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UNP 02/27/89
4:00 pm



2:00 pm (60 min)	<u>Cabinet Meeting</u> (Bates)	Cabinet Room (TAB A)
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PRESIDENT BUSH
E. S. T.

FEBRUARY 28th

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	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	6:42 AM	6:46	JEB BUSH (b)(6)	TALKED OK
INC OUT	6:55 AM	6:56	GOV. SUNUNU OFFICE: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 685	TALKED OK
INC OUT	7:01 AM	7:01	GOV. SUNUNU OFFICE: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 685	TALKED OK
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INC OUT	9:14 AM	9:19	MR. MARVIN BUSH (b)(6)	TALKED OK 9:17 A
INC OUT	10:50 AM	10:53	MR. CHASE UNTERMEYER (b)(6)	TALKED OK 10:51A
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INC	PM			
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INC	PM			
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GEORGE BUSH

PHONE CALL WITH
FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

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Pres Carter

1) whole thing good
diplomatic - good
long talks

very pleased with
trip - "

told him we'd follow
up on Africa etc
- seacraft.

2) seemed interested China
Korea pleasant
chat



PHONE CONVERSATION WITH
FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
GEORGE BUSH 2-28-89

Pres R.

reported
" Demos like those
in 60's "

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PHONE CONVERSATION WITH
FORMER PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
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Pres. Ford
ask about
China -

ask S. Korea - 18 months
was there
improved with Roh-

Filled him in on S.K.
China.

Demos get headlines

Brent "greatly
improved paper"



PHONE CONVERSATION WITH
DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
GEORGE BUSH

2.28-89

17Bk

all out = coming

trips went well -

Japan

" Konchel Fure "

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SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 28 February 1989

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6:00 Breakfast for the President and Mrs. Bush
6:07 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
6:12 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
7:15 The President to the Oval Office
12:37 Mrs. Potter-Stewart to the Second Floor
12:45 Lunch for Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Potter-Stewart
1:00 Mr. Mark Hampton to the Second Floor
1:45 Mrs. Potter-Stewart down
5:35 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
5:46 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
5:52 The President to the Second Floor
6:35 Boydon Gray to the Second Floor
7:12 Senator Tower, Dole, Governor Sununu to the Second Floor
7:34 Senator Warner to the Second Floor
7:42 Boydon Gray to the Second Floor
8:12
8:17 Senator Dole down
8:20 Dinner for the President, Mrs. Bush, and Hap Ellis
9:10 President and Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds, to the Oval Office
9:24 President and Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
10:00 Mrs. Johnathon Bush arrives South Grounds, to the Second Floor
10:14 Retired

Houseguests:

Hap Ellis - Lincoln Bedroom

Josephine Bush - Queens Bedroom



News Summary

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EDT EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

TRIP NEWS

Bush Concludes Asian Trip, Readies For Tower Fight -- President Bush Monday night concluded an exhausting five-day Asian swing that began and ended with days that kept him going for 25 straight hours, saying that it was a "productive and rewarding" trip. (Boston Globe, New York Times, AP, Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

Tower's Fate Remains Uncertain After Pledge -- The White House and two leading Republican lawmakers held a strategy session late Monday in an effort to find a way to salvage President Bush's nomination of John Tower as defense secretary. (Dallas Morning News, Washington Post, Washington Times, AP, Reuter, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rightists Say Salvador Vote Must Go Ahead As Planned -- El Salvador's rightist National Assembly leader Monday spurned President Duarte's bid to postpone presidential elections as part of a peace pact with leftist rebels. (Washington Post, Reuter)

NETWORK NEWS (Monday evening)

TOWER -- President Bush arrives home as his nomination of John Tower is in deep trouble.

TRIP -- President Bush renews America's military commitment to remain in South Korea.

UNITED 811 -- The investigation of the United 811 incident now centers around latches on the plane's cargo doors.

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TRIP NEWS

BUSH RETURNS, PRONOUNCES ASIAN TRIP 'PRODUCTIVE AND REWARDING'

President Bush returned home Monday night from a five-day Asian voyage that he pronounced a "productive and rewarding" journey and moved to take personal command of the struggle to win confirmation of John Tower as defense secretary.

In a prepared statement that he read at the foot of the ramp of Air Force One, Bush said his trip to Japan, China and South Korea demonstrates that the U. S. "is and will remain a Pacific power."

"It's great to be home. God bless the United States of America," Bush said in the chilly darkness at Andrews Air Force Base.... Vice President Quayle was on hand to welcome the new President back from his first overseas voyage...

"I return tonight pleased with the progress made toward lasting and mutually beneficial relationships," Bush said. He said work remains to be done toward encouraging the growth of democracy, working for human rights, strengthening international alliances and opening foreign markets to American goods. (AP)

Bush Says 'Common Ground Was Found' In Asia

As he returned home facing a battle with Congress over his nomination for defense secretary, President Bush asserted tonight that his trip to Asia had "underscored for me what can be achieved through a strong and bipartisan working relationship between the White House and Congress."

Reading from a prepared statement after he emerged from Air Force One...the President tried to accentuate the positive about a trip that he feared had been overshadowed by the furor at home over...John Tower....

The President said he was "anxious" to brief the congressional leadership about the details of the trip.

(Gerald Boyd, New York Times, A12)

Bush Returns From Five Day Asian Trip, Prepares Tower Drive

President Bush returned from a five-day trip to three Asian countries and immediately defended John Tower, who is waging an uphill battle to win Senate confirmation as defense secretary.

Bush, commenting on attacks against Tower, told reporters on Air Force One that his nominee is "the best man for the job -- knowledge, defense matters -- and no one's challenged his qualifications."...

He was prepared to launch into meetings with key Democratic senators on Tuesday morning in a bid to persuade a Senate majority to confirm Tower for the post later this week....

As for the possibility of a warming in relations between China and the Soviet Union, Bush said, "It is clear from my trip that China approaches its thaw with the Soviets with caution and realism."

(Lawrence McQuillan, Reuter)

Bush Concludes Asian Trip, Readies For Tower Fight

President Bush Monday night concluded an exhausting five-day Asian swing that began and ended with days that kept him going for 25 straight hours, saying that it was a "productive and rewarding" trip.

Even as he landed at Andrews Air Force Base, however, Bush faced new demands on his time and political capital: the final round in his battle to win Senate confirmation for John Tower, his imperiled choice to be defense secretary.

Despite the 18,095-mile trip, Bush planned to begin his work day Tuesday at 7:15 a.m., and in one-at-a-time fashion have as many senators over to the White House to plead for their votes for Tower....

(Walter Robinson, Boston Globe)

Bush Hears Complaints In Seoul; Visit Reflects State Of U.S.-Korean Ties

SEOUL -- In communist China this weekend, President Bush mingled with friendly Beijing crowds, hosted a barbecue and celebrated a warm homecoming to his former diplomatic post.

In allied South Korea, Bush lectured the National Assembly on the need to open this nation's markets and traveled everywhere by helicopter, as security concerns kept him from a planned meeting with local Americans at the U.S. Embassy. Bush never saw the U.S. flags lining Seoul's main avenues -- banners that had been hung only this morning, leaving no chance of overnight vandalism.

Bush's five-hour stopover in South Korea was intended to reaffirm continuing U.S. support, and government leaders today said they appreciated the visit and the message. But the President's constricted itinerary here, the absence of any contact with ordinary South Koreans and the National Assembly's tepid response to his speech reflected the prickly state of relations between the superpower and its one-time protege.

(Fred Hiatt, Washington Post, A16)

AMERICA: THE LAND SOME KOREANS LOVE TO HATE

SEOUL -- Moon Ik Kwan was a visiting seminary student at Princeton when he learned from a fellow train passenger in the summer of 1950 that war had broken out in his homeland. Moon swiftly joined the U.S. Army as an interpreter -- "to help the victory of the democratic forces" -- and served in South Korea and Japan until 1954.

But now the days of wearing a U.S. Army uniform, cheering for the Brooklyn Dodgers and watching John Wayne movies are long past. Moon is South Korea's most famous dissident and a bitter critic of the U.S., which he blames for dividing the Korean peninsula after World War II and then propping up military dictators in the South....

"I collaborated with the American imperialists," he said in a recent interview. "I was so naïve. I did not see the reality of America."

Many South Koreans have had a similar change of mind in the past decade. Once the beneficent protector, America is now seen by some here as a duplicitous tormentor, or, as one diplomat put it, "a fallen idol." ...

(Peter Mass, Washington Post, A16)

CHINA ISSUES REBUKE TO UNITED STATES
Beijing Blames American Officials For Dispute Over Dissident

BEIJING -- China issued a sharp rebuke to the U.S. tonight, effectively blaming American officials for a flap over the barring by Chinese police of this country's leading dissident from President Bush's farewell dinner here.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the U.S. side had invited astrophysicist Fang Lizhi to the barbeque Bush hosted..."without consulting the Chinese side."

"Therefore, the Chinese side resented this," the spokesman said, according to a report issued later by the official New China New Agency.

The Chinese statement amounted to a slap at Bush, who this morning expressed regret to a Chinese official over the barring of Fang from the banquet....

The U.S. apparently failed to take into account Chinese reaction to its invitation to Fang. The Chinese leaders clearly felt insulted at the idea of Fang's presence at the banquet, and some sources said they may also have feared that Fang would make a statement at the banquet, turning it into a platform for publicizing his pro-democracy views.

(Daniel Southerland, Washington Post, A1)

China Resents Fang Invitation, Dissidents Call Government Action 'Stupid'

BEIJING -- The government said Monday that it resented the U.S. having invited the leading dissident to a banquet given by President Bush, and regretted that a fuss was made when police barred him from attending.

Chinese intellectuals, meanwhile, said the action against Fang Lizhi was "stupid," "neolithic" and "unacceptable..."

"All the arrangements concerning President Bush's stay in China had been agreed upon by both sides beforehand," the official Xinhua News Agency said, quoting an unidentified Foreign Ministry spokesman.

"The U.S. side, without consulting the Chinese side, invited Fang to attend the dinner, which was especially in honor of Chinese leaders. Therefore, the Chinese side resented this," the spokesman said....

Bush told Vice Premier Wu Xueqian at the airport that he regretted the actions that kept Fang away.

At Bush's direction, U.S. Ambassador Winston Lord met with Vice Foreign Minister Zhu Qizhan later and "reiterated the regret that the President had expressed," said U.S. Embassy spokesman McKinney Russell....

Fang told reporters Monday that Bush's statement of regret was "a beginning" but added: "I hope that they (the Americans) say something more in the next couple days."

"Regarding the United States I have a principled criticism: I want it to adopt a single standard toward human rights and not a double standard," he said. "I think there are indeed some double standards" in the U.S. open criticism of the Soviet Union's human rights record but not China's.

(Kathy Wilhelm, AP)

BUSH TRIP: FAST AND PHOTOGENIC BUT FEW MAJOR MOVES

President Bush's fast-paced Asian trip provided a daily dose of telegenic photo opportunities but few clues about his brand of foreign policy -- other than that it will tone down America's approach on human rights.

It seemed Bush's purpose in more than 18,000 miles of travel was simply to touch base with other leaders and reaffirm friendly relations.

There was no sign of any new initiatives....

[The lack of emphasis on human rights] was a sharp contrast with former President Reagan, who highlighted human rights problems in communist nations and always made the subject the very first topic of discussion in dealings with the Soviet Union....

Bush risks losing the opportunity afforded a new administration for change and innovation in the first days of its life. Already it seems to be settling down to business as usual from the Reagan administration and the honeymoon with Congress seems to be evaporating.

(News Analysis, Terence Hunt, AP)

ANALYSIS OF BUSH TRIP

SEOUL -- In taking his recently opened show on the road earlier than any president in memory, George Bush risked unfavorable reviews from critics even before he could assemble his cast and learn his lines in Washington.

In a six-day run in Tokyo, Beijing and Seoul, the President demonstrated an easy stage presence as well as an ability to adapt to rapid scenery changes. But he also showed some of the same weaknesses already on display in Washington.

Senior Bush advisers have discovered to their dismay that what they like to call a "friendly takeover" from fellow Republican Ronald Reagan has been in many ways more difficult than if they had been permitted to make a clean break from a predecessor administration....

(News Analysis, George Condon, Copley)

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NATIONAL NEWS

TOWER'S PLEDGE LEAVES SENATE VOTE STILL IN DOUBT Nomination's Fate May Hinge On Bush Effort

John Tower's dramatic pledge to abstain from drinking alcohol as secretary of defense swayed few if any wavering senators yesterday as President Bush returned from Asia and prepared to meet with most of them in a final push to win confirmation for his embattled nominee.

As senators pored through FBI reports on Tower's drinking habits and other problems that have jeopardized his nomination, many Democrats regarded as swing votes indicated they remained undecided or leaning against confirmation. At least four Republican votes also remained in doubt.

Key GOP strategists said the Tower nomination remains in serious trouble as the Senate readies for the opening debate on it Wednesday. They indicated his fate may rest with personal lobbying by Bush, who plans to meet with a dozen Democrats today and more Wednesday....

En route to Washington from South Korea, Bush repeated his strong backing of Tower. "I am totally committed," he said, "I have not wavered one iota. No one has challenged his qualifications."

Asked whether he thought Tower's pledge would produce any votes, Bush shrugged and said, "I don't know."

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A1)

Tower's Fate Remains Uncertain After Pledge

The White House and two leading Republican lawmakers held a strategy session late Monday in an effort to find a way to salvage President Bush's nomination of John Tower as defense secretary.

In a meeting that Bush did not attend, Tower conferred for more than an hour with Chief of Staff Sununu, Vice President Quayle, Sen. Dole and Sen. Warner....

"We had a little strategy session," Dole told reporters afterward. "We're optimistic.... Nobody is giving up."

But Dole declined to estimate what the vote in the Senate would now be on Tower....

Warner initially told reporters, "We're going all the way to the mat on this. We're not going to give up." But he revised his statement moments later, saying such a decision as "going to the mat is his (Bush's) call" after the President speaks with Democratic senators Tuesday....

An informal UPI survey of senators showed a substantial number undecided on Tower's nomination, which the Senate is scheduled to begin considering Wednesday...

"Responding to Tower's no-alcohol offer, Sen. Breaux said, "I am glad he did it. I admire it. If he has a drinking problem he should stop." Breaux said he was leaning against Tower's confirmation but "I could be convinced" to vote for him.... (Eliot Brenner, UPI)

Tower Joins Strategy Session At White House

John Tower huddled for more than two hours at the White House late Monday with top administration officials and Republican Senate leaders to map a strategy for his embattled bid to become defense secretary.

President Bush, meanwhile, renewed his defense of Tower and prepared to meet Tuesday with at least a dozen Democrats seeking to win their backing of Tower....

"Nobody's giving up," said...Sen. Dole upon emerging from the session with White House Chief of Staff John Sununu and others. "We'd like to find some way to keep the talking going and see how we can resolve this." ...

Sen. Robb called Tower's statement on national television Sunday..."an astute move" but was reluctant to speculate on its impact.

"I regret we have come to a point where such a pledge seems to be required under the circumstances," Robb said.

(Lawrence McQuillan, Reuter)

Bush Gearing Up To Woo Undecided

The nomination of John Tower...is bitterly dividing the Senate as the White House geared up Monday for a last-minute lobbying drive to sway a dozen senators, including Lloyd Bentsen of Texas.

Bentsen, along with other Democratic colleagues, will meet Tuesday morning with President Bush, who hopes to parlay the good will generated from his just-completed trip to the Far East into support for his embattled choice to run the Pentagon.

"We're going to work real hard; we're going to talk to a lot of people and ask them to keep an open mind and to read the FBI report and to talk to John Tower," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said on Air Force One Monday night as the Bush entourage returned to Washington....

Bentsen, who last Jan. 25 warmly endorsed Tower for the job, talked with the President last Friday by telephone, his aides said, but has adopted a low profile, canceling a scheduled news conference Monday....

At least two associates of Bentsen's said they believed the Democratic senator...will ultimately vote against Tower, although they cautioned that he had not indicated any position to them.

Although the two senators always had cordial relations, some Bentsen aides are still irked that Tower, during the flap this summer over Vice President Quayle's National Guard service, was one of the first to mention that Bentsen's son, Lloyd III, had also served in the guard....

"Lloyd Bentsen is a very key guy in anything," said Sen. Simpson. "His decision will become others' decision. He would swing a few (votes). I don't know how many, but he would."

(William Choyke, Dallas Morning News)

Senate Democrats Unmoved On Tower Pledge As Bush Flies Home To Lobby

Senate Democrats remained unmoved Monday in their opposition to John Tower's nomination as defense secretary despite his unprecedented pledge to abstain from alcohol if confirmed. President Bush returned home declaring that he hasn't "wavered one iota" in his support....

Sen. Graham, considered by some a swing vote, told reporters in Miami that Tower's pledge helps but "it's not just the drinking which is a problem to me."

"It's a pattern of bad judgment -- bad judgment in the 1970s in drinking, bad judgment by placing himself in compromising positions as the U.S. arms negotiator in Geneva in the mid-80s, bad judgment in accepting large sums from the defense industry in the late 1980s," Graham said.

[Referring to Tower's pledge], "It's like marrying someone who says, 'Trust me, I'll reform,'" said Sen. Simon. "You can't do that.... The experience with people who have problems with drink is that these pledges get broken much too easily." ...

Sen. Daschle said the pledge "will have a marginal effect." And Sen. Breaux said he would vote against Tower if the vote were today.

"If any senator has a serious doubt about the competence of a candidate, then he should err on the side of safety," said Breaux. "In that case, it indicates voting negatively."

Sen. Heflin...said he has "to review all the evidence" [and] was trying to be "open-minded, judicial and fair." ...

Sen. Dodd told a news conference in Hartford that he remains undecided and will make a decision after reading the FBI report.

(Donna Cassata, AP)

Fast Transition From Bipartisanship To Arm-Twisting

It was little more than a month ago that President Bush, standing on the West Front of the Capitol for his inauguration, reached out his hand in a gesture of bipartisanship to Democrats in Congress. Today, in the privacy of the Oval Office, he will begin to twist their arms.

From the day he was elected, Bush and his top advisers have recognized that his presidency, at least in the early stages, would depend on his ability to get his way with the Democratic-controlled Congress. From the beginning he has sought to avoid an outright clash with the Democrats, hoping to perpetuate a spirit of bipartisanship as long as possible.

But the fight over the nomination of John Tower to be secretary of defense has shattered that atmosphere, and the new President has been forced into a test of strength with the Democrats that could alter the tone of the early days of his administration.

"I hope he deals in the language of threats as well as promises," said Mitchell Daniels, White House political director in the Reagan administration. "It's going to be four long years and everyone who votes against him is going to want something from this administration. He needs to signal that this one goes in the memory bank."

(Dan Balz, Washington Post, A10)

Republicans Plan Payback If Tower Confirmation Fails

President Bush, preparing for a possibly abrupt end to his honeymoon with Congress, plans to use a full Senate vote on John Tower's confirmation to force Democrats "to put their names on the line," White House officials said yesterday.

"It would be foolish not to force Tower's opponents to put themselves on record and to let them get away with opposing Tower without putting their names on the line," said a senior White House aide who asked not to be identified.

"We're taking names for future reference," said another senior aide who also requested anonymity. "Even if (Tower) loses we should have a record of how everyone votes as a potential campaign issue down the road for Republican challengers."

(Ralph Hallow & Warren Strobel, Washington Times, A3)

POLL: NO GROUNDSWELL FOR TOWER

President Bush starts a full-court press today to save John Tower's nomination as defense secretary, but a USA Today poll finds no groundswell of support among the public.

Only one in four -- 23% -- support Tower's confirmation; 37% are against Tower.

Another 37% don't know enough about him to say how the Senate should vote....

-- 40% say questions about Tower's drinking outweigh other concerns about his nomination....

-- 50% say his vow not to drink if confirmed was a political ploy. A fourth call the pledge courageous.

-- 51% believe the nomination fight is an embarrassing political spectacle.

-- 51% of Democrats, 36% of Republicans blame both parties for allowing the issue to get out of hand.

(Frazier Smith & Jessica Lee, USA Today, A1)

TWO VERSIONS OF TOWER'S '70s DRINKING

A Texas Republican congressman who worked for then-Sen. Tower for seven years in the 1970s has told leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee that Tower drank up to a full bottle of Scotch two to three times a week, a statement that came down on Sen. Nunn "like a ton of bricks," according to a congressional source.

The congressman, Rep. Larry Combest (R-Tex.), was later interviewed by the FBI and gave a different version of the story, saying it was Tower and a group of friends who frequently killed a bottle of Scotch in an evening, and that he had only seen Tower inebriated on two or three occasions. Trudi Boyd, Combest's administrative assistant, last night reiterated this version of the story. "A group of people" drank the entire bottle of Scotch, not Tower alone, Combest's aide said.

Boyd said Combest originally went to Nunn and Sen. Warner...to tell them that Tower had ended his previous excessive use of alcohol. In the course of that meetings, sources said, the congressman described Tower's heavy drinking bouts in the 1970s.

That meeting is described in a memo now available to members of the Senate considering Tower's nomination to be secretary of defense, according to several sources.... (Bob Woodward, Washington Post, A1)

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LAWYERS EXPECT HIGH COURT TO NARROW ABORTION RIGHT
Reversal Of Roe Unlikely In Missouri Case

Lawyers on both sides of the abortion issue expect the Supreme Court to chip away at the right to abortion rather than overturn Roe v. Wade when it rules on a Missouri case pending before the court.

But with a majority of the court hostile to Roe, and three "pro-choice" justices older than 80, the question now, according to court observers, is not whether but when the court will overturn the 1973 decision....

Anticipating that the court eventually will allow states to regulate or prohibit abortion, pro-choice groups have began organizing to build political support in state legislature for liberalized abortion laws, but are confident of victory in only five states: Hawaii, Alaska, Oregon, Washington and Vermont. (Al Kamen, Washington Post, A1)

HILL PANEL BEGINS REVIEW OF REPORT ON WRIGHT
Preliminary Decision Could Come In 2 Weeks

The House ethics committee yesterday formally began the final chapter of its eight-month investigation into the financial dealings of Speaker Wright as the 12 members began a review of the report by the outside counsel who headed the probe.

Members of the committee declined to characterize the report prepared by Chicago attorney Richard Phelen, but Chairman Julian Dixon (D-Calif.) predicted the panel would make a preliminary determination the week of March 13 on whether Wright violated House rules.

(Tom Kenworthy, Washington Post, A4)

NORTH TRIAL ENCOUNTERS 'ROADBLOCK'
Name In Document Is Apparent Cause

U.S. District Judge Gesell abruptly halted the trial of Oliver North yesterday to deal with a "roadblock" involving an item of classified information.

An associate of North's, Robert Owen, was on the witness stand when the impasse developed, evidently over someone's name in a document that North's lawyers wanted to ask Owen about. The impasse finally forced the judge to send the jurors home for the rest of the day and conduct a 77-minute closed-door hearing under the Classified Information Procedures Act.

The trial will resume this morning, with Owen back on the stand and the dispute apparently resolved. But it was the first serious disruption in the proceedings since they started a week ago. Gesell has said repeatedly that he does not want a "cuckoo-clock trial" with constant interruptions for debates over national security. Yesterday's session represented a loud chirp.

(George Lardner, Washington Post, A1)

BENNETT KEEPS PLEDGE AND KICKS THE HABIT

He took long hikes through the woods of West Virginia, sweated through daily aerobics classes and meditated during intense sessions of yoga.

By Sunday, after these and other exercises prescribed in a crash six-day "Breathe Free" program, William Bennett...was liberated from his more than two decades long addiction to nicotine.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A21)

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PACT SIGNED TO CLEAN UP NUCLEAR ARMS PLANT
Energy Dept. To Seek \$2.8 Billion For Hanford Reservation

A comprehensive agreement to clean up the Hanford nuclear reservation was signed yesterday by the federal government and Washington state, but there is no guarantee the money will be available to complete the job at the nation's most contaminated weapons production site.

At a signing ceremony, state and federal officials said the agreement will provide a "clear road map" for cleaning up the 560-square-mile reservation and serve as a model for other weapons plants....

Under the agreement announced yesterday, the department has promised to seek \$2.8 billion for the cleanup over five years, but that appropriation has yet to receive the support of the White House and will have to be approved by Congress. (AP, Washington Post, A6)

GOVERNORS FEAR INATTENTION TO DOMESTIC POLICY INITIATIVES

The nation's governors, doing their part to keep the Bush administration's honeymoon period alive, extended a warm reception to several members of the President's new Cabinet yesterday while expressing concern that several domestic policy initiatives are receiving insufficient attention.

In interviews and public meetings at the National Governors' Association's winter meeting, state executives worried aloud that expensive and difficult issues such as welfare reform, environmental protection and homelessness could get short shrift in the Bush budget.

Massachusetts Gov. Dukakis was among the most skeptical, telling HUD Secretary Kemp that there is a "yawning gap" between the concerns Kemp expresses about the nation's housing problems and the funds for them in the proposed budget. (Gwen Ifill, Washington Post, A7)

REAGAN JOINS BOARD OF NATIONAL REVIEW
Journal's Directors To Help Set Conservative Agenda

Ronald Reagan, the patron saint of modern conservatism, has agreed to lend his name to the fortnightly bible of the movement, National Review, as the newest member of the magazine's board of directors.

William Buckley, the columnist, author and founder of the 34-year-old magazine, said yesterday that the arrangement with the former president -- a charter subscriber -- was "the formalization of an informal relationship" that has existed for some time. Reagan and Buckley have been friends for years, and Reagan has spoken at several National Review banquets.

"The nature of his participation will have to evolve," Buckley said from his winter retreat in Rougemont, Switzerland. Reagan will meet with other board members and the magazine's editors "from time to time," Buckley said, and "he may be doing some special writing for us, but I told him we wouldn't expect him to do any clerical work."

Reagan spokesman Mark Weinberg said yesterday that the former president had joined no other boards since leaving office "and none are currently contemplated." (Charles Trueheart, Washington Post, B1)

VETS URGED TO LOWER EXPECTATIONS
Derwinski Warns Of Tight Budget

Secretary of Veterans Affairs-designate Derwinski cautioned veterans yesterday to lower their expectations about the new department he was chosen to head, warning them "we aren't going to be the priority group" in the Bush administration.

"We're going to win some and we're going to lose some, but we're going to give it that old college try," the former Chicago congressman promised American Legion officials on the eve of his confirmation hearings. The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee meets with Derwinski in closed session today prior to open hearings on his nomination.

(Bill McAllister, Washington Post, A8)

BIA OFFICIAL REFUTED ON 'FRONT' FIRMS
'87 Memo Warned Of Potential Scandal

The acting head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs testified yesterday that the agency knew nothing about widespread fraud in the Indian "front" companies until congressional hearings this month. But investigators produced a memo from 1987 that warned senior BIA executives of a potential scandal.

(Bill McAllister, Washington Post, A16)

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HONDURAN ARMY BACKING DISMANTLING OF CONTRAS

TEGUCIGALPA -- After years of cooperating closely with Nicaraguan rebel groups, key Honduran military commanders say they will support the new accord by Central American presidents calling for the dismantling of rebel camps in Honduras.

In an interview, the chief of the Honduran armed forces, Gen. Regalado, said the accord...was reached with the advice and approval of the Honduran military leadership. He said the military would cooperate with civilian leaders in developing a plan within 90 days for removing the contra bases, as required by the agreement.

(Mark Uhlig, New York Times, A6)

U.S. SAYS SOVIETS SENT \$515 MILLION IN WEAPONS TO SANDINISTAS IN 1988

The Soviet Union exported about \$515 million worth of military equipment to Nicaragua last year, the second highest total since the Kremlin began weapons deliveries in 1980, according to a new U.S. government report.

The report says last year's delivery of 19,000 tons of equipment came during 68 ship visits to Nicaraguan ports, an average of one every six days....

(George Gedda, AP)

MEXICO, U.S. ENVOY CITE ANTI-DRUG GAINS AS 'CERTIFICATION' LOOMS

MEXICO CITY -- With the U.S. Senate scheduled to begin the "certification" process Wednesday on Mexico's performance in combating drug trafficking, the Mexican government and the U.S. ambassador here are claiming major successes by the three-month-old government of President Salinas.

In a rare briefing after the signing of a bilateral agreement on cooperation in the war on drugs last week, U.S. Ambassador Charles Pilliod praised the Mexican government for what he said was a "remarkable" and "quite impressive" increase in its anti-narcotics efforts....

The State Department is to release its annual report Wednesday for the congressional certification hearings on whether or not Mexico and others are cooperating fully with the U.S. in fighting the drug trade.

(William Branigin, Washington Post, A20)

BUSH HAILS U.N. REPORT ON ABUSES IN CUBA

President Bush, moments after ending a trip to Asia, Monday denounced human rights conditions in Cuba and hailed a U.N. report critical of the situation there.

"For more than thirty years, the people of Cuba have languished under a regime which has distinguished itself as one of the most repressive in the world," Bush said in a statement....

"I wish to express my support for the U.N. Human Rights Commission's report on human rights in Cuba," Bush said. (Reuter)

U.S. SAYS PLO TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR RAIDS AGAINST ISRAEL

The U.S. said Monday that the PLO should be held responsible for attacks by its more radical factions and announced plans for another meeting with the group to discuss a raid last week against Israel.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said the meeting had not yet been set but would focus on the raid last Thursday in which three members of the radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine were killed in an apparent attempt to infiltrate Israel.

Asked if the U.S. believed the attack was sponsored by the PLO...he said: "Again, to say what we have said previously, the PLO cannot escape responsibility for the actions of its constituent elements."

(Reuter)

IRANIAN PARLIAMENT GIVES BRITAIN A WEEK TO RECONSIDER TIES

NICOSIA -- The Iranian parliament voted on Tuesday to break diplomatic relations with Britain if London did not change its stand on the Rushdie affair within a week....

The deputies further approved a one-week ultimatum to Britain to reconsider its condemnation of Iran over death threats against Rushdie for blasphemy against the Islamic faith.

(Reuter)

SHEVARDNADZE ENDS VISIT TO TEHRAN
Soviet Proclaims Relations Improved

NICOSIA -- Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze today ended a ground-breaking visit to Iran that he said forged closer relations between Moscow and Tehran despite "ideological differences."

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said Shevardnadze also called for a U.S. naval withdrawal from the Persian Gulf in meetings with President Ali Khamenei and parliamentary speaker Ali Akbar Rafsanjani....

"We believe relations between Iran and the Soviet Union have been substantially transformed," Shevardnadze said before leaving for Moscow.

(AP, Washington Post, A17)

SYRIA REPORTED PREPARED TO JOIN PEACE DISCUSSION
Move Seen As Achievement Of Soviet's Visit

CAIRO -- Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze has informed Egyptian, Jordanian and Palestinian leaders that Syria's President Assad is ready to end his political isolation and enter joint discussions with other Arab leaders on preparations for a Middle East peace conference, according to Arab officials here.

Interviews with senior Egyptian, Jordanian and PLO officials at the end of Shevardnadze's 10-day tour of Middle East capitals indicated that the Syrian commitment to participate in new discussions was the most significant achievement of the Soviet diplomatic foray into the region.

While Shevardnadze's talks with Israeli Foreign Minister Arens in Cairo failed to produce an agreement on a new peace initiative, according to Arab officials who met with the Soviet delegation, they also drew none of the traditional hard-line Arab protests against the Arab-Israeli dialogue that was facilitated by Shevardnadze's trip.

(Patrick Tyler, Washington Post, A17)

NAJIBULLAH SAYS HE CAN CALL ON SOVIET AIR POWER

LONDON -- Afghan President Najibullah said in remarks published Tuesday he can request Soviet air attacks against guerrillas despite the Kremlin's troop withdrawal.

Britain's Guardian newspaper reported Najibullah said he could ask for the air strikes against enemy formations in his country under what he termed legally binding agreements with Moscow on joint defensive action against external threat. (Reuter)

TESTIMONY CASTS DEFENDANT AS LEADER OF HIJACKERS

Landry Slade, a vice president of American University in Beirut, stood within a few feet of an alleged terrorist in federal court here yesterday and identified him as the Lebanese man who led four armed hijackers to seize and later destroy a Royal Jordanian airliner in 1985.

Standing in front of an enlarged photograph of the hijackers taken during the incident at Beirut International Airport, Slade then pointed to a picture of the alleged ringleader while the accused, Fawaz Yunis, quietly looked on from the defense table at Slade's side.

Yunis...is the first person to be tried here under long-arm U.S. statutes that give federal officials jurisdiction in terrorist incidents involving Americans abroad. Federal officials hope to make an example of Yunis to terrorists worldwide. (Ed Bruske, Washington Post, A17)

U.S. PSYCHIATRISTS SEARCH FOR SOVIET ABUSES Panel To See Patients Allegedly Confined For Political Motives

MOSCOW -- A delegation of leading American psychiatrists began an unprecedented two-week tour of the Soviet Union today in an effort to determine if the Kremlin has abandoned its practice of confining political dissidents to mental institutions....

"The purpose of our visit will be to assess, insofar as possible and in a limited period of time, changes in Soviet policies, laws, and treatment practices in the field of forensic psychiatry," said Robert Farrand, a deputy assistant secretary of state who heads the U.S. delegation, in a statement. (Michael Dobbs, Washington Post, A1)

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(Monday Evening, February 27)

TOWER NOMINATION

ABC's Peter Jennings: President Bush is back from his five-day trip to Asia, a trip designed in part to prove the U.S. is still very much a Pacific power. Now that Mr. Bush is back, he has an immediate test of his own power on Capitol Hill, with the full Senate prepared to take up the Tower nomination on Wednesday. The question for Mr. Bush when he gets off the plane and back to the White House is: Did he keep the Republicans in line and convince some of the wavering Democrats? Tower yesterday tried to make the job somewhat easier for Mr. Bush when he made that public pledge that he wouldn't take a drink at all if the Senate confirmed him.

ABC's Jim Wooten reports there was no sign that Tower's pledge of abstinence was having much of an impact on the undecided Democrats he so desperately needs. Robb, still undecided but slightly uncomfortable with Tower's promise not to drink anymore.

(Sen. Robb: "I regret that we've come to the place where, the point where such a pledge appears to be required under the circumstances.")

And Heflin, still troubled by that nagging question.

(Sen. Heflin: "Does he have a drinking problem that might be a detriment to the United States national security?")

And Graham with similar concerns.

(Sen. Graham: "I think that pattern of judgement and decision-making is not reassuring for someone who's about to be next to the President of the United States.")

Even Pressler was headed toward a no vote, based not on his drinking habits but his lucrative ties to the defense industry.

(Sen. Pressler: "There's a yearning for a secretary of defense who will clean up the contractor mess, and there is nothing in John Tower's record to indicate that he is such a man.")

That's the first public sign Tower may have even a spot of trouble among Senate Republicans. And an ABC News survey shows that five other Republicans -- including Grassley and Helms -- are still undecided. That count lists 20 Democrats as against Tower, 36 Republicans for him and 39 still undecided, including 33 Democrats. Five are unannounced. Tower and Sens. Dole and Warner will be meeting at the White House tonight with Chief of Staff Sununu to map out strategy on how to get them. The President weighs in tomorrow.

ABC's Bob Zelnick reports sources say Sen. Tower rejected earlier advice to publicly pledge to quit drinking if confirmed, claiming it could be interpreted as confirming a drinking problem he insisted was behind him. But after last Thursday's committee vote against confirmation, Tower's situation becomes desperate. At a White House strategy session on Friday, Tower, Dole, Vice President Quayle, Boyden Gray and others conclude Tower must take his case to the public. And at a Saturday session at the Pentagon, Tower reverses his decision on the pledge. Pentagon sources say Tower himself drafted the language of the pledge in longhand.

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Zelnick continues: Sources say the pledge was cleared by Tower with Sununu before Tower's appearance on "This Week with David Brinkley." Tower's strategists concede the move may have come too late. The long delay in appointing Tower gave rumors about his personal life too much time to circulate. And they say White House clumsiness in handling Armed Services Committee Democrats created additional opposition. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: It's one of the most dramatic heavyweight political fights in a long, long time: John Tower's back-to-the-wall battle to save his nomination as defense secretary. In one corner, President Bush. In the other, a solid Democratic majority in the Senate, where a vote is expected within a week.... And tonight, even before Air Force One landed in Washington, the President pledged a strong, new support for Tower.

(President Bush: "I don't have any predictions except to know that I am totally committed and haven't wavered one iota, nor do I plan to. The best man for the job -- knowledge of defense matters, knows where I want to be on defense matters, and no one's challenged his qualifications. That's ironic, as a matter of fact.")

NBC's Andrea Mitchell reports Tower's extraordinary pledge is the talk of the Senate, an institution not known for the absence of liquor. Tower's pledge could backfire among undecided Democrats. Inouye said, why should someone who doesn't drink promise not to? Breaux agreed.

(Sen. Breaux: "It raises a concern. I think the concern is legitimate. I think his pledge not to drink anymore is very commendable and I think the American public are supportive of that decision. But it points to the fact that there is a problem there.") Other undecided senators thought the pledge helped.

(Sen. Robb: "I think it addresses at least one of the concerns that has been raised publicly.")

But Robb said alcohol isn't his only concern. He and other senators are also troubled by Tower's relationship with defense contractors. Dodd, still undecided, was lobbied long distance. It was the President (from Tokyo) calling to say --

(Sen. Dodd, quoting the President: "'I would appreciate it if you could keep your powder dry,' was his direct quote, 'until I get back and have a chance to talk to you.'")

From Tokyo, Bush also called Lloyd Bentsen. Bentsen will see the President tomorrow. So will at least 12 others. The Vice President said if they can pick up Democrats, they will hold the Republicans.

(Vice President Quayle: "If we get five Democrats to stand up and say they're going to vote for John Tower, I believe we'll get the 45 Republicans.")

At the White House tonight, a strategy session including Tower and Senate Republican leaders. But one of Tower's strongest Republican senators, McCain, said when asked about Tower's chances, that he was reminded of a statement from Chairman Mao -- that it is always darkest before it goes totally black.

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NBC's Robert Bazell reports the Tower case illustrates just how difficult it is to determine whether someone has a problem with alcohol. Today Tower released a letter from a surgeon who operated on him for colon cancer last month. The letter said Tower had a normal appearing liver and said it can be stated with relative certainty that Tower shows no evidence at all of alcoholic impairment or alcoholism. There are several blood tests which can also indicate whether someone is drinking heavily, but all these indications return to normal soon after a person stops drinking heavily. That's why doctors say they can't tell much from a physical examination. Doctors agree with Tower that further medical examinations would accomplish little. People who treat alcohol problems disagreed about whether the pledge would accomplish anything. The experts say they are not diagnosing Tower from a distance, but they point out that it is very common for people with alcohol problems to deny they have a problem. Ultimately, the only way to determine whether someone has difficulty is to examine his behavior. And that's the type of evidence that's compiled in the FBI report, and senators who have read it come to very different conclusions. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Bob Schieffer: George Bush arrives home as his nomination of John Tower is in deep trouble.

CBS's Deborah Potter reports John Tower kept a low profile today, letting his extraordinary pledge to stop drinking sink in on Capitol Hill. But so far there is little evidence that it is turning the tide in his favor.

(Sen. Lautenberg: "I don't want to be cynical, but the pledge means nothing to me.")

(Sen. Graham: "I'm leaning against the nomination based not on a single incident but on a pattern of what appears to be bad judgement.")

President Bush, still firmly backing Tower, needs the support of at least some conservative Democrats to save the nomination. Tomorrow he will launch a personal lobbying campaign at the White House. Among his targets: Bentsen, Robb, and Lieberman.

(Sen. Lieberman: "The question now, for us, is this one of those rare nominations that we ought to reject because we believe the person goes outside the acceptable limit.")

One liberal senator, Dodd, also is being wooed because Tower stood up for his father, the late senator Thomas Dodd, when he was censured by the Senate.

(Sen. Dodd: "The relationship between my father and John Tower, while it's personally important, is not going to be the deciding factor in how I, as a United States senator, cast my vote.")

As senators trooped to a secure room in the Capitol to read the FBI report on Tower, White House aides were scrambling to hold the line among Republicans. At least two are now leaning against Tower: Kassebaum and Pressler.

(Sen. Pressler: "I am looking at this very closely. I would say I am leaning in that direction.")

Tonight Republican leaders will plot strategy at the White House, with not much time to turn things around. (CBS-Lead)

TOWER/PRESIDENT'S TRIP

Jennings discusses the Tower nomination and the trip with ABC's Brit

Hume:

Jennings: Is there any sense in the traveling White House that this [Tower nomination] is distracting him from governing in other ways?

Hume: I think it was a political distraction and an embarrassment, particularly in Tokyo, where the questions were most intense following that committee vote. But the President seemed to accept all this with considerable equanimity. And he pursued his diplomatic rounds over in Asia with considerable enthusiasm as well.

Jennings: And on the trip in general, how does he think he did?

Hume: I think he thinks he did very well, but it's worth remembering that this was a mission less of accomplishment than one of opportunity.... Not a great deal of heavy substance on this trip, but the kind of personal diplomacy that I think this Administration and this President find important.

Jennings: ...What of a substantive nature stood out for you?

Hume: I think there are two things. One is that this human rights issue persists. It jumped up to bite the President. He avoided talking about it in China, and yet it came out in his meeting with Zhao, the party leader there. And then the President's dinner guest at the dinner he threw for Chinese officials...who was a major well-known dissident, was barred by the Chinese police, a considerable embarrassment to the President. And the other factor, I think, is trade, trade, trade becomes a critical issue all over Asia. And there is a pursuit of Asia by many of the great powers and the United States is very much in the hunt. (ABC-2)

TRIP

Brokaw: President Bush's last stop on his Asian tour was Seoul, where he renewed America's military commitment to remain in South Korea. However, on another issue the President had a sharp warning for the South Koreans.

NBC's John Cochran: President Bush's trip was originally scheduled as a brief airport stopover, but the South Koreans objected to being treated almost as an afterthought.

(TV COVERAGE: President and First Lady being presented with flowers at arrival ceremony. Crowd waves Korean and American flags.)

So Mr. Bush expanded his visit to include a visit with President Roh at the Blue House.

(TV COVERAGE: The two presidents seated at table with other officials.)

The Bush Administration is generally satisfied with Roh's attempts at democratic reforms. So the meeting was cordial enough.

Brokaw continues: President Bush's main difficulty apparently came during lunch when, after being seated on the floor as is the custom here, he found it was not so easy to get up.

(TV COVERAGE: President seated at table.)

Meanwhile, near the American embassy, police arrested 15 dissidents protesting Bush's visit. Elsewhere, at a downtown campus, police battled students in another of a long series of anti-American demonstrations here.

(TV COVERAGE: Violent protest footage.)

President Bush, to the relief of security agents, made no attempt to have any dialogue with students or other protesters. But the President had some warnings for the South Koreans, warnings that they had better remove more trade barriers to American products.

(President, addressing National Assembly: "Protectionism is fool's gold. Protectionism may seem to be the easy way out, but it's really the quickest way down. And nothing will stop the engine of Korea's economic growth faster than new barriers to international trade.")

What has most irritated the President is his feeling that the accomplishments of this trip have largely been ignored because of the furor over John Tower's nomination.

Brokaw reports the Beijing government said it resented the Bush Administration for inviting Professor Fang to a banquet for Chinese leaders. For his part, Bush expressed regret about the incident to the Chinese government. (NBC-3)

Jennings: It wasn't a very long stop; it was just time for lunch with President Roh and a speech to the National Assembly. Mr. Bush promised the U.S. would continue its military support of South Korea. He also warned the South Koreans their economic success was causing some Americans concern. Mr. Bush certainly would have offended the South Koreans had he not stopped there. But what he had to say was widely predicted well before he landed.

(TV Coverage: President addressing National Assembly.) (ABC-9)

Schieffer cuts to the the beginning of the President's arrival statement at Andrews Air Force Base.

(President Bush: "Well, let me just say that it is great to be back home... We also agreed that after Cambodia has achieved a genuine end to Vietnam's occupation, free elections should be held under a coalition government led by Prince Sihanouk, with whom I met in Beijing. --")

President Bush summing up his trip, saying he saw progress there, but citing that still some problems remain. As the President is heading back to the White House tonight, John Tower is already scheduled to be there tonight, meeting with senior White House aides and the Senate Republican leadership for a strategy session.

Schieffer: President Bush is home safe. Earlier today he delivered his first major address on foreign soil to the National Assembly of South Korea. It included some tough talk on trade, and that was a topic that came up repeatedly during his six-hour visit in Seoul.

CBS's Dan Rather: President Bush received a warm welcome, but behind all the smiles, serious problems are building between the two countries. Trade, perhaps the most serious.

(TV COVERAGE: Reception for the President and First Lady, who waved and were handed flowers.)

Korea's trade surplus with the U.S. is about \$9 billion. Congress is pressing to have it cut. Mr. Bush's first stop in Seoul was a meeting with South Korean President Roh. President Bush pointed out that Korea has benefitted from America's open markets. In return he asks that United States products be given more access to Korean markets.

(President Bush before the assembly: "We must expect fair access to the markets here, and I believe that President Roh understands that.")

When this Korean stop was originally announced, there were no plans for President Bush to leave the airport. But Korean concern about relations with America is so great, the President was asked to address the Korean National Assembly.

(President Bush: "Pure economic success has created concern in the management of our bilateral economic relations. Protectionism is fool's gold. Protectionism may seem to be the easy way out, but it's really the quickest way down.")

Korea is known as the land of the morning calm. But there's a demonstration here almost every day, and America is often the target. This morning about 500 students marched against the Bush visit. They were heavily outnumbered by police.

(TV COVERAGE of march.)

Seoul had been braced for big demonstrations, but the government crackdown prevented them from forming. Ten thousand police were brought in.

(TV COVERAGE of protesters throwing firebombs at riot police.)

Earlier during the day 15 leading dissidents were arrested outside the U.S. embassy as they tried to present a letter denouncing the President.

(TV coverage of dissidents being led away.)

What the Korean dissidents demand is the withdrawal of American forces. But President Bush said today there are no plans to reduce U.S. forces in Korea. He told Koreans that as long as the 42,000 U.S. troops are needed, they will remain. This fast-developing nation had enough clout that the president felt he could not go to Tokyo and Beijing without a stop here, if only for six hours.

Schieffer reports the Chinese government said it prevented a famous dissident from going to President Bush's farewell banquet in Beijing because the U.S. invited him without consulting the Chinese. A White House spokesman said the President was not aware of what happened at the time and that later Mr. Bush expressed regret about the incident to a Chinese official. Fang said that he hopes the Americans say something more about it in the next few days. (CBS-2)

KOREAN-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP

Jennings reports Koreans are somewhat resentful that Mr. Bush didn't stop long enough to get a good picture of them. This is a country which increasingly does not think of itself as an American client as much as a partner.

Jennings continues:

(Keun Park, former ambassador to U.N.: "I think it would like to see the U.S. treat us more kindly and respectfully.")

It is widely acknowledged in Korea that while the more radical university students sometimes seem like a force unto themselves, they actually represent the leading edge of more general discontent.

(Student: "The U.S. Embassy here controls our government. America was once our friend. But they no longer support the cause of popular democracy.")

Example: While the U.S. military has helped to guarantee South Korea's independence, many Koreans believe the U.S. is standing in the way of a reunified nation. Other Koreans deeply resent what they believe is American interference in Korean affairs. They cite the 1980 anti-government uprising at Kwangju. South Korean troops killed 200 civilians, some say as many as 2,000. South Korean troops are never supposed to be deployed without the approval of the American commanding general, but the U.S. says it wasn't involved. A generation of Koreans has grown up holding the U.S. responsible anyway for the worst abuses of that government. Korean farmers resent American pressure to import American agricultural products. But the U.S. is essential to the Korean economy. Koreans believe they are being picked on about their trade surplus because in their mind the U.S. has not got the muscle to hold off Japan. In Korea there is ambiguity. It was American pressure as well as demonstrations here which led to somewhat more democracy. And America has gone a very long way to guarantee Korean independence, but many Koreans feel they are being patronized by the U.S.

(ABC-10)

UNITED 811

ABC's Jim Slade reports the investigation of last Friday's incident centers now around latches on the 747's forward cargo door. Although the FAA says it will not require the airlines to speed up changes in the door locks, it has said it is considering new inspections of the upper fuselage skins of the oldest 747s for loose panels.

(CBS-5, NBC-7, ABC-3)

BENNETT

Brokaw: William Bennett is feeling good about his own pledge to quit smoking. He announced today he has been off cigarettes since last Tuesday and he proclaimed he has now kicked his two-pack-a-day habit. However, others who have struggled with cigarettes may quarrel with Bennett's conclusion that a week without smoking is an adequate test of time.

(NBC-2)

NORTH TRIAL

Brokaw reports there was a temporary snag. The judge abruptly sent the jury home when Oliver North's lawyers tried to use a document that disclosed names the CIA wants to be held secret. Later this problem was resolved. Robert Owen testified that he and North discussed what would happen if anything went wrong with the secret program to aid the rebels, and according to Owen, North said he would be the fall guy, protecting those who were higher in the government.

(NBC-4)

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CBS's Rita Braver reports Administration sources say John Keker's concern was that the classified document included the name of a Costa Rican official whose identification could be embarrassing to him and to the U.S. government. Administration sources say the judge ruled that the defense will be allowed to introduce the controversial document. The government could have blocked the release of the information by dropping some of the charges against North, but the sources say the government decided to go along with the judge's order because Owen is a private citizen and the document is not official government material. Today's events, however, leave no doubt that future classified issues will not be settled so easily when its current and former U.S. officials are on the stand. (CBS-3)

PESTICIDES

Jennings reports a consumer group called the National Resources Defense Council released the results of a two-year study and warned that children are more at risk from pesticides than adults -- often overlooked by government health regulations.

ABC's Bettina Gregory says the report concludes that one out of every 3,000 children will get cancer because of exposure to pesticides now allowed on fruits and vegetables. The produce and chemical industry and food processors say this analysis of government statistics is wrong. The EPA says legal pesticide residues are safe for people of all ages, including children. One big cancer risk comes from a chemical sprayed on apples. The EPA noted the special risk to children when they proposed a ban on this pesticide earlier this month. But now they've delayed that ban for at least 18 months while they do more studies. (ABC-4)

ILLEGAL ALIENS/ATLANTA

Jennings reports that at the Atlanta airport early this morning, 79 suspected illegal aliens were arrested after their jet made a stopover on its way from Los Angeles to New York. Officials say the aliens have apparently crossed the border illegally in California and paid up to \$4,000 each for false papers and a plane ticket east. Authorities say it may have been part of a massive operation that smuggled thousands of aliens across the country every month. (NBC-6, ABC-6)

SOVIET BLOC/HUMAN RIGHTS

Jennings reports for the first time a member nation of the Soviet bloc has brought human rights charges to the U.N. concerning another Soviet bloc nation. Hungary has demanded investigation of alleged human rights abuses against the Hungarian ethnic minority in Romania. (ABC-11)

ASSAULT WEAPONS

Brokaw reports that the fight against assault weapons in this country is moving to a new battleground. Tomorrow two committees of the California legislature will consider proposals to ban the importation and the sale of these weapons. (NBC-9)

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LEBANESE HIJACKER YUNIS

Schieffer reports that hijacker Fawaz Yunis went on trial in Washington. The federal case is the first of its kind under a U.S. law aimed against international terrorists who attack U.S. citizens abroad.

CBS's Mark Phillips reports the effort and expense the U.S. went through to bring Yunis here and put him on trial has turned him into a far more important figure, and turned this trial into a test case of the U.S. resolve and ability to try to fight terrorism through the courts. (CBS-4)

RUSHDIE/BRITAIN-IRAN/USSR

Schieffer reports that even though Iran is threatening to break diplomatic relations with Britain, the British government stood firm in defending Salman Rushdie. Rushdie also got support from a handful of dissidents in Moscow protesting the silence of the Kremlin. (CBS-8)

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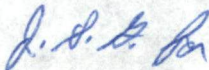
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached are briefing papers that Fred McClure has prepared for your meetings with Senators today.

Thank you.

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James W. Cicconi

HE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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WASHINGTON

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Mr Pres:

If you think I can
help any way with your
deliberations on John Tower
after your meetings, give
me a call.

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WASHINGTON

Brock Adams

February 28, 1989

Patty: SIR.

Last night Congressman Sonny Montgomery asked me to pass along the message to the President that Senator Brock Adams has not yet made up his mind on John Tower --

Bridget

1) Will NOT support
Tower

Phone call today
2) Have right on
fairness

3) Can't support
him!!

4) told Sam
yes! day



GEORGE BUSH

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Tim Exxon 1 02

1) Unsolicited, free, maybe
unwanted -

2) Slowcraft for DOD
TGT WSC

"K now what
going thru
I was a Gorman
once"

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WASHINGTON

Exxon phone call
switch
Brent to DOD
JGT to NSC

Boren -
JGT - confirm for
something else

Ingraham
felt that he was
being threatened
"If you vote for T, he will
never forget it" - I repeated this



GEORGE BUSH

Mark Hatfield

If you want
Tower I want

me

handwritten

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Democrat cavers
today

John Glenn on
"Right stuff" Crusade.

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UNPRECEDENTED

PRESIDENTIAL
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There must be a way of resolving this. Urge Mitchell to help develop a solution.

Nunn-Warner = Conflict

- (1) This is the President's choice. *Conflict is unprecedented*
I want it. It will have to go to vote . . . expect prolonged debate.
- (2) Both in honeymoon . . . both will be hurt
- (3) Republican Senators very concerned it seems to be drifting to Party line vote.
- (4) Owe President courtesy of not making it a Party line vote.

*Mitchell said to have said
"Not send up TGT"*

*Will Be Long Debate -
Ash not be party line vote -*

1. personal - not party things -
2. memo = on public funding
-
- at
- I'll go to Dole if not votes, go to Dole
- He knew to vote



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WASHINGTON

Geo. Mitchell 7 30
Bfst in study

want to work with you
will tell Caucus not partisan matter
If you see not have votes. I'll
go to Dole and see what
can be done.

"personal, not party"

"memo on public funding
(Escort officer ??)"

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEETING WITH SENATOR J. BENNETT JOHNSTON (D-LA)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 9:15 a.m. (15 minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure *FM*

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator Johnston to encourage him to vote for Senator Tower's confirmation as Secretary of Defense.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Johnston has a close relationship with you, and knows Senator Tower well from their long association as neighboring-state Senators. Senator Johnston may feel less inclined to go along with the "party line" as a result of his relative lack of support in his recent race for Majority Leader. As a southern conservative, Senator Johnston should be philosophically inclined to support Senator Tower.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator J. Bennett Johnston (D-LA)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Johnston arrives at the West Basement and is escorted to the Oval Office for a fifteen-minute meeting with the President.

*Head of Indep. party = Barrios (not
extremist in any way - Yale etc etc)*

*BT also talked
w/ P. Rios - I got
Andy to chat with him!!
wants L.S. with, divided
3 ways (3 parties)*

*close to Nunn - "sole of rectitude"
if he asks - I'll go - I said
"I'm sure, I'm asking"
"I & Nunn put it personal"
"then I'm in trouble"*

TGI - No constituency

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MEETING WITH SENATOR DENNIS DECONCINI (D-AZ)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 10:00 a.m. (15 minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure *FM*

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator DeConcini to encourage him to vote for Senator Tower's confirmation as Secretary of Defense.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator DeConcini is one of the Democrats who will sometimes go against the "party line." As a former County Attorney he may be troubled by the lack of fairness in the current proceedings. He was seriously considered for appointment as Drug Czar, and may feel some obligation towards bipartisanship as a result of this.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator DeConcini arrives at the West Basement and is escorted to the Oval Office for a fifteen-minute meeting with the President.

*If my vote will do it I'll give it
No respect for name hands on —
Escort officer reported he
abused woman LT.
Even United Tech - travel saw him drink
(JS later says - shot down)*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN (D-TX)

DATE: February 28, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 8:15 a.m. (15 minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure *FM*

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator Bentsen to encourage him to vote for Senator Tower's confirmation as Secretary of Defense.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Bentsen served with Senator Tower from the time he came to the Senate until Senator Tower's resignation in 1984. There was a good working relationship, and Senator Bentsen has a long personal acquaintance with Senator Tower. Senator Bentsen made a strong introductory statement at Tower's confirmation hearing.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Bentsen arrives at the West Basement and is escorted to the Oval Office for a fifteen-minute meeting.

Comments opposing

No ground swell from Texas

non committal

Thanked for Sullivan's

Know he had problems in 70's

but 80's worry me.

sum Troubled - non-committal

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MEETING WITH SENATOR JOHN BREAUX (D-LA)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 9:35 a.m. (15 minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure *FM*

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator Breaux to encourage him to vote for Senator Tower's confirmation as Secretary of Defense.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Breaux may follow the lead of his senior colleague from Louisiana. Like Senator Johnston, Senator Breaux is a southern conservative and may be inclined towards Tower. However, Senator Breaux was recently appointed Chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, and may feel obliged to stick with the party position.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator John Breaux (D-LA)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Breaux arrives at the West Basement and is escorted to the Oval Office for a fifteen-minute meeting with the President.

① *IF I vote it's for you
hold my nose ~~to~~
right to have our man*

*"Don't let me get - 'Napoleon' myself
"hospital"*

*Try to give us 50 votes - avoid fight
that will hurt a lot*



GEORGE BUSH

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MEETING WITH SENATOR DAVID L. BOREN (D-OK)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 1:00 p.m. (15 minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure *FM*

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator Boren to encourage him to vote for Senator Tower's confirmation.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Boren has been an outspoken proponent of a new bipartisanship in foreign policy, and was one of the instigators of the letter which led to an earlier White House meeting on that subject. He should be concerned about the potential destruction of bipartisanship over the Tower nomination. He is close to Senator Nunn, however, and may not want to vote against Nunn. Senator Boren has already indicated that the nomination should be withdrawn.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator David Boren (D-OK)

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Boren arrives at the West Basement and is escorted to the Oval Office for a fifteen-minute meeting with the President.



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MEETING WITH SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE (D-HI)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 1:30 p.m. (15 minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure 

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator Inouye to encourage him to vote for Senator Tower's confirmation as Secretary of Defense.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Inouye may be less inclined to support a party position since his defeat in his bid for Democratic leader. Hawaii has an extensive military establishment and Senator Inouye may wish to support a strong Secretary of Defense. His home state colleague, Senator Matsunaga, has already announced his opposition to the Tower nomination.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Inouye arrives at the West Basement and is escorted to the Oval Office for a fifteen-minute meeting with the President.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH SENATOR CHRISTOPHER DODD (D-CT)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 3:00 p.m. (15 minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure *FM*

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator Dodd to encourage him to vote for Senator Tower's confirmation as Secretary of Defense.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Dodd is widely thought to be approachable about supporting Tower. In 1967, when Senator Dodd's father was censured by the Senate, Senator Tower was one of five Republicans to vote against censure. He should be willing to give Senator Tower the same fair consideration that Senator Tower gave his father.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Dodd arrives at the West Basement and is escorted to the Oval Office for a fifteen-minute meeting with the President.

- ① Cameras - very emotional - John Glenn leading the charge — (Right Stuff)
- ② will stay loose but steamroller really rolling —

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WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH SENATOR CHARLES ROBB (D-VA)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 4:00 p.m. (15 minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure *FM*

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator Robb to encourage him to vote for Senator Tower's confirmation as Secretary of Defense.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Robb has known Senator Tower since Robb was assigned to the White House as a military aide. Senator Robb was one of the leaders of the move for "Super Tuesday" primaries, designed to enhance the power of southern conservative Democrats in the party. Robb may see Senator Nunn's efforts as a move away from Southern conservatives. Robb has also recently been the subject of unsubstantiated allegations similar to the ones against Tower, and may be sympathetic on that basis. He has said that Senator Tower's pledge helps on the drinking issue, but the conflict of interest issue remains.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator Charles Robb (D-VA)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Robb arrives at the West Basement and is escorted to the Oval Office for a fifteen-minute meeting with the President.

*(?) 91 other documents (?) not even in
record - strong for Nunn Warner
privately were troubled - you should meet him alone.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH SENATOR JOSEPH LIEBERMAN (D-CT)

DATE: February 28, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 4:30 p.m. (15 Minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure *FM*

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator Lieberman to encourage him to vote for Senator Tower's confirmation as Secretary of Defense.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Lieberman has a reputation as a conservative, and may want to take this opportunity to show his independence. On the other hand, as a new Senator he may be reluctant to break ranks. Lieberman received substantial support from conservatives in his race against Lowell Weicker.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-CT)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Lieberman arrives at the West Basement and is escorted to the Oval Office for a fifteen-minute meeting.

① will try to keep open mind but
② hates to go against leaders.
worry

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George Bush Handwriting

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WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH SENATOR BILL BRADLEY (D-NJ)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 5:00 p.m. (15 minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure *FM*

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator Bradley to encourage him to vote for Senator Tower's confirmation as Secretary of Defense.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Bradley is known as one of the more thoughtful Democrats, and may be troubled by the flimsiness of the evidence against Senator Tower. However, he is also very careful about ethical matters, and may be sensitive to the conflict of interest issue. Bradley was one of the attendees at the first bipartisan foreign policy consultation, and has made it clear that he would like to be involved in that effort. Perhaps he would want to extend his bipartisanship on the Tower nomination as well.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Bradley arrives at the West Basement and is escorted to the Oval Office for a fifteen-minute meeting with the President.

*I've got to tell you I'm opposed
as of now.*

3rd world Debt

FSX

*Intelligence - lowest common
denominator - will get back
to me.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH SENATOR BOB GRAHAM (D-FL)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 1989
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 3:30 p.m. (15 minutes)
FROM: Frederick D. McClure *FM*

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator Graham to encourage him to vote for Senator Tower's confirmation as Secretary of Defense.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Graham is one of the more conservative of the newer Democratic senators. With a large military establishment in his state, he may be inclined to support a strong nominee for Secretary of Defense. However, he has told the media that he is "leaning against" the nomination.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senator Bob Graham (D-FL)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Graham arrives at the West Basement and is escorted to the Oval Office for a fifteen-minute meeting with the President.

① Not encouraging

② Work = T.ville NAS young kids
anti-drug (drug-free deal) - How do
we have them look-up to him

③



THE PRESIDENT

Feb. 28, 1988

Dear Mark -

I need your help on
the Tower matter if at all
possible. The respect in which
you are held, could well be
the factor that changes some
minds across the aisle - Thanks,
your friend George

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senate
308 East Capitol
Apartment 2
Washington, D.C.

Personal

BY MESSENGER

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

AGENDA
CABINET MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1989

- I. Remarks on the Far East Trip
- II. Budget Update
- III. Upcoming Agenda

The President
Director Darman
Governor Sununu

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Panetta $\leftrightarrow$

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Fed. Dis. "
John Tower "

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

CABINET MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 1989

LOCATION: The Cabinet Room

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

FROM: DAVID Q. BATES *DQB*

I. BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

You will meet with your Cabinet to brief them on your trip to the Far East. There will be a brief press photo opportunity at the start of the meeting. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| A. Remarks on the Far East Trip | - | THE PRESIDENT
10 minutes |
| B. Budget Update | - | Director Darman
15 minutes |
| C. Upcoming Agenda | - | Governor Sununu
10 minutes |

II. PARTICIPANTS

See attached list

III. PRESS PLAN

Photo opportunity at beginning of meeting

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Greeting
- Meeting

Attachments

February 28, 1989

PARTICIPANTS

THE PRESIDENT

The Vice President
Secretary Baker
Secretary-designate Tower
Secretary Brady
Attorney General Thornburgh
Secretary Lujan
Secretary Mosbacher
Secretary Dole
Secretary-designate Sullivan
Secretary Kemp
Secretary Skinner
Secretary-designate Watkins
Director Darman
Ambassador Hills
Governor Sununu
Deputy Secretary Meyers
(Representing Secretary Yeutter)

General Scowcroft, National Security Advisor
Michael Boskin, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors
William Reilly, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
William Bennett, Director-designate, Office of National Drug
Control Policy

C. Boyden Gray, Counsel to the President
Andrew H. Card Jr., Assistant to the President and Deputy to the
Chief of Staff
Marlin Fitzwater, Assistant to the President and Press Secretary
Frederick McClure, Assistant to the President for Legislative
Affairs
Roger B. Porter, Assistant to the President for Economic and
Domestic Policy
David Q. Bates, Assistant to the President and Secretary to the
Cabinet
Robert Guttman, Chief of Staff to the Vice President
Phillip D. Brady, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director
of the Office of Cabinet Affairs

3/28/89

A New York City weekly newspaper and two California bookstores were firebombed early today in attacks "possibly" related to the Rushdie book. Those firebombed are Riverdale Press, Cody's Books, and Walden Books. At this time there have been no claims of responsibility. Police say they cannot be sure firebombs are related to the Satanic Verses. However, most television and newspaper commentaries link the two and say they can find no other reason.

NOTE: There is no link at this time between these incidents and Iran or state-sponsored terrorism. It could be, and most likely is, Moslem sympathizers in the United States. A Presidential statement will directly link these incidents to Iran.

Yasser Nahas

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George Bush Handwriting

*"At \$19.95, Salman Rushdie's 'The Satanic Verses' is positively blasphemous!
I sentence Rushdie to death and slash the price of his internationally
controversial best seller to just \$15.96, only at Crown of Tehran Books."*

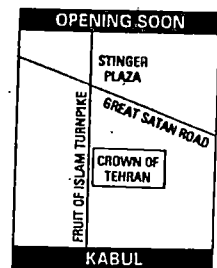


Translation by
Tom McNichol



Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini,
Imam, Crown of Tehran Books

Makeup and styling by Michael Reldy



"Now, you never have to pay the ultimate price again!"

In this disgraceful account, which is an affront to all Islam, award-winning author Salman Rushdie writes a fascinating story about two men who miraculously survive after their jet is bombed by terrorists. One of the men acquires a halo; the other sprouts horns. It is through them that Rushdie spins his riveting morality play, probing the nature of good and evil, with all the skill of master storyteller Tom Clancy.

NO BOOKS SOLD TO INFIDELS

RECENTLY BANNED:

The Last Temptation of
Christ, Nikos Kazantzakis
Spycatcher, Peter Wright
1984, George Orwell

Lady Chatterley's Lover,
D.H. Lawrence
Tropic of Cancer,
Henry Miller

The Adventures of
Huckleberry Finn,
Mark Twain
The Awakening,
Kate Chopin

Elmer Gantry,
Sinclair Lewis

The Grapes of Wrath,
John Steinbeck

*Remember, if it in any way insults Allah,
or Mohammed his prophet, you didn't buy it at*

CROWN OF TEHRAN BOOKS

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1989

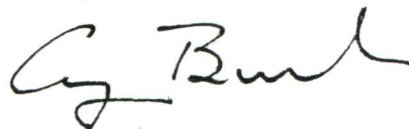
Dear Al:

It's been a while since the good old Yale days, but this is a new and exciting time for you and me.

Congratulations on your years of outstanding service at Winchester. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement, and don't forget to pitch a few horseshoes for me, too.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr. Albert Bisacky
494 Central Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1989

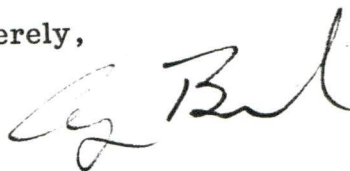
Dear Mr. Pollard:

Thanks for a marvelous letter. The tale of Sebring's renaissance is an inspiration. You're so right about community involvement. It not only provides the energy and resources to start a project but also it gives everyone a stake in making sure the project is a continuing success. I know things will continue to go well for Sebring.

I'm grateful for the kind words and good wishes from you and your family. As for Benjamin's political affiliation, not to worry. A good friend of mine started out as a Democrat, but ended up a splendid Republican President!

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Peter H. Pollard
8125 Hampshire Drive
Sebring, Florida 33870

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WASHINGTON

February 28, 1989

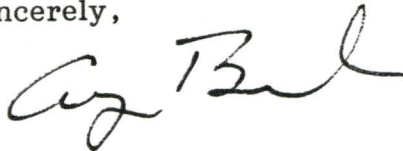
Dear Mr. Cavicchia:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Sunday Star Ledger interview with Jacqueline Forshay. As you know, her late husband, Doug, was a courageous fighter pilot and a very dear friend of mine.

While I am touched by Jacqueline's kind words, I shall never forget the bravery and selflessness of the men with whom I served during the war. They were all heroes -- Doug West, my entire bomber squadron, the crew of the USS FINBACK. Our Nation is forever indebted to them.

Thanks again for taking the time to share the clipping with me.

Sincerely,



Mr. Paul Gaetano Cavicchia
Apartment 12F
Ballantyne House
595 Mt. Prospect Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07104

bcc: incoming & outgoing

Patricia Presock
Don Rhodes
Jan Burmeister

PRE ELECTION

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1989

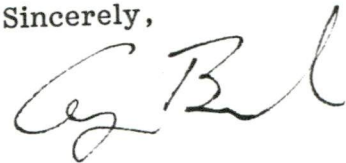
Dear Mrs. Larzelere:

Thank you for taking the time to write to share your thoughts with me. I want you to know that I hear and understand your concerns.

I realize that the average American family works hard to make ends meet and that, for some, it never seems possible. Let me assure you that I remain fully committed to keeping taxes down so that Americans might keep more of their hard-earned income. I am also committed to maintaining our country's record economic expansion so that more and more Americans can share in the nation's growth and prosperity. It is not an easy task, but too much is at stake not to face the challenges before us with great hope and determination.

I appreciate your support, Mrs. Larzelere, and I am very grateful for your prayers. With best wishes to you and your family,

Sincerely,



Mrs. Patty Larzelere
3256 Route 54A
Bluff Point, New York 14478

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1989

Dear Randy:

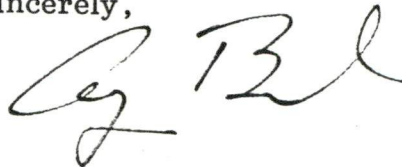
Thank you for taking the time to write to share with me your concerns as a "middle American." I am pleased to have your views.

Your letter is a moving reminder of how major national issues such as health care, trade and crime affect the individual American family. Like you, I realize that drugs and crime are not just a problem of the inner city, but are an ever-growing danger to communities all across the United States. I also realize that jobs -- like your father's -- are at stake in our efforts to promote free and fair trade practices around the world.

Let me assure you that I hear and understand your concerns -- for they are mine, too. I promise you that my Administration will do everything possible to ensure a safer, more prosperous future for all Americans. I also want you to know how much I appreciate your confidence and support.

All best wishes to you and yours!

Sincerely,



Mr. Randy Ruth
15908 Lawrence Drive
Mojave, California 93501

Give my best
to Donna -

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February 28, 1989

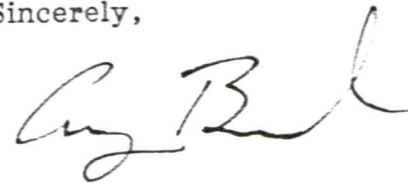
Dear Mrs. Corbin:

Thank you for a marvelous letter and welcome aboard. The Republican Party is delighted to have you because we obviously share the same ideals and beliefs. I was heartened to learn about PEP. It's exactly that kind of parental involvement that's so necessary to make our schools work. Please keep it up.

I don't think I've used the training-wheel analogy before, but I'm going to keep it in mind. It's a good one. Please give Matthew my congratulations on his achievement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Mrs. Karla Corbin
Post Office Box 2303
Pikeville, Kentucky 41501

PRE ELECTION

THE WHITE HOUSE

Feb. 28, 1989

Dear Christine,

Thanks for the
Girl Scout pins. I
love them.

Here is a pin
for you -

I loved coming
to Korea. Say hello
to everyone at Seoul
Foreign School. Love,
G. Bush

Miss Christine Kartman
c/o Mrs. Mary Kartman
American Embassy
APO San Francisco, California
96301

PRE ELECTION

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1989

Dear Mr. Gogolak:

Your message has just crossed my desk, and I want to thank you for your kind words and good wishes. You make some thoughtful observations with the wisdom and insight of one who has experienced firsthand the stark reality of totalitarianism. I agree with you that if we abandon our faith in God and our fundamental moral values, we place our Republic in grave jeopardy. But I also believe that Americans are rediscovering the importance of those values and that our Nation is becoming stronger for it. With God's blessings, I know we'll make it.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Mr. Charles P. Gogolak
45 Churchill Road
Westwood, Massachusetts 02090

Hope you're
keeping up
your interest in
sports GB/

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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THE PRESIDENT

February 28, 1989

Dear Sherm,

It's been a hectic couple of months, but wanted you to know how much I appreciated your letter over the holidays.

Now comes the hard part, but I'm pleased with our lineup (and our bench). Seymour and I could not have anticipated these days back at Yale.

Best wishes, and thanks so much for writing.

Tach will Sincerely,
do great at *Arg Bush*
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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Sherm Wright

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Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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03. Letter	From George Bush to Lucius H. Biglow, Jr. (Loosh) Re: good wishes [redaction of personal information] (1 pp.)	02/28/89	C	

Collection:

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THE PRESIDENT

February 28, 1989

Dear Loosh,

It's been a hectic time, but wanted you to know how much Barbara and I appreciated your good wishes through it all. Now comes the hard part, but our friends will continue to be a real source of strength as we face these new challenges.

Warmest regards, with appreciation for your open offer and your prayers.

Sincerely,

*Loosh -
Thank you
friend 3/2/89 GB*

George Bush

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.

Mr. Lucius H. Biglow, Jr.

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February 28, 1989

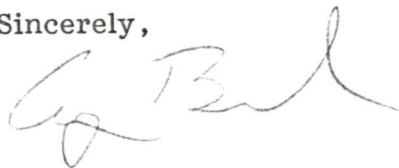
Dear Bear:

This is just to thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to attend the reunion with my World War II shipmates at the Blair House on January 18, 1989.

Your presence added greatly to the occasion. All of the VT-51 squadron and the USS FINBACK (SS230) crew were thrilled to meet you. Enclosed is a set of Presidential Inaugural license plates which I hope you will accept as a token of appreciation.

Best regards to you and yours, and thank you for all you do for our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Taylor", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Rear Admiral Jeremy D. Taylor, USN
Director
Aviation Plans and Requirements
Division, OP-50
Department of the Navy
Washington, D.C. 20350-2000

2-28-89

Dear President and Mrs. Bush,

I hope you will accept
this book on behalf of all the
families who lost someone in
Vietnam. The pain is still
there, but recognizing it as
you did in your inaugural
speech makes it better.

My best wishes to you
and your family. Sally

March 5, 1989



THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sally,

I will read the
book - I expect with pain
and sorrow.

Thank you so much
for that and your lovely note
Sincerely, *Ge Bush*

THE WHITE HOUSE

Mrs. Gary Van Valin
9309 Heather Glen Drive
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

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