Patty Presock Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal x22199	Tlkd-ok 9:06 AM via ECHO FOX
INC	PM			
OUT	10:36 AM	10:41	Ms. Patty Presock Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal x22199	Tlkd-ok 10:40 AM via ECHO FOX
INC	PM			
OUT	11:10 AM		Ms. Patty Presock Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal x22199	WCL 11:11 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Ms. Patty Presock Office, Washington, D.C. White House Secure Voice x2604	Tlkd-ok 2:46 PM via Secure Satellite
INC	2:45 PM	2:47		
OUT	AM		Congressman Guy Vander Jagt Office, Washington, D.C. 225-3511	Tlkd with Mr. McBride 5:53 PM Tlkd-ok 6:21 PM
INC	5:51 PM	6:26		
OUT	AM		Mr. Timothy McBride Redwood Cabin, Camp David, Maryland Camp David x41720	Tlkd-ok 6:19 PM
INC	6:18 PM	6:20		
OUT	AM		Mr. Richard G. Darman Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal x5-4080	Tlkd-ok 6:45 PM
INC	6:43 PM	6:47		
OUT	AM		General Brent Scowcroft Dogwood Cabin, Camp David, Maryland Camp David x41700	Tlkd-ok 7:35 PM
INC	7:35 PM	7:35		
OUT	AM		Commander Michael G. Berry Poplar Cabin, Camp David, Maryland Camp David x41402	Tlkd with Mr. McBride 8:43 PM
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

E. S. T.

FEBRUARY

17th

89

PRESIDENT-BUSH

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	PLACED				
OUT	7:24	AM		MR. CHARLES UNTERMEYER OFFICE-WHITE OFFICE WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 689	DA-OFFICE & RES. TOLD PATTY PRESOCK CANCEL 7:30A
INC		PM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT		AM		GEORGE P. BUSH	#DA TOLD PATTY PRE- SCOCK
	7:55			(b)(6)	CALL CANCELLED 7:55A
INC		PM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT		AM		PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER	
				(b)(6)	
INC	1:45	PM			SPOKE TO PATTY PRE- SOCK
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT		AM		MR. JACK PARNELL OFFICE-SACRAMENTO, CALIF. 916-445-7126	TALKED OK 3:17P
INC	3:13	PM	3:20		
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT		AM		PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER	
				(b)(6)	
INC	3:22	PM	3:27		TALKED OK
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			



News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EDT EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

Tower Probe Is Said To Find No Illegalities -- The FBI investigation of Defense Secretary-designate John Tower has uncovered no evidence implicating him in the Pentagon procurement scandal nor in the receipt of illegal campaign contributions but has uncovered a "wealth of allegations about the guy's personal conduct," an informed source said Thursday.
(Washington Post)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bush Worried About Weapons Soviets Left In Afghanistan -- President Bush says he will continue helping rebel groups in Afghanistan after the Soviet Army's withdrawal, and fully intends to support the contras in Nicaragua when their current aid expires next month.
(Washington Post, AP, Reuter)

Skeptical Bush Says He Might Seek More Contra Aid -- President Bush, in his first comment on the new Central American peace initiative, expressed skepticism Thursday about Nicaragua's desire to comply with it and said he might seek more aid for the contras.

(Boston Globe, Dallas Morning News, UPI)

NETWORK NEWS (Thursday evening)

PRESIDENT/APPROVAL RATING -- A new poll shows President Bush is well-received right now by most Americans.

PRESIDENT/AFGHANISTAN -- In a meeting with reporters, the President promises to continue aiding the Afghan mujahideen.

PAN AM FLIGHT -- Investigators say the Flight 103 bomb was contained in a radio, probably planted in Frankfurt.

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INTERNATIONAL.....A-6

NETWORK NEWS.....B-1

NATIONAL NEWS

POLL FINDS BUSH RATED HIGHLY AMONG BLACKS

Polls of small samples of black Americans suggest that President Bush begins his presidency with far more support among blacks than did his predecessor, Ronald Reagan.

In the latest Washington Post--ABC News poll completed Tuesday, 61 percent of all blacks interviewed said they approved of the way Bush was handling his job as President. Eight years ago, a Post-ABC News survey found that only 29 percent of blacks held a similarly positive view of Reagan's early job performance.

...Largely because of his showing among black Americans, Bush enjoys a higher overall favorable rating than Reagan did during the early stage of his presidency, according to the survey.

The Post-ABC survey found that 76 percent of those interviewed had a favorable impression of Bush, compared to 68 percent for Reagan eight years ago.
(Richard Morin, Washington Post, A11)

TOWER PROBE IS SAID TO FIND NO ILLEGALITIES 'Wealth Of Allegations' On Lifestyle Cited

The FBI investigation of Defense Secretary-designate John Tower has uncovered no evidence implicating him in the Pentagon procurement scandal nor in the receipt of illegal campaign contributions but has uncovered a "wealth of allegations about the guy's personal conduct," an informed source said Thursday.

The FBI report summarizing the bureau's findings, described by officials as a summary of the most extensive background check of a Cabinet appointee in memory, is due to be delivered to the White House Monday. Sen. Nunn said Thursday that he plans to convene the committee by Wednesday and hopes to schedule a committee vote on the Tower nomination by the end of the week.

Tom Kirk, the FBI agent who is writing the report, declined to discuss its contents. Kirk said that "the overwhelming number of allegations are resolved as being unfounded," but added that the report will contain new information about Tower that has not been made public. He said FBI agents are continuing to work on the background investigation.

Another official said the focus of the report would be "the lifestyle stuff." He said the volume of derogatory statements on Tower's drinking habits and relations with women is so great that if Tower were seeking a job as an FBI agent rather than as secretary of defense he probably would not be hired.
(Jim McGee & Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A1)

NEW REPORTS NAME TOWER IN GENEVA SEX ESCAPADE

Secret testimony to Congress on John Tower's activities while he was the chief U.S. arms negotiator in Geneva could delay further a confirmation vote on the defense secretary-designate.

Two investigators are scheduled to arrive here tomorrow to testify about evidence that Tower had mistresses while in Geneva and that the behavior of the U.S. arms control delegation under his supervision created major security risks.

Berne Indahl, a State Department diplomatic security agent, and Brian Hess, an agent with the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations, will appear at a closed-door session of the House Energy and Commerce oversight and investigations subcommittee, Capitol Hill sources said.

...The witnesses will describe investigations into allegations that retired Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Moser, a member of the U.S. arms control delegation in Geneva, violated security through carelessness and sexual indiscretions.

..."Ambassador John Tower...was reported to have maintained both his secretaries in Geneva as mistresses. Indahl said he had independent corroboration of this," according to a summary of an OPM report prepared as part of an investigation when Col. Moser applied for a Department of Energy security clearance.

(Michael Hedges & Warren Strobel, Washington Times, A1)

BUSH OPPOSES BANNING IMPORT OF SEMIAUTOMATICS

President Bush said Thursday that he would not support legislation to ban the import of semiautomatic AK47 assault rifles, such as the one used in a massacre in a California schoolyard last month, and added, "I think the answer is the criminal -- do more with the criminal."

In an Oval Office session with reporters, Bush said he supports existing laws banning importation of fully automatic Chinese-made AK47s, but he said he will not seek to restrict the importation of semiautomatic weapons, which police say have been used with increasing frequency in drug wars and gang killings.

...Bush also reiterated his view that inflationary pressures do not warrant "a substantially higher interest rate," a view seeming to put him somewhat at odds with the chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, who has expressed concern about any revival of inflation. Bush said he is not in a "fight" with Greenspan and insisted, "We aren't far apart."

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A6)

NORTH LAWYERS RIP PROSECUTION PLAN

Backstage Role For Justice Dept. Precludes Fair Trial, Defense Says

Oliver North's lawyers charged Thursday that he cannot get a fair trial under the prosecution's plan to give the Justice Department a backstage role in restricting the disclosure of classified information.

The defense said the arrangement announced Wednesday by independent counsel Lawrence Walsh would guarantee a "cuckoo-clock" trial with constant interruptions for squabbles over national security -- the kind of proceeding the trial judge wants to avoid.

"The attorney general still must be consulted as each individual item is ruled admissible," North's lawyers protested in a motion to U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell. "And defendant North still faces two governments rather than a single prosecutor with full power to make all trial decisions."

Walsh replied in a memo that the defense was mistaken and that it had no power to complain in any event. The prosecutor said his relationship with the attorney general was beyond the purview of the court. As a result, he said, North "has no standing to object to the relationship."

(George Lardner, Washington Post, A4)

North Defense Objects To Thornburgh Deal

The long-awaited trial of Oliver North on Thursday took a step closer to starting, as Chief Justice Rehnquist dropped an order that has halted the case from going forward for nearly a week.

The Chief Justice lifted the "administrative stay," which he imposed on Saturday at the request of Attorney General Thornburgh, after the Justice Department assured him that an agreement had been worked out with the independent prosecutor to ensure that highly sensitive state secrets would not be disclosed improperly during the trial.

North's lawyer, Brendan Sullivan, filed a motion Thursday asking U.S. District Judge Gesell to reject this agreement, arguing that North "cannot receive a fair trial" under its terms. (Fred Kaplan, Boston Globe)

WHITE HOUSE BOWS TO PLEAS; EPA TO BE PUT ON OFFSHORE OIL PANEL

The White House, responding to pleas from environmentalists and dissent within the Administration, is planning to include the EPA in a task force deliberating the future of offshore drilling, officials said Thursday.

The move will reverse an earlier decision to exclude the EPA from the panel, which is to be headed by Secretary Lujan and will include top-level representatives from the National Academy of Sciences and the Department of Energy.

...No formal decision to invite EPA to join the task force has yet been taken, a senior Administration official said Thursday night. But he said that Bush aides now have "no objections" to including its representatives....

An Interior Department source, meanwhile, said that he already had been informed that the EPA would be invited to play a key role in the task force's discussions.

(Douglas Jehl, Los Angeles Times)

GOP GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION TO EMPLOY SUNUNU'S WIFE

Nancy Sununu, wife of Chief of Staff John Sununu, has been hired by the Republican Governors Association to work on a variety of projects at a salary of \$38,000, Republican Party officials said Thursday.

Mary Matalin, chief of staff on the RNC, said Nancy Sununu, 59, would work on projects for the group as it gears up for the 1990 elections in which 35 governors seats are at stake. This year, there are only two races for governor.
(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A4)

\$226 MILLION EPA BUILDING SLATED FOR D.C.

Structure To Be District's First New Federal Headquarters Since '75

The federal government has agreed to construct a \$226 million building for the EPA along the Anacostia River, the first headquarters for federal employees to be constructed in the District since 1975, the GSA said Thursday.

The GSA plans to build a new building for the EPA at the Southeast Federal Center, a now-desolate collection of federal offices and abandoned industrial building on part of the old Washington Navy Yard at Second and M streets SE.

We have a difference of opinion on what the size needs to be," said acting GSA Administrator Richard Austin, "but we're willing to talk." The EPA wants a building that is almost 25 percent larger than GSA has agreed to build.
(Judith Havemann & John Mintz, Washington Post, A1)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. TO KEEP BACKING AFGHAN REBELS

President Bush Thursday vowed that the U.S. will continue to support the Afghan resistance and rejected a Soviet call for an immediate cease-fire and embargo on arms shipments, saying the Soviets left behind a "tremendous amount" of lethal supplies for the Kabul regime.

In a written statement and meeting with reporters, Bush said the U.S. would not end support for the rebels now that the Soviet army has withdrawn from Afghanistan. "As long as the resistance struggle for self-determination continues, so, too, will America's support," he said.

The President called on the Soviets "to refrain from other forms of interference in Afghan affairs." He added, "the Soviet Union has nothing to fear from the establishment of an independent, nonaligned Afghanistan" and should "support generously" an international effort to rebuild Afghanistan after the nine-year war.

A senior Administration official said Bush's concern about Soviet stockpiling reflected the results of a NSC meeting last Friday at which officials decided to continue aid to the rebels after the Soviet departure. He said the U.S. has evidence the Soviets left behind "huge stockpiles of weapons and other material" for the Kabul government.

(David Hoffman & David Ottaway, Washington Post, A31)

Bush Urges Soviets Not To Meddle In Afghan Affairs

President Bush, rejecting a Soviet call for a ban on future arms shipments to war-torn Afghanistan, urged Moscow to keep out of the internal affairs of the war-torn country.

After issuing his recommendation Thursday on meddling, Bush said he intends to seek continued funding for the contra rebels in Nicaragua -- while U.S. experts examine a peace plan that would disarm the insurgents.

During a question and answer session with reporters in the Oval Office, Bush called on the Kremlin to "refrain from other forms of interference in Afghan affairs. The Soviet Union has nothing to fear from the establishment of an independent, non-aligned Afghanistan."

He rebuffed a Soviet call for an embargo on Afghan arms shipments by both Washington and Moscow, saying the Kremlin left a huge weapons stockpile for the Kabul government.

It would not be fair to have a tremendous amount of lethal supplies left behind and then cut off support for resistance...leaving an unacceptable imbalance," he said.

(Laurence McQuillan, Reuter)

Bush Worried About Weapons Soviets Left In Afghanistan

President Bush says he will continue helping rebel groups in Afghanistan after the Soviet Army's withdrawal, and fully intends to support the contras in Nicaragua when their current aid expires next month.

Bush said Thursday he preferred a peaceful reconciliation in Afghanistan but was concerned that departing Soviet forces may have stockpiled weapons for the Marxist government in Kabul.

..."The time for recrimination is over," Bush said. "The time for bloodbaths is over and I would like to see the various factions get together and come up with recommendations that would lead to a peaceful Afghanistan with no more bloodbaths."

(Merrill Hartson, AP)

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AFGHAN REBELS END DISPUTE OVER HEAD OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT

ISLAMABAD -- Afghan rebels based in Pakistan settled a squabble Thursday over who should head an interim government for their country and began choosing the team.

But the consultative council meeting, or shura, remained bogged down in a dispute over the representation of Iran-based rebel groups.

The moderate Afghan National Liberation Front...ended a boycott of the meeting after Moslem fundamentalists proposed an interim government under Ahmad Shah, a fundamentalist U.S.-educated engineer.

Delegates of all seven parties in the Pakistan-based main guerrilla alliance debated a proposed government team at two shura sessions Thursday at a camp near Islamabad.

Guerrilla sources said two more sessions would be held on Friday.

(Raja Asghar, Reuter)

U.N. WANTS U.S. TO HALT AID TO AFGHAN REBELS

UNITED NATIONS -- U.N. Secretary General Perez de Cuellar says he will ask the U.S. to end its military aid to the Afghan rebels now that Soviet forces have completed their withdrawal from Afghanistan.

...Perez de Cuellar had planned to meet Monday with Secretary Baker in Washington, but the talks were postponed until next month because of what he said was Baker's "time constraint." Baker is currently meeting with leaders in Europe. (UPI)

BUSH WARY OF PROPOSAL TO DISBAND CONTRAS

President Bush expressed wariness and some surprise Thursday over an agreement by five Central American countries to disarm the contras in return for free elections in Nicaragua, saying he has "every intention" of continuing humanitarian aid to them.

"How that comes about, we'll just have to wait and see," Bush said at an informal Oval Office news conference. He said he has time before current U.S. aid to the rebels runs out Mar. 31 and before Tuesday's agreement involving Nicaragua's President Ortega and four other Central American leaders takes effect.

"There are some positive elements to it, and there are also some troublesome elements," the President said, noting that past Nicaraguan pledges to restore democratic procedures have been broken.

"So I think we have to be wary," he said, and "see that there's not just some fluffy promises out there but that there's some teeth in the promise of democratization." (Carl Leubsdorf, Dallas Morning News)

Skeptical Bush Says He Might Seek More Contra Aid

President Bush, in his first comment on the new Central American peace initiative, expressed skepticism Thursday about Nicaragua's desire to comply with it and said he might seek more aid for the contras.

Bush, in a 20-minute interview with reporters in the Oval Office, appeared to concede that his Administration had been caught off guard by the agreement.... He praised aspects of the pact as "positive," particularly the Sandinistas' vow to hold free elections by next February.

For the most part, however, Bush said he was being cautious in his appraisal because the Nicaraguan government had broken promises before. "Let's be sure that we not leave the resistance standing alone, leave them twisting out there without fulfillment of the commitment to democracy on the part of the Sandinistas," the President said.

(John Mashek & Adam Pertman, Boston Globe)

Bush Wants Action On Peace Proposal

President Bush said the U.S. will press the parties to a surprise Central American peace plan to go beyond "fluffy promises" and put "some teeth" into the pledges of democratic reform in Nicaragua.

Commenting for the first time on an agreement that caught his Administration off guard and raised doubts about the fate of the U.S.-backed contra rebels, Bush said Thursday there were "positive" as well as "troublesome elements" to the plan.

...In withholding either outright support or disapproval for the agreement, Bush emphasized that the U.S. must "be wary" of commitments by Ortega, because "claims like this have been made at one time, only to see those claims repudiated; promises made, promises broken."

As the agreement reached Tuesday is translated into a formal plan of action, Bush said the U.S. will "work in the next 90 days with the leaders to see that there's not just fluffy promises out there, but that there's some teeth in the promise of democratization" in Nicaragua.

(Norman Sandler, UPI)

CONTRAS PROPOSE TALKS WITH NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT, OPPOSITION

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica -- The contra rebels Thursday proposed three-way talks with the Nicaraguan government and the country's internal opposition to guarantee the democratization promised at a regional summit this week.

Wilfredo Montalban, a member of the contras' Nicaraguan Resistance Directorate, told a news conference here the talks would be aimed at reaching a negotiated solution to the eight-year Nicaraguan civil war.

"The resistance has offered on various occasions to put down its arms in exchange for an authentic democratization," Montalban said. (Reuter)

747 BOMB IS TRACED TO CASSETTE
Scot Says Item's Origin Probably Was Frankfurt

LOCKERBIE, Scotland -- Explosives concealed inside a radio cassette player in a forward luggage compartment blew up the London to New York Pan Am flight last Dec. 21 in which 270 lives were lost, Scottish police announced Thursday on behalf of investigators.

Speaking at a news conference at the scene of the crash, Detective Chief Superintendent John Orr said "reconstruction of the baggage container suggests that the explosive device may have been among the baggage of the Frankfurt flight," which was transferred in London to the Boeing 747 bound for New York.

But in Bonn, a spokesman for the West German Transport Ministry said Orr's statement here was "premature." The Scottish investigator had made a point of crediting international cooperation and mentioned West German as well as U.S. and British "commitment to a common purpose" to produce "significant and encouraging progress."

Further signs of West German irritation were provided by a security source in Bonn, quoted by Reuter as saying that "there was no evidence that the bomb at Lockerbie may have been planted in Frankfurt and any such suggestions were aimed at covering up British negligence."

(Jonathan Randal, Washington Post, A29)

U.N. AVIATION AGENCY ORDERS SECURITY MEASURES STUDY

MONTREAL -- The 33-nation council of the U.N. aviation agency Thursday ordered an urgent study of whether new measures are needed to meet the security threat posed by terrorist sabotage.

At a meeting requested by the U.S. and Britain, the ICAO council condemned "all acts of unlawful interference against international civil aviation," including the Dec. 21 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103....

The U.S. and British transportation secretaries told reporters they considered the two-day meeting of the ICAO advisory body successful and were satisfied there would be a quick review of security requirements.

Secretary Skinner said: "The international airline traveler can be assured that additional steps are now being taken, as a result of this meeting, to make international air travel an even safer mode of transportation."
(AP)

BAKER CAUTIONS EUROPEANS ON MIDEAST MOVES

BRUSSELS -- Secretary Baker urged European diplomats Thursday to proceed cautiously in their efforts at Mideast diplomacy lest they preempt movement toward a settlement there.

Baker's statement in a meeting with Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek, as reported by a Baker aide, responded to a EC study mission in the Mideast completed within the past several days by the French, Greek and Spanish foreign ministers.

Baker had discussed the effort with the Greek and Spanish foreign ministers earlier in his current 15-nation NATO trip and is expected to discuss it Friday with French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas.

Baker's response, according to an aide who briefed reporters, "was to be a little cautious, to note that this is an area that if you don't prepare an initiative in the right way, if you push too hard on the wrong level and on the wrong issues, the possibilities that are there might be preempted."

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A34)

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Baker Resisting European Pressure For Action On Middle East

BRUSSELS -- Secretary Baker is resisting pressure from European allies to launch new peace initiatives in the Middle East, a senior U.S. official said Thursday.

The aide said Baker stressed the need first to "till the ground carefully" when European officials raised the issue during his eight-day tour of 15 NATO countries which ends on Friday.

Baker argued that "if you seek to push the level of discussion too high, too soon, create too much international attention at the wrong level, you might pre-empt the possibility of real movement," the aide said Thursday night. (Carol Giacomo, Reuter)

PENTAGON WORKING ON A NEW MISSILE FOR WEST GERMANY

The Pentagon has taken the first steps toward developing a new short-range nuclear missile despite West German reservations about the project, Administration officials say.

The Pentagon's plans have far-reaching consequences for military strategy, arms control and American relations with the European allies, experts inside and outside the government say.

Key decisions on developing the new missile, intended as the successor to the aging Lance missile...were made in late November and December when the Pentagon decided on how to deploy the new weapon and what its desired capabilities should be, an Army official said.

(Michael Gordon, New York Times, A1)

BUSH TEAM RAPPED FOR GLOBE TROTTING

Former defense secretary Melvin Laird criticized the Bush Administration for having priorities "a little out of line" with "all this traveling" when major appointments and decisions need to be made at home.

Laird and former defense secretary Harold Brown also said Thursday that President Bush and Secretary Baker should not force a confrontation with West Germany over modernization of European-based short-range nuclear missiles.

"I think it would be a mistake to force that issue at this time," Laird said.

..."I think it would have been better if we could have gotten our people in place in this new Administration...in State and Defense...to work out" goals and priorities first, said Laird....

"I really have some question as to whether you should be doing all this traveling until you get organized here at home. When I look at Defense and State and see how few people have been confirmed, I think that's priority issue No. 1."

(Robert Mackay, UPI)

U.S. DELAYS DECISION ON HELPING JAPAN TO BUILD NEW FIGHTER

A deeply divided Bush Administration Thursday put off for at least a month a decision on whether to let Japan build a new fighter plan with U.S. help after lawmakers and government officials worried that the arrangement may be a give-away of American technology.

Pentagon officials who negotiated the deal were pushing for quick approval, hoping the President would sign an agreement while he is in Tokyo next week for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito.

...The issue pits the State and Defense departments -- which favor the coproduction arrangement -- against critics in the Commerce, Treasury and Energy departments, the White House Office of Science and Technology and the USTR, Administration and congressional sources said.

(Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, A16)

TOSHIBA SAYS IT PROVIDED ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT FOR LIBYAN PLANT

TOKYO -- Toshiba supplied electrical equipment for a Libyan plant alleged to be making chemical weapons in the belief it was for a desalinization project, a corporation spokesman said Friday.

Toshiba was subcontracted by Japan Steel Works in June 1985 to provide transformers, switch gear and other equipment. Six months later the gear was sent to a warehouse in Japan.

"That was the end of our transaction," the spokesman aid.

He could neither confirm nor deny a Japanese news agency report Wednesday, which quoted U.S. government sources as saying Toshiba technicians sent to install the equipment were in Libya as recently as last summer.

(Reuter)

LITHUANIAN NATIONALISTS CALL FOR INDEPENDENCE

MOSCOW -- The largest grass-roots organization in Lithuania has broken one of the last remaining political taboos in Mikhail Gorbachev's Soviet Union by pledging to work toward the "independence" and "neutrality" of the Baltic republic.

The demand for "state sovereignty" was overwhelmingly approved at a meeting last night of leaders of the 200-member council of Sajudis, a mass movement that has emerged as a powerful political force in Lithuania over the past few months. Sajudis officials said the decision was passed with only eight opposing votes and eight abstentions.

The political goals cited in the manifesto included the restoration of Lithuania's "traditional status of neutrality in a European demilitarized zone, as well as [striving for] universally accepted human and civil freedoms, from which flows the general right of Lithuania's citizens independently to choose and develop their own forms of state existence."

(Michael Dobbs, Washington Post, A1)

SOUTH KOREAN DISSIDENTS VOW PROTESTS AGAINST BUSH VISIT

SEOUL -- South Korea's main dissident group said Friday it will stage anti-American protests in Seoul and other cities in the run-up to President Bush's brief visit Feb. 27.

Leaders of a newly-formed dissident alliance announced 10 days of "civil struggle" to denounce the five-hour visit they said would strengthen the position of South Korean President Roh.

The campaign is due to kick off with a street rally in Seoul Saturday. Activists also plan to picket the U.S. Embassy during Bush's stay.

(Jo Yun Jeung, Reuter)

BLACK GROUPS OSTRACIZE MRS. MANDELA Step Follows Killing Of S. African Youth

JOHANNESBURG -- Virtually all of South Africa's anti-apartheid organizations and its huge black trade union federation formally ostracized Winnie Mandela Thursday, holding her responsible for murder and asking the black community to "distance" itself from her.

The extraordinary condemnation and shunning of Mandela, widely regarded as the "mother of the nation" since the imprisonment of her husband, Nelson Mandela, a quarter century ago, was issued in the name of the "mass democratic movement" by the United Democratic Front anti-apartheid movement and the powerful Congress of South African Trade Unions.

It follows allegations by the police that Winnie Mandela and a group of 30 members of the United Mandela soccer team who serve as her personal bodyguards were involved in the murder of a 14 year-old boy and may be linked to the killing of a prominent black physician in Johannesburg's sprawling Soweto township and a subsequent cover-up.

(William Claiborne, Washington Post, A1)

TREASURY WON'T MEET DEBT REPORT DEADLINE Congress Grants 3-Week Extension On Study Of Third World Crisis

Treasury officials have notified Congress that they will be unable to meet next week's deadline for an interim report on the Third World debt crisis, a senior Treasury official said Thursday.

But separate reports on possible revisions of banking regulations that would contribute to a pattern of Third World debt reduction, due on the same date from the FDIC and the comptroller of the currency, will be made on time, according to agency and congressional sources.

...In delaying its report, Treasury officials pleaded pressures of other work, and argued that the Bush Administration has not completed the staffing of economic posts needed to complete the task. A Treasury source said the delay stemmed from "unfilled jobs" at the State Department, which is participating in a broad review of the debt strategy that was ordered by President Bush.

"The fact that we can't meet the deadline has nothing to do with our debt strategy review," a senior Treasury official said.

(Hobart Rowen, Washington Post, B3)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Thursday evening, February 16, 1989)

PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH REPORTERS/ABC POLL

ABC's Ted Koppel: Our first poll today on how people think George Bush is doing as President, and the bottom line is: very well. President Bush begins his term with one of the highest approval ratings of any president since World War II. Seventy-six percent say he's doing a good job, and that's eight points higher than Ronald Reagan when he took office.

Approve of President's performance.....76%

Disapprove of President's performance.....14%

That approval is widespread. Sixty-one percent among blacks; Mr. Reagan got only twenty-nine percent when his term started. And sixty-three percent among Dukakis voters.

Approval rating among blacks.....61%

Approval rating among Dukakis voters.....63%

One other contrast with the Reagan years: George Bush's frequent and relaxed meetings with reporters. He held another session today, his fourth in the four weeks he's been in office.

ABC's Brit Hume: As the President took a wide range of questions from reporters in the Oval Office, he displayed the effort to mute disagreements that has been his hallmark since the campaign.

(TV coverage: A series of television shots of the President meeting with reporters runs throughout Hume's report.)

One exception was on Afghanistan, where he told the Soviets in effect: Now that you've gotten out, stay out.

(President Bush: "We would call upon the Soviet Union to refrain from other forms of interference in Afghan affairs.")

Mr. Bush, unlike U.N. Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar, said he opposes an Afghan arms embargo. Does that mean the U.S. will keep supplying the Afghan rebels?

(President: "That means we will do what we need to do to see that there is a peaceful resolution to this question, that one side does not dominate militarily.")

On Nicaragua, Mr. Bush suggested and aides later confirmed he will seek renewal of non-lethal aid to the contra rebels. The President was skeptical of the new agreement among Central American leaders that would disband the contras in exchange for democratic reforms.

(President: "Let's be sure that we not leave the resistance standing alone, leave them twisting out there without fulfillment of the commitment to democracy on the part of the Sandinistas.")

The President expressed satisfaction with congressional reaction to his budget, despite complaints from some Democrats it leaves the dirty work to them.

Hume continues:

(President: "I don't think, Brit, that that's a commonly-held view. I think we're off to a pretty good start, and I credit not just Republican leaders on the Hill but the spirit that the Democratic leaders have demonstrated.")

In fact, Democratic congressional leaders have been quite reluctant to attack either this President or his budget. And his latest approval rating will do nothing to change that. (ABC-5)

CBS's Dan Rather: President Bush today promised to keep U.S. military aid flowing to rebels who are close to final victory in Afghanistan. He also said he was not giving up on the Nicaraguan rebels, the contras, who are close to final defeat in Central America. Foreign affairs led the agenda today as President Bush held a wide-ranging interview with reporters in the Oval Office.

CBS's Lesley Stahl: President Bush announced that the U.S. will continue to supply rebel forces in Afghanistan with military aid. The administration charges that the withdrawing Soviet army flew in massive amounts of ammunition and other weapons at the last minute for use by the communist Kabul government.

(TV coverage: A series of television shots of the President meeting with reporters runs throughout Hume's report.)

(President Bush: "It would not be fair to have a tremendous amount of lethal supplies left behind and then cut off support for the resistance.")

Mr. Bush also said he has no intention of abandoning another of Ronald Reagan's rebel armies: the contras.

(President: "I have every intention of seeing that these people receive humanitarian support.")

He expressed mistrust of a new agreement among Central American presidents under which the contras would be disbanded in exchange for democratic reforms in Nicaragua. He said previous commitments for reforms have just been fluffy promises.

(President: "Promises made, promises broken. And so I think we have to be wary.")

Commenting for the first time on the pre-trial maneuverings in the case of Oliver North, the President supported the attorney general's moves to limit the amount of national security information presented at the trial -- moves that could cause the whole case to be thrown out.

(President: "There are legitimate national security interests that he is obliged to protect. And he understands this, but he also understands that the judicial system should be operative and the trial should go forward.")

This was a new-style Oval Office news conference: Just a few reporters called on short notice for a short time. As it ended, the President was asked about the frightening escalation of murder rates in cities across country. He said he disagrees with police who want a ban on military assault weapons such as the one used in a recent schoolyard massacre in Stockton, California.

(President: "I would certainly go after the criminals who use these guns, but I'm not about to suggest that a semi-automated hunting rifle be banned. Absolutely not.")

As the President expressed sympathy for his Cabinet choices who've been forced to sell stock or give up pensions, he worried out loud that his campaign on ethics may be carrying things too far. (CBS-2)

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NBC's Tom Brokaw: President Bush said today that this country will continue to provide weapons to the anti-communist rebels in Afghanistan. White House aides also said that despite the Soviet pullout, the trade sanctions against the Soviets will continue until Moscow helps reduce tensions in Central America. (NBC-4)

Brokaw: President Bush said today that he remains opposed to more gun control. He said he sees no need to ban the sale of those military-style assault weapons that have been used in several recent slayings, including a schoolyard massacre in Stockton, California. The President said laws banning the import of such weapons should be better enforced. However First Lady Barbara Bush differs with the President. She recently said she's afraid of guns and thinks that assault weapons should absolutely be banned. (NBC-8)

TOWER

Rather: Possible new trouble tonight for the John Tower for defense nomination: More but nonspecific inferences about Tower's private conduct are now coming from Kenneth Adelman. He's the man who coordinated President Reagan's U.S. arms control policy while Tower was negotiating with the Soviets in Geneva. Adelman said today that Tower's "lack of discretion proved troublesome." He gave no specifics but did say Tower's job performance was not directly affected. (CBS-6)

PAN AM 103/AIRPORT SECURITY

Koppel: A news conference held by police in Scotland today and an ABC News investigation give some preliminary answers to a pair of key questions about the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.... The questions: where and how was the bomb placed on the plane and who did it?

ABC's Barrie Dunsmore reports on the investigation into the downing of Pan Am Flight 103. The investigators now believe they know where the bomb was hidden.

(John Orr, senior investigating officer: "[The investigation] has now led to the conclusion that the explosive device was within a radio cassette player.")

The investigators today also showed photographs of the reconstructed luggage container which they said contained only bags which were loaded in Frankfurt or were in transit from other airports. No bags from passengers who boarded the plane in London were in this container. This leads them to conclude that the bomb probably, though not certainly, came from Frankfurt. What was said and unsaid here in Lockerbie today clearly points to a terrorist operation based in West Germany. But the investigators are still either unable or unwilling to publicly identify their prime suspects. What was revealed today will certainly focus more attention on the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command led by Ahmed Jibril. Jibril denies planting the bomb, but members of his group were captured in Frankfurt in October with a cassette recorder packed with Cyntex [phonetic] explosives and a barometer triggering device of the type believed used on Pan Am 103.

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Dunsmore continues:

However, ABC News has learned that Jibril's group may be part of a larger operation. A senior source overseeing the investigation of the bombing says it's now believed some hard-line members of Iran's Revolutionary Guard arranged the bombing, perhaps using some of Jibril's people and expertise. Revenge for the shooting down of the Iranian airliner by the USS Vincennes was their motive. And in fact an unknown group called Guardians of the Islamic Revolution were the first and so far only group to claim responsibility for the bombing.

ABC's Jim Slade reports on a conference in Montreal called to seek uniform airport security standards around the world. As word reached the meeting of the announcements at Lockerbie, the FAA was quietly notifying U.S. airlines, urging them to pay more attention to computers, radios and cassette players brought aboard their airplanes.

(FAA Commissioner McArtor: "We asked for greater precaution. Possibly the use of X-ray and two dimension so that you can look for hidden cavities.")

British Transport Secretary Channon suggested passengers might be required to carry such devices through security onto the plane so they couldn't be hidden in baggage. The aviation organizations' guidelines are to be strengthened, but they're more likely to focus on increased searches of passengers and baggage and more airport security rather than a worldwide plunge into space-age technologies because of the cost of high-tech solutions. (ABC-1)

NBC's Mike Hagar reports the investigation has determined that the bomb that destroyed Pan Am 103 was planted in a cassette radio and was set off by a very sophisticated detonator. Investigators believe the bag with the radio either arrived in Frankfurt from elsewhere or more likely was first loaded in Frankfurt. Today the U.S. government issued an advisory to all U.S. airlines about passengers carrying radios. Tonight investigators feel confident they will eventually be able to identify just whose bag the radio-bomb was in.

NBC's Fred Francis reports on suspicions that Ahmed Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, was behind the bombing. Jibril and his estimated 500 followers are violently opposed to the PLO and have pledged to undermine Arafat's recent moderate policy on Israel. Analysts believe that defying Arafat by blowing up an Israeli or U.S. airliner was the goal of 13 of Jibril's followers who were arrested with explosives by West German police last October. According to Pentagon sources, that investigation links Jibril to the Pan Am disaster. Jibril's team had explosives concealed in a radio with a barometric detonator remarkably similar to that which destroyed Pan Am 103. Jibril's spokesman denied the allegation today as he did after the bombing. But Jibril who lives in Syria and is financed by Libya has attacked airliners in the past. Speaking from Libya two years, he vowed: "There will be no safety for any traveler on a U.S. or Israeli airliner." Today an Israeli diplomatic source said Israel is convinced that Jibril ordered the downing of Pan Am 103. If irrefutable evidence does turn up, it will not be easy to strike back. Most of Jibril's organization is in lawless Beirut. (NBC-1, CBS-4)

S&L CRISIS

NBC's Irving R. Levine reports ailing S&Ls are now beginning to raise their interest rates in an attempt to beef up their holdings before federal regulators take control. Since the Bush plan was announced, insolvent institutions have been offering depositors the highest interest in the nation. The failed S&Ls are bidding up rates to attract more depositors in a desperate attempt to get on their feet financially to keep government regulators from moving in. But it's a high-cost game for the taxpayer. The more deposits an S&L has when the government closes it down, the more the government has to put up to pay off insured depositors. That money comes largely from taxpayers. High rates offered by bankrupt S&Ls start a chain reaction. Healthy institutions also have to pay savers higher rates in order to compete. The higher cost could push some healthy S&Ls over the brink into bankruptcy. There's nothing government regulators can do to hold rates down until they actually move in and take control of insolvent S&Ls. But red-tape paperwork is slowing down the takeovers. By tomorrow, government regulators will have taken over only 36 of the nation's 235 insolvent S&Ls. They hope to take over the rest by the end of March. Until then, the high interest rates and the cost of the bailouts will continue to rise.

(NBC-6)

ABC's John Martin reports on Lincoln Savings and Loan of California, an S&L in serious financial difficulty but with powerful friends in Washington. Two years ago in San Francisco examiners from the FHLBB found the S&L was "unsafe...teetering on the brink of financial difficulty." The SEC and the Justice Department have been investigating financial irregularities at Lincoln, but no charges have been brought. In taking on Lincoln, the federal examiners were facing a powerful adversary. Charles Keating, chairman of American Continental which owns Lincoln, strongly disagreed with the regulators' facts. When the regulators challenged Keating, warfare erupted. Keating took aim at Edwin Gray, then chairman of the FHLBB. When Gray and the board refused to back down, Gray says Keating offered him a job, which he declined, as a way to stop the probe. Then the federal examiners were summoned from San Francisco for an extraordinary meeting with five U.S. senators [Cranston, DeConcini, Glenn, McCain, Riegle]. Each senator had gotten large campaign donations from Keating, his family and their associates. According to bank board notes of the meeting, the senators were blunt. Sen. Glenn: "You should charge Lincoln or get off their banks." Looking back, some of the senators now express reservations about that meeting. But despite the pressure, the San Francisco regulators refused to budge and recommended Lincoln be taken over by the government. The professional staff in Washington reviewed the case and agreed that Lincoln was operating in an unsafe and unsound manner. But their superiors, the political appointees on the bank board, then took an unprecedented step. They removed authority to regulate Lincoln from the San Francisco bank and moved it to Washington.

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Martin continues:

The chairman says it was to settle a dispute between his examiners and Lincoln's accountants.

(M. Danny Wall, FHLBB chairman: "How do you do that when you've got clearly diverging views and clearly diverging sets of documentation is to have another look at it.")

But Rep. Gonzalez of the budget committee charged with investigating the S&L mess says the bank board has been compromised.

(Rep. Gonzalez: "The regulator, the policeman on the beat, unfortunately entered into an incestuous relationship with the industry that it was supposed to be regulating.")

Lincoln remains open and so far it hasn't cost the taxpayers a dime.

But federal regulators, stymied by political meddling, are still concerned about its high-risk investments. (ABC-9)

REPUBLICAN PARTY/DAVID DUKE

Koppel: Here's something you won't find very often: The President of the United States, George Bush, and the former President, Ronald Reagan, actively campaigning against another Republican, one running in a local election at that. But that's exactly what has happened in a run-off election this Saturday for a seat in the Louisiana state legislature.

ABC's Mike von Fremd reports on David Duke, a former KKK imperial wizard, who is running for a Louisiana legislature seat. He has attended Klan cross burnings and marched with the Klan two years in Forsyth County, Georgia. He has now dropped that membership to start the National Association for the Advancement of White People, which is popular with some in the 99.6% white voting district of Jefferson Parish. Duke calls affirmative action racism, supports mandatory birth control for welfare mothers and insists he's a good Republican.

(David Duke: "I feel more comfortable in the Republican Party. I think it's more attuned to my ideas and values.")

Republican Party leaders obviously feel otherwise and fear a Duke win could derail efforts to try and reach out to minorities. So they are bringing in their biggest guns to try and broadside the former Klansman. Former President Reagan and George Bush, Jr. are campaigning for Duke's opponent and President Bush is writing letters of support as part of a carefully-orchestrated effort by Republican Party chairman.

(Lee Atwater: "He is a charlatan, a phony, and he will try to be all things to all people at any given point in time. We see through that.")

But Duke is said to be holding on to a slim lead.

(ABC-6)

RUSHDIE

ABC's Charles Glass reports that author Salman Rushdie was subjected to further threats from Iran today. Rushdie has now gone into hiding, taking Ayatollah Khomeini's threat seriously. The British government called an Iranian diplomat to the foreign office in London and froze what were improving British-Iranian relations.

Glass continues:

(Sir Geoffrey Howe, British foreign minister: "Nobody has the right to incite people to violence on British soil or against British citizens. Ayatollah Khomeini's statement is totally unacceptable.")

Other Western countries have expressed support for Rushdie and freedom of speech. The European Parliament passed a resolution calling for severe sanctions against Iran if Rushdie is harmed. France's foreign minister called on all Western leaders to condemn Khomeini's threat and Holland's foreign minister canceled a planned trip to Iran. In Luxembourg today Secretary Baker added his voice to the wave of condemnation.

(Secretary Baker: "Well, I think that that is regrettable and that, of course, as you know, the United States is firmly committed to oppose terrorism in all of its forms and particularly state-sponsored terrorism.")

Today telephone callers in India said British Airlines flying there would be blown up unless Rushdie comes out of hiding. Iran has announced officially that suicide squads there are preparing to assassinate Salman Rushdie and that the price on his head has gone up from \$3 million to \$6 million. (ABC-2, NBC-2, CBS-5)

SOUTH AFRICA

NBC's Robin Lloyd reports the hunger strike by black prisoners to protest jailing without trial is ending after three and a half weeks. Most of the 300 strikers agreed to stop after the government promised that a large percentage will either be formally charged or released. Also, the uproar over allegations that Winnie Mandela's body guards were responsible for the murder of a youth activist caused new dissension within the ranks of black activists. In the leading black newspaper, criticism increased about her possible involvement in the murder. Today black leaders officially broke all ties with her.

(Murphy Morobe, United Democratic Front: "The mass democratic movement at this point hereby wishes to distance itself from Mrs. Mandela and her actions.")

The government news broadcast played the Mandela story prominently, even as it denied that any deal has been struck to release the hunger strikers. (NBC-3)

GORBACHEV/PERESTROIKA

CBS's Barry Peterson reports the reformed Soviet political system may now be turning on its maker, Mikhail Gorbachev. Boris Yeltsin, once a strong supporter of Gorbachev's reforms and currently a candidate for the new Soviet parliament, now has his doubts. "Gorbachev's perestroika has not worked," he said at a campaign rally. "It has tried to do too much and has accomplished virtually nothing." The speech was well received by the crowd -- a sign of Gorbachev's deepening political troubles as his country loses faith in his vision. Last night Gorbachev was on Soviet TV warning the country not to panic. "No," he said to his growing legion of opponents, "We cannot stop even if we wanted to. We must go forward." And as of yet there is no political leader publicly challenging Gorbachev. But as his support erodes, the debate grows: Is Gorbachev's hold on power, and with it his chance to improve life here, slipping away?

(CBS-3)

AIDS

Rather: Scientists today said they had succeeded for the first time in drawing the three-dimensional structure of an enzyme the AIDS virus needs to spread its infection. This was hailed as "an important and critical step along the pathway to anti-AIDS drug development."

CBS's Harold Dow reports on a new study asserting that the spread of AIDS among IV drug users has remained stable since 1984, at 55% to 60%. Researchers say today's report should be considered as a way to buy time for more prevention since AIDS is still far from being conquered. (CBS-7)

ELEPHANTS/IVORY

CBS's Doug Tunnell reports a coalition of wildlife groups asked the U.S. government take urgent action to save the African elephant. They asked the U.S. government to ban the importation of ivory and declare the elephant an endangered species. (CBS-10)

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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Monthly Gallup Poll Approval Ratings of the Presidents

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4	74	76	73	65	42	64	68
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7	-	73	74	62	37	66	60
8	75	75	-	58	39	59	52
9	65	76	-	56	51	51	56
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Marlin said the president was editing his speech copy on board; Bush may include some ~~minor~~ additions, ~~more~~ more in working than substance.

The budget meeting Bush refers to on Page two will include Senators Mitchell and Dole, Speaker Wright and Reps. Michel and Foley, ~~and Appropriations~~ chairmen and ranking members of Budget, Finance and Appropriations will also be there; for the WH, Darman, Brady, Sununu. Fitzwater called the session "an opportunity to assess progress thus far, to go over some of the numbers that have emerged in preliminary sessions. The president also wanted to build momentum while he is out of the country." He said the meeting would ~~consist of~~ consist of a discussion of process, adding Bush considers matters still in the "discussion/consultation phase." He said the conferees would discuss "where to we go from here, how do we get to more direct negotiations."

Fitzwater called the decline in the trade deficit "good news. It does show steady improvement, a trend of improvement." He said the deficit had dropped 22 per cent on a year-to-year basis.

Bush, while at Camp David on Monday, will confer with Asian scholars much like the session he held with Soviet experts at Kennebunkport last Monday. Marlin says this one will be "more directed to the trip," and will cover ~~the~~ Pacific Rim and Asian policy. He will provide a list of the scholars later today, as well as list of private guests expected.

Details for Bonnie Prince Charley: Buses leave the SW Gate at 4:30 for Greentop Lodge, where five phones will be available. Those driving should arrive no later than 7 p.m. At 7:15, press will be taken into Camp David for pix of prince's arrival via chopper, (8:15) Bush greeting. White House will provide a photo later -- at the Cozy -- of dinner, ~~which~~ which will take place in Aspen Lodge. Diners are President and Mrs. Bush, the prince, British Ambassador and Mrs. Acland, Henry Catto, ambassador-designate to the Court of St. James's, Brent Scowcroft. Buses return WH at abt 9 p.m.

On board AF One -- Senator Kit Bond, Sununu, Fitzwater, Roger Porter, assistant to pres for policy development; Fred Mc Clure, legislative liaison; Ed Rogers, exec asst to Sununu; Craig Petermann (sp?) director of ~~volunteers~~ volunteers.

Sullivan, USIA

Waldman, Newsweek

POOL REPORT

LAMBERT FIELD - WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

February 17, 1989

Bush, clad in a tan raincoat, waved to the press pool as he left Air Force One but had nothing to say.

Motorcade was uneventful with highways blocked to other traffic. Near the university there were handfuls of spectators including a few pro-abortion demonstrators.

Sullivan, USIA
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Pool Report
AF One St. Louis to Andrews
Feb. 17, 1989

Marlin said Gorbachev sent a message to Bush about Afghanistan today. It was delivered at 11 a.m. by Ambassador Dubinin to ~~Gen.~~ Gen. Scowcroft. Bush had not read it at this time since he was in St. Louis.

Marlin said the letter "relates ~~taxi~~ generally to the pullout of Soviet forces in Afghanistan. It generally repeats their public position." He said it includes a portion "about ending support for the rebels." Marlin said he did not want to be more specific about the contents, described to him in a brief call from Scowcroft, but he said Afghanistan was the only subject and that the issue of ~~Soviet~~ stockpiling of weapons by the Kabul government raised by Bush yesterday was not mentioned.

Marlin said the president has no formal response ready yet, but he repeated what Bush said in the interview. "Our concerns remain the same. The stockpiling issue requires that we continue our positive symmetry...We'll continue to supply the Mujaheddin so long as they supply the Kabul government and if you have stockpiling there that in effect amounts to continuous supply, our policy is to provide the same."

Marlin would not characterize the tone of the message since he had not read it and he would not go into any other detail except to repeat that it covers what the Soviets have said publicly and that he understands the Soviets have sent "similar letters to other countries." He said "I'm sure there will be some kind of response," but he didn't know when.

On Tower, Marlin said the White House would receive the FBI report on Monday. He had no other comment.

Steve Studdert spoke to the pool about the post story and other reports that Bush is not getting his message on TV.

He said "president bush is deeply engaged in the business of governing, not in made-for-tv drama."x....I've thought a lot about this and ~~is~~ I'm still not sure how I feel. Do you have to have a story of the day or can there be just an ongoing story of the presidency? ...Some other presidencies may have done that... where is it written that you have to have a video presidency?"

Studdert said that despite a lack of network tv coverage, Bush got lots of regional and local tv coverage on his trips this week. He said ~~it~~ was "absolutely the objective."

"one of the reasons things may seem a little bland," he continued spinning, "is that Americans have used the last four weeks x to get a sense of who the new president is-- his values, what's important to him, just kind of ~~at~~ flavor for what George Bush is all about."

He said the White House doesn't want to provide the "sparks" and other controversial events that get Bush on the news, ~~but in~~ a negative cast. "He's just involved in the business of governing

which may not have any controversy at the moment."

"Look, I was around in the Reagan years," he added.

"I know how to give you guys something you would like."

Fitzwater was asked if the president was disappointed that 39% of blacks disapprove of Bush, according to a new Post/ABC poll. He said, without skipping a beat, that Bush "is delighted that 76% of the American people think he's ~~done~~ done an outstanding job. "

~~Rxxx~~ Reminded that Bush believes polls are worthless, at least during the campaign, Fitzwater said "What we found is that right after the 1st of the year, polls are sometimes a little better than they are most other times."

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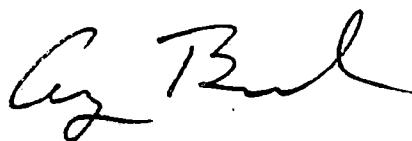
February 17, 1989

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The provisions of the fiscal year 1989 Defense Authorization and Appropriations Acts require that I submit to the Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the "anticipated obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year 1989 for the Small ICBM, the MX Rail Garrison program, and other ICBM Modernization programs; and the purposes those obligations are intended to accomplish." Until April 3, 1989, I anticipate obligating no more than \$250 million of the \$600 million appropriated for the fiscal year 1989 MX Rail Garrison program.

Between now and April 3, we will be reviewing various ICBM modernization options in the context of my recently announced national security strategy review. The modernization of our land-based strategic forces has raised a number of issues that will necessitate consultations with you and other members of Congress before any final proposals are made on this critically important matter.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Les Aspin
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: Initiation of Telecommunications Trade
Negotiations

Consistent with Executive Order 12661 (54 FR 779), I
hereby order you to enter into negotiations by February 18,
1989, with all governments identified as "priority foreign
countries" on that date.

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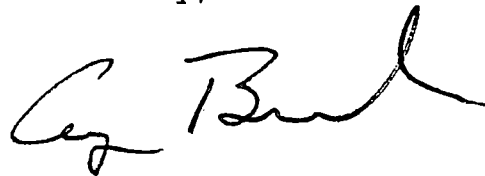
February 17, 1989

Dear Judge Nebeker:

In accordance with the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended, and the regulations implemented thereunder (specifically 5 C.F.R. section 738.202(c)), I am writing to notify you that I have designated C. Boyden Gray, Counsel to the President, as the Designated Agency Ethics Official for the White House Office within the Executive Office of the President. I have also designated Amy L. Schwartz, Associate Counsel to the President, as Alternate Agency Ethics Official. Mr. Gray has in turn designated the following individuals to serve as deputy ethics officials: Lee Liberman, Associate Counsel to the President, Patricia Bryan, Associate Counsel to the President, and Arnold Intrater, General Counsel, Office of Administration.

A copy of the delegation of authority is enclosed.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Frank Nebeker
Director
Office of Government Ethics
Suite 400
1625 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20044

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Dear Judith:

Your resignation as Assistant Secretary for Administration, effective March 3, 1989, is accepted with regret. Your competent and loyal service since 1981 has been greatly appreciated by former President Reagan and by me.

You have my thanks in particular for the leadership you showed in the Department's management initiatives, making HUD one of the leaders in financial management improvements. Your participation on the President's Council for Management Improvement and your chairmanship of its Human Resource Committee contributed to government-wide management improvements and will bear fruit for years to come.

Once again, thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH

The Honorable Judith L. Hofmann
Assistant Secretary for Administration
Department of Housing and Urban
Development
451 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410

✓ WHcc:

The Honorable Jack Kemp
Secretary of Housing and
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Washington, D.C. 20410

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20410-3000

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR ADMINISTRATION

November 25, 1988

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully submit my resignation as Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Administration, to be effective at the pleasure of the President.

It has been an honor to serve in your Administration since 1981. Your leadership has changed the direction of this country and the role of government in our society. I'm pleased that President-Elect George Bush will have the opportunity of continuing the Reagan agenda into the 1990's.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Judith L. Hofmann".

Judith L. Hofmann
Assistant Secretary

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February 17, 1989

Dear Phil,

Such generous words, coming from you, meant all the more. I might say the same about my night on the Hill last week. The feeling of unity is exhilarating.

You're right about public housing -- but you'd better keep stopping by to check up from time to time.

Sincerely,

GEORGE

The Honorable Phil Gramm
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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For ROTUS to see & sign

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

PHIL GRAMM
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January 26, 1989

The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your generosity in inviting me to the White House for lunch. I was impressed both by the impact of Gramm-Rudman on your modest menu and by the facilities that are available in public housing!

I am proud of your first week in office and believe you are off to an excellent start. Please always remember that you have a friend and a tireless ally in me.

Yours respectfully,



PHIL GRAMM

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THE PRESIDENT

~~4~~-17-89

Dear Bill -

I'm sorry I'll miss
you when you're up for NGA.
Next time, for sure tho!
Love to Rita

[Signature]

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable William Clements
Governor
State Capitol
Austin, Texas 78711

✓cc: Jan B

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Feb. 17, 1989

Dear Jack,

I'm wearing the red one
the other 2 have already
been broken in - not spilled on
just broken in. So many thanks.
I love em. Great seeing you.

Thanks for the 'fill' on
the Middle East.

Love to all -

MR. JACK STEIN
20 Jerusalem Avenue
Hicksville, New York 11801

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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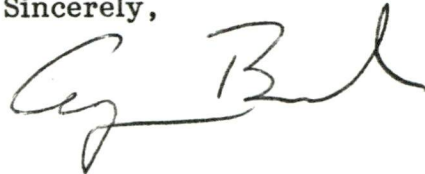
February 17, 1989

Dear Lupita:

Barbara and I were very saddened to learn of Ricardo's death. We will always be grateful to him for his hard work and strong support. He was a special person, and I know the people whose lives he touched will always remember him with affection.

We send our sincere condolences, with our prayers for your strength and peace in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "George Bush", written in a cursive style.

Mrs. Ricardo Garcia
485 South Sam Houston
San Benito, Texas 78586

George Bush Presidential Library Transfer Sheet

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Meeting with
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