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Briefing Bullets for meeting with
Conservative leaders on Tower Nomination.

- Thank you for standing firm with us on the nomination of Senator Tower. I am grateful to you for your strong support.
- I have always believed that conservatives would rally behind Senator Tower's nomination; his record as Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee is impeccable. He has always been a strong advocate of "Peace through Strength" and was a strong proponent of President Reagan's effort to re-build our defenses in the early eighties.
- As you know, the FBI has conducted what may be the most exhaustive investigation ever on a Presidential nominee.

- To date, no allegation has been substantiated by any reliable evidence.
- While the Senate has an obligation to thoroughly check out the facts surrounding any nominee, the process should be fair.
- There is no other man of Senator Tower's enormous qualifications and experience.
- We can still win this fight, but I need your help. I have met with Senators Mitchell, Robb, Bentsen, Graham, etc...We need their votes.
- Again, thank you for standing firm with us on this important battle.



SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Wednesday, March 1, 1989

8:00 am (15 min)	<u>Intelligence Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)	Oval Office
8:15 am (30 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)	Oval Office
8:45 am (15 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
9:00 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Budget Team</u> (Porter)	Oval Office (TAB A)
9:30 am (55 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
10:25 am (10 min)	<u>Drop by Meeting of Conservative Leaders</u> (Demarest)	Roosevelt Room (TAB B)
10:35 am (75 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
11:50 am (5 min)	<u>Photo with Representatives of</u> <u>"Toys for Tots" Organization</u> (Demarest)	<i>Oval Office</i> ~~Roosevelt Room~~ (TAB C)
12:00 noon (60 min)	<u>Lunch with Chairman Rostenkowski</u> (McClure)	Oval Office
1:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
1:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Secretary Baker</u>	Oval Office
2:00 pm (15 min)	<u>Meeting with Senator Heflin</u> (McClure)	Oval Office (TAB D)
2:15 pm (15 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
2:30 pm (20 min)	<u>Address Small Business</u> <u>Legislative Council</u> (Demarest)	East Room (TAB E)
2:50 pm (1 hr 10 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
4:00 pm (45 min)	<u>Haircut</u>	West Basement
4:45 pm (15 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office

UNP 02/28/89
4:00 pm

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03. Letter	From George Bush to Deng Xiaoping Re: Bush reception in China (1 pp.)	3/01/89	(b)(1)	
04. Letter	From George Bush to Frederick J. Ryan, Jr. Re: Thanks [redaction of personal information] (1 pp.)	03/01/89	(b)(6)	
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7:10 arr Oval 8:00 DCI, Bates, Snowcroft ^{(b)(3)} [50 USC 403g, Sec 6] into Oval8:02 add Sumner 8:15 DCI + ^{(b)(3)} [50 USC 403g, Sec 6] out 8:16 VP into Oval

8:44 Bates + Snowcroft out 9:06 Sumner out 9:50 Brady out

9:07 Sumner, Porter, Brady Darman Boshin 10:00 Sumner out

10:07 VP, Darman, Porter out 10:08 Boshin out

10:27 To Roosevelt Room 10:47 To Oval office

11:50 Toys for Tots up to Oval 11:54 all out except Fitzwater + Marlin Fitzwater

11:56 Potus + Fitzwater to Cabana 12:05 Potus to Oval alone

12:06 Rostenkowski arrives for lunch, 12:55 Potus + Rostenkowski to Rose Garden

1:06 Rostenkowski departs; Potus to Oval 1:20 Sumner to Oval

1:34 add Baker + Snowcroft. 2:52 Sumner out 2:05 Sen. Heflin into Oval

2:07 Snowcroft + Baker out 2:37 Heflin out; Potus out to Residence

2:39 arr State Flr. 3:42 announced into E. Rm. 3:05 Dpt State Flr.

3:07 arr South Grounds. 3:13 arr Oval office w/ Andy Card + Snowcroft

3:16 Snowcroft + Card out 3:49 Gov. Sumner to Oval

4:09 Dpt Oval 4:10 arr Barbershop 4:42 dpt Barbershop - stop @ Rose Zamaria's office

4:50 arr Oval office 4:52 add Fitzwater 4:54 ^{add} Roger Porter ~~and Sumner~~ and Sumner to Oval4:57 Fitzwater out 5:30 ~~Porter~~ Porter out

6:09 Card into Oval 6:11 Card out 6:22 Mrs. Bush arr Oval

6:26 Mrs. Bush + Potus dpt Oval 6:29 arr 2nd Flr Res.

6:34 Jesse Jackson + 1 arr 2nd Floor 6:47 Gov. Sumner arr 2nd Flr

7:46 Jackson + 1, and Sumner dpt 2nd Flr Res.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

E.S.T.

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT

MARCH 1

, 19 89

	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
	PLACED				
OUT	8:20	AM	8:30	SENATOR CLAIRBORNE PELL (b)(6)	TALKED OK 8:21a
INC		PM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT	10:16	AM	10:27	CHASE UNTERMEYER OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADM. X689	TALKED OK
INC		PM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT	11:00	AM	11:02	MRS. BARBARA BUSH RESIDENCE WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. X530	TALKED OK
INC		PM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT	11:30	AM	11:38	MR. JOHN W. WOLFE COLUMBUS, OHIO 614-464-6961	TALKED OK 11:36a
INC		PM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT		AM		MR. JAMES PINKERTON OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADM. X685	TALKED OK
INC	3:25	PM	3:29		
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT		AM		MR. LEE ATWATER OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 863-8700	TALKED OK
INC	3:38	PM	3:44		

THE WHITE HOUSE

E.S.T.

WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

MARCH 1

, 19⁸⁹

PRESIDENT

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM		SEN. NANCY KASSEBAUM OFC. U.S. CAPITOL 224-4774	TALKED OK 5:24p
INC	5:23 PM	5:39		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		SECY JAMES BAKER OFC. STATE DEPT. ADMIN. BD. X420	TALKED OK
INC	6:09 PM	6:10		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MR. HOWARD BAKER (b)(6)	ENROUTE ARIZONA EXP 10:05p D.C. TIME LW TO RETURN CALL
INC	6:11 PM			
OUT	AM			TOMORROW
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		SEN. ROBERT DOLE OFC. U.S. CAPITOL ADMIN BD. X806	IN MTG PER PATTY PRESOCK SEN. DOLE CANCELED CALL
INC	7:10 PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MR. LUD ASHLEY (b)(6)	DA KEEP TRYING TALKED OK 9:14p
INC	7:56 PM	9:18		
OUT	AM		MR. THOMAS W. MOSELEY (b)(6)	DA TRY UNTIL 9:30p TOLD PRES. BUSH CANCEL
INC	8:19 PM			
OUT	AM		MR. JERRY WEINTRAUB (b)(6)	TALKED OK.
INC	9:31 PM	9:35		

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WASHINGTON

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MARCH 1

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PRESIDENT

	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
	PLACED				
OUT	7:00	(AM)	7:02	GOV. SUNUNU OFC. WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. X686	TALKED OK
(INC)		PM			
OUT		AM			
(INC)		PM			
(OUT)	7:16	(AM)	7:20	ATTY. GEN. RICHARD THORNBURGH (b)(6)	TALKED OK 7:19
(INC)		PM		WASH. D.C.	
OUT		AM			
(INC)		PM			
(OUT)	7:21	(AM)	7:29	SENATOR BROCK ADAMS (b)(6)	TALKED OK 7:24
(INC)		PM			
OUT		AM			
(INC)		PM			
(OUT)	7:31	(AM)	7:32	MRS. BUSH RES: WASH. D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN X 543	TALKED OK
(INC)		PM			
OUT		AM			
(INC)		PM			
(OUT)	7:34	(AM)	7:37	CONG. SONNY MONTGOMERY U.S. CAPITOL OFFICE WASH. D.C. 225-5031	TALKED OK
(INC)		PM			
OUT		AM			
(INC)		PM			
OUT	7:40	(AM)	7:52	REV. JESSE JACKSON (b)(6)	TALKED OK
(INC)		PM			

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

March 1, 1989

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM		No Calls	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
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INC	PM			

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

PECC

3-1-89

DATE:

Phone call file
Nancy K'baum -

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

I visited JT today
Told him my concerns with con-scoured
could be restored -
no one has had experience

serious reservations

specific incidences
where relationship has been
too close

not sure what I'll do

perhaps 'dug' in

3) talk to others
4) serious reservations -

5) Difficult since made

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE:

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To:

was going to call
you

Major Def Contractors
after leaving START
appearance of conflict

- 1) so much in perception
- 2) if he wins by vote or 2
can he pull it together
he says "if given power"
if you feel it is important
I'll do - He should get it
You should do it

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE:

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To:

ask him about
C-29 (UK aircraft)

Favorable comments
on 120 Israeli workers

men that has been
awful -

I headed mil return
cancers, then Gracely
after me.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE:

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To:

Not go away

Dingell ~~left~~ ^{arrived}
in house

unfortunate

~~Lien~~ Be happy to talk to
~~March~~ Howell

because they're feeling heat
(almost if some Repubs.
were to vote no, more Dems
might vote)
and had assess it

PHONE CALL WITH CLAIBORN PELL

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 3-1-

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: Claiborne Pell
I called - Tower matter
1. must have report

2. slept at noon - "not
material"

3. 4 hours reading it
left with bad impression

will keep powder
C.P. told group yesterday
"thought you'd make
good Prez" "regard as
affection" - bothered in
VGT - curmudgeon vs. VGT

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PHONE CONVERSATION WITH
JESSE JACKSON 3/1/89

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE:

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

Jesse

7:45

with his
son
↓
Bush-Jackson
rules
↓
keep attn

3 points

1. Drug - Weapons

2. Union Ldrs in Newark
strike on EAL
Lorenzo burst union
(pay cuts jobs - safety

3. S o L
not many
needs in red line

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George Bush Handwriting

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JAN 16 1989

J. W. WOLFE
155 EAST BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

December 27, 1988

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

The Honorable George Bush
Vice President of the United States
The Vice President's House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness, concern and interest during my recent illness. It is times like these that make a person realize how precious friends are.

I especially want to thank you for the telephone calls, the kind note and the book "Kataki" by Hank Searles you were so kind to send me. Considering the pressures of the campaign, it was extremely generous of you to take the time to think of me.

From the bottom of my "mending" heart, my sincere gratitude for including me in your thoughts and prayers. Congratulations to you and Mrs. Bush, and may God be with you as you lead this wonderful country through the next 8 years.

Sincerely,


J. W. WOLFE

called him
3-1-89
his diary from the
Back at the
paper

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George Bush Handwriting

J. W. WOLFE

155 EAST BROAD STREET

COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215



PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

The Honorable George Bush
Vice President of the
United States
The Vice President's House
Washington, D.C.



Wednesday, March 1

3:42 Mrs. Bush to South Grounds
3:45 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
5:55 Mrs. Josephine Bush departs White House
6:00 Breakfast for the President
6:30 Breakfast for Mr. Ellis
7:05 Breakfast for Mrs. Bush
7:08 The President to the South Grounds
7:10 The President to the Oval Office
10:20 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
10:28 Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Richardson, Julie Cooke,
Susan Green, Anna Perez and photographers to the Second Floor
12:00 Mrs. Bush, Guests, and staff down
12:35 Nancy Thawley to the Second Floor
12:45 Lunch for Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Thawley
1:00 Guests arrive State Floor for Small Business Legislative
Council meeting (214 guests)
1:36 Mrs. Thawley departs
2:25 Mrs. Bush to the Usher's Office
2:29 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
2:42 The President to the East Room
3:08 The President and Mrs. Bush to South Grounds
3:12 The President to Oval Office
3:13 Mrs. Bush to Second Floor
4:00 Members of Mrs. Bush's Staff to Second Floor for tea
5:00 down
6:28 The President to the Second Floor
6:33 Reverend Jackson and Robert Borosage to the Second Floor
7:45 down
6:48 Governor Sununu to the Second Floor 7:45 down
7:50 Dinner for the President and Mrs. Bush
8:40 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
8:51 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
9:30 Retired

PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 1 March 1989

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News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EDT EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

Tower Debate Ready To Explode -- The Senate is headed for a knock-down, drag-out partisan brawl when it finally begins debate on John Tower's nomination as secretary of defense. (Los Angeles Times, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Washington Times, Reuter, UPI)

Domestic Budget Cuts Get Tentative Backing -- The Bush administration, seeking a starting point for budget negotiations with Congress, has tentatively endorsed the 82 program terminations and other domestic spending cuts proposed in former President Reagan's 1990 budget. (Washington Post)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Halt Israel Raids Or Risk New Ties, U.S. Tells The PLO -- The U.S. called on the PLO today to refrain from attacks on Israeli military and civilian targets inside and outside Israel if it wanted to continue its discussions with Washington. (New York Times)

NETWORK NEWS (Tuesday evening)

TOWER -- While the President was working for Senate votes at the White House, GOP leaders were pushing for Tower on Capitol Hill.

RUSHDIE -- A warning from President Bush that this country will not tolerate violence linked to Salman Rushdie's novel.

ECONOMY -- The GNP grew at a rate of 2% in the final three months of 1988.

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NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH APPEALS TO WAVERING DEMS TO BACK TOWER

President Bush, the prestige of his infant administration on the line, appealed to undecided Senate Democrats Tuesday to back John Tower as defense secretary but did not appear to win any immediate converts.

Bush met with at least a dozen senators, most of them Democrats, in a day of seeking support for his embattled nominee, the former Texas senator who took his place at the table at a Cabinet meeting Tuesday in a sign of continued presidential confidence.

After 12 hours of campaigning by a determined administration at the White House and on Capitol Hill, Bush and Tower met with Republican senators Dole and Warner to discuss the situation.

After the meeting, Dole and Warner said Bush remained firmly behind his nominee. Dole, who was very angry, said the issue had become so partisan that Republicans planned to take their case to the American people.

"We're going to have the American people understand how shabbily John Tower has been treated," said Dole. "We're going to go to the mat. We're going to win this fight." ...

Dole signaled that Republicans may try to drag the debate into next week to allow the public more time to rally behind Tower.

"I would assume it's going to take more than a couple of days," said Dole. He said that the Republicans "don't want to stall," but quickly added, "We'll have plenty to say." (Eliot Brenner, UPI)

Bush Fights To Get Backing For Tower, But Changes No Votes

President Bush fought Tuesday to rescue the nomination of John Tower as defense secretary, as Republican Senate leaders accused rival Democrats of unfairly trying to scuttle the selection....

Sen. Dole met with Bush and Tower Tuesday night and then complained to reporters that "so far the procedure has not been fair." ...

"I think we have an obligation and responsibility in the Senate to deal with the nominee responsibly, and not based on innuendo and rumor," Dole complained. "John Tower has not been treated fairly."

Sen. Warner, who also attended the White House strategy session, said Americans will have to decide whether or not the Democrats were trying "to wrest political power from the people" by squashing Bush's wishes.

Earlier, Bush was asked if he felt Tower would be confirmed. "I'm working hard at it," he said. Asked if his lobbying had changed any minds, he replied: "Who knows?"

"I haven't heard one single voice challenge this man's knowledge" on defense issues, Bush told reporters during a question and answer session at the close of a Cabinet meeting.

"He's best qualified to do the job I want done," Bush said, with a grim-faced Tower sitting at his side. (Laurence McQuillan, Reuter)

Bush Fails To Win Support

Lobbying by President Bush failed to persuade any Democrats to support the nomination of John Tower as defense secretary on Tuesday, and embittered Senate Republicans responded with a last-ditch attempt to portray the nominee as the innocent victim of character assassination by an unprincipled Democratic majority.

The GOP strategy clearly was intended to undermine the reputation and credibility of Sen. Nunn and Tower's other Democratic opponents -- a tack that was certain to leave lasting scars on Bush's relationship with Congress.

(Sara Fritz & William Eaton, Los Angeles Times, A1)

Bush Loses Ground In Fight For Tower

President Bush suffered new setbacks yesterday as he launched an all-out personal lobbying campaign to rescue the nomination of...John Tower and the Senate erupted in a partisan tirade over allegations that Tower has a drinking problem.

Even as Bush was meeting with wavering Democrats in hopes of winning them over before the Senate debate over the confirmation begins today or Thursday, at least one Republican defection appeared likely and one supposed Democrat waverer came out against Tower with a blistering broadside at his drinking.

Referring to the FBI's report on allegations about Tower's drinking, Sen. Hollings denied Republican contentions that the report contains only rumor and innuendo.

"These are corroborated facts -- the words 'crooked,' 'bombed,' 'excessive drinking,' 'sloshed,' 'stoned,' 'comatose'...too much of that," he said at a news conference....

Hollings attack came after Sen. Pressler reiterated that he is "leaning very heavily" against Tower and Republican leaders scrambled to put the best face on the situation with stinging attacks on what they called the "hijacking" of the nomination by "rumor and innuendo."

(Helen Dewar & Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A1)

Senate GOP Closes Ranks Behind Tower As White House Mounts Last-Ditch Drive

Senate Republicans began to close ranks behind John Tower as the White House mounted a last-ditch drive to isolate Democrats and win enough support to save its nominee for secretary of defense.

The GOP strategy seeks to paint opponents to Tower as motivated by partisan politics. And Republican leaders left open the possibility of prolonging the Senate debate to give President Bush more time to try to turn the tide toward Tower....

"Republicans have made this the battle cry of freedom," said Sen. Kassebaum, a popular GOP moderate who appears willing to support Tower despite having continued misgivings about him. Two other Republicans, Armstrong and Grassley, remained undecided, but they left themselves room to back the nominee....

(David Rogers & Michel McQueen, Wall Street Journal, A16)

Tower Debate Ready To Explode

The Senate is headed for a knock-down, drag-out partisan brawl when it finally begins debate on John Tower's nomination as secretary of defense -- perhaps today.

As the White House finally ground into gear defending its endangered nominee, Republicans sought to counter what Sen. Rudman called a monthlong "character assassination" of Tower....

Sen. Simpson compared the [FBI] report to Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland."

"There's not a thing in it that's not fanciful, bizarre, vitriolic," he said.
(Leslie Phillips, USA Today, A6)

Robb Still Undecided On Tower After Talk With Bush

Sen. Robb emerged late yesterday from a meeting with President Bush still undecided about how he will vote on John Tower's confirmation.

But he is convinced the defense secretary-designate's personal life has been unfairly reported by the news media.

"I do think there has been a degree of unfairness involved," said Robb.... "There are a number of allegations I have seen (in news reports)...not supported by the facts."

(Chris Harvey, Washington Times, A3)

MAJORITY IN POLL SAYS TOWER NOT DISQUALIFIED BY DRINKING

A majority of Americans say they find nothing in John Tower's reported use of alcohol to make him unfit to serve as secretary of defense, and about half say he should be confirmed by the Senate.

In a Washington Post-ABC News Poll conducted Monday, nearly half of those sampled -- 47 percent -- said they believe Tower has a drinking problem. And six of 10 said they do not believe his pledge to give up alcohol if he is confirmed by the Senate. By a margin of 50 to 42 percent, respondents said they disapprove of Bush's choice of Tower to be secretary of defense.

But when asked if anything about his drinking habits that would make him "unfit to become secretary of defense," 56 percent said no....

In all, 52 percent of those interviewed said the Senate should vote to confirm Tower as defense secretary, while 43 percent disagreed and 5 percent expressed no opinion.
(Richard Morin, Washington Post A11)

FOR DEMOCRATS, CONDUCT OF TOWER FIGHT MAY OVERSHADOW OUTCOME

Just as President Bush has heavy political capital invested in the nomination of John Tower as secretary of defense, Senate Democrats have a lot riding on the conduct as well as the outcome of the fight over Tower's confirmation as it moves to the Senate floor today....

The normally cautious Nunn, whose political power stems in part from a reputation for being above politics, stuck his neck out by leading the charge against Tower in his committee....

For Mitchell, who is still feeling his way as majority leader, the stakes are different but no less important. Elected in large part because the Democrats wanted to assert themselves more forcefully and articulately in debate with the Republican-controlled White House, Mitchell now faces the first real test of his ability to translate that promise into action.

(News Analysis, Helen Dewar, Washington Post A11)

NUNN ISSUES STATEMENT ON 1964 DRUNK DRIVING INCIDENT

Sen. Nunn acknowledged Tuesday that in 1964 he had "enough to drink" at a party to impair his driving, causing him to sideswipe a parked car and crash into an embankment.

Nunn...issued a statement on the incident after the Wall Street Journal reprinted an article from the Dec. 4, 1972, Atlanta Journal on an investigation of the incident on Oct. 31, 1964.

"That evening I had enough to drink so that both my driving and judgment were impaired," Nunn said in a statement. "I pled guilty to leaving the scene, paid my fine, apologized to all concerned and, at the age of 26, learned a valuable lesson which I have not forgotten." (UPI)

TOWER INVOLVED IN PENTAGON PLANNING

Aides Say Nominee Working On Budget Cuts, Strategic Assessments

John Tower, who makes his first and perhaps last policy speech today as defense secretary-designate, has been deeply involved the last several weeks in Pentagon deliberations on how to cut \$50 billion from the military budget and in reassessment of the nation's nuclear arsenal, according to transition office aides.

Despite his battering by allegations about his personal conduct, Tower's deputies say he has been working full days at the Pentagon where he receives briefings, some top secret, on everything from the perils of shrinking the armed services to how soon a partial missile defense could be deployed.

(George Wilson, Washington Post, A11)

PENTAGON IS LIKELY TO MISS TWO MORE DEADLINES

Senior Pentagon officials recommended Tuesday that Acting Defense Secretary Taft let pass Wednesday's deadline for submitting a report to Congress on developing a limited strategic missile defense....

The Pentagon also appeared likely to miss a second congressional deadline Wednesday for submitting updated cost estimates on the radar-evading B-2 Stealth bomber.

(Robert MacKay, UPI)

DOMESTIC BUDGET CUTS GET TENTATIVE BACKING

Reagan Proposals Seen As Starting Point

The Bush administration, seeking a starting point for budget negotiations with Congress, has tentatively endorsed the 82 program terminations and other domestic spending cuts proposed in former President Reagan's 1990 budget.

In a memorandum to Cabinet secretaries and agency heads...Budget Director Darman explained the White House position on the list of hundreds of domestic programs for which the administration has refused to make a specific budget proposal. "[T]he Reagan budget proposals...are to be treated as if they were the Bush administration proposals for purposes of starting the budget process with the Congress," Darman wrote.

...It effectively put President Bush's imprimatur on some Reagan proposals -- such as termination of the program providing legal services for the poor -- that would severely curb domestic spending, despite the "kinder, gentler" theme the President struck in his Feb. 9 budget speech.

(Paul Blustein, Washington Post, A4)

BYRD WARNS BUSH ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The congressional budget process will end in a "train wreck" this fall if President Bush does not send Congress detailed amendments to former President Reagan's budget, Sen. Byrd said yesterday.

While administration officials continued to pressure congressional leaders to accept early budget negotiations, Byrd joined the ranks of many Democratic lawmakers who have rejected the call for a budget summit.

"We can't rush into negotiations without having hearings," Byrd told Budget Director Darman yesterday, accusing the administration of proposing "a political budget."

(Jennifer Spevacek, Washington Times, A4)

BLUE RIBBON BUDGET PANEL REPORT SPLIT ON PARTY LINES

A sharply divided National Economic Commission issued a report Wednesday in which the Republican members endorsed President Bush's plan to cut the deficit and Democrats rejected it.

The blue-ribbon panel...said they failed to reach a bipartisan solution but agreed the deficit was a drain on the economy and should be reduced steadily.

(For release at 9:00 a.m., Jacqueline Frank, Reuter)

GREENSPAN DEFENDS POLICY OF RAISING INTEREST RATES

Fed Chairman Greenspan, under sometimes critical questioning from Republican senators, yesterday bluntly defended the bank's policy of raising interest rates to slow economic growth and keep inflation under control.

The Senate Budget Committee members -- Don Nickles, Christopher Bond and Steve Symms -- complained variously that surging interest rates were making the budget deficit larger, increasing the cost of bailing out the savings and loan industry's insurance fund and raising the risk of inflation.

Greenspan said policymakers at the Fed regularly discussed such concerns, but he declared, "At this particular stage, I don't think we have the option of having (both) this continuing state of prosperity and lower interest rates."

(John Berry, Washington Post, F1)

SEIDMAN GIVES THRIFTS PLAN MIXED REVIEW

FDIC Chief Opposes Limits On His Agency

The head of the agency that insures commercial banks said yesterday that he generally approves of the Bush administration's plan to rescue the troubled savings and loan industry, but he expressed concern that some of its elements would restrict the agency's authority and independence.

William Seidman, chairman of the FDIC, told the Senate Banking Committee that some of the proposals in the plan "would hamper the FDIC's ability to perform at the very time it is being asked to undertake major new responsibilities."

(Sharon Warren Walsh, Washington Post, F3)

WRIGHT ACCUSED OF THREAT TO REVEAL GAP S&L REGULATOR

An independent probe of Jim Wright was expanded because of a last-minute allegation that the House speaker threatened to expose a federal banking official's homosexuality unless Texas thrift executives gained access to key Washington officials, according to sources close to the investigation.

Wright, the sources said, sought to force regulators at the Federal Home Loan Bank Board to meet with executives of at least two Texas S&L associations who felt they could not get fair hearings from the Dallas office, where the federal official in question worked....

One federal banking official, who asked not to be named, said Wright on several occasions in 1986 and 1987 threatened federal bank officials in Washington with "blowing the whistle" on the allegedly homosexual regulator unless thrift executives were given the opportunity to meet with FHLBB officials to air grievances.

(Paul Rodriguez, Washington Times, A1)

ETHICS PANEL HEDGES ON OUTSIDE INCOME LIMIT

Members of President Bush's ethics commission, warned they could be restricting federal employees from "writing a popular song," Tuesday backed off a proposal to limit senior government officials' outside income to 15% of their salaries.

While searching for a less restrictive formula, the eight-member President's Commission on Federal Ethics Law Reform reaffirmed its decision to call for a government-wide ban on acceptance of honoraria, which members have termed "evil."

(Gregory Gordon, UPI)

FBI DIRECTOR VOWS FIGHT AGAINST JOB BIAS WITHIN BUREAU

FBI Director Sessions said Tuesday he has launched efforts to erase job bias against blacks, Hispanics and women within the bureau and promised measurable results within a year.

"The FBI must reflect more closely America's workforce," Sessions told a House Judiciary subcommittee probing charges of hiring bias and unfair treatment of minority employees.

(Mike Robinson, AP)

NORTH'S LAWYERS ASK FOR DISMISSAL AS JUDGE PUTS OFF DECISION ON SECRETS

Oliver North's lawyers, claiming government misconduct, asked for dismissal of the Iran-contra case Tuesday but the judge put off a decision until he hears more debate on how to handle state secrets during the trial.

At a three-hour hearing on the sixth day of North's trial, Judge Gesell said the clash over the government's handling of some documents in the case heralded dangers that could end the prosecution.

(Anne Saker, UPI)

SURVEY OF STUDENT DRUG ABUSE FINDS LOWEST LEVELS IN DECADES

The number of high school seniors using cocaine, marijuana and PCP dropped last year to the lowest level in more than a decade...according to a survey of 16,300 seniors released yesterday.

"This is great news -- that all high school seniors are listening," said Education Secretary Cavazos.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A1)
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

HALT ISRAEL RAIDS OR RISK NEW TIES, U.S. TELLS THE PLO

The U.S. called on the PLO today to refrain from attacks on Israeli military and civilian targets inside and outside Israel if it wanted to continue its discussions with Washington.

The latest formulation appeared to represent a subtle but significant change in the U.S. terms for carrying on a dialogue with the PLO....

(Robert Pear, New York Times, A1)

PLO OFFICIAL SAYS BUSH BRINGS NO CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY

BEIRUT -- A Palestinian official said in an interview published Wednesday that he saw no change in U.S. Middle East policies since George Bush became president.

In an interview with the leftist as-Safir daily, Farouq Kaddoumi, the PLO's foreign affairs spokesman, said:

"We have seen no change in American policy before or after (Bush). The only change is that it (the U.S.) agreed to start talks with the PLO."

(Reuter)

SHAMIR SCOFFS AT ARAFAT'S PEACE MOVES, THREATENS JAIL

JERUSALEM -- Israeli Prime Minister Shamir has dismissed Yasser Arafat's recent peace overtures, compared the PLO leader to Adolf Hitler and said the only place for a Palestinian state in the future would be what is now Jordan.

In an interview in his office here with The Washington Times, Shamir also accused Arafat of lying when he said the PLO had renounced terrorism and said that "we'd put him in prison" if, like the late Egyptian President Sadat, he flew to Israel to talk about peace.

(Arnaud de Borchgrave, Washington Times, A1)

'SATANIC VERSES:' TWO BOOKSTORES, NEWSPAPER FIREBOMBED

BERKELEY -- Molotov cocktails were thrown through the windows of two Berkeley bookstores selling "The Satanic Verses" Tuesday and a New York newspaper that defended author Salman Rushdie was firebombed....

President Bush denounced any attacks linked to the novel.

"This country was founded on the principles of free speech and religious tolerance," he declared.

"I want to make it unequivocally clear the United States will not tolerate any assault on these rights."

(Reuter)

CIA DEFENDS REPORTS ON SOVIET MOVES

The CIA's deputy director-designate told the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that it was not possible or "necessarily even desirable" to try to predict what initiatives President Gorbachev is planning to take in his relation with the U.S.

Richard J. Kerr...told the Senate panel that the agency was faced with the problem of "facts and analysis" in seeking to predict such Gorbachev initiatives as his December announcement to a unilateral reduction of 500,000 troops in Europe....

(David Ottaway, Washington Post, A18)

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SALVADORAN ARMY SETS CEASE-FIRE Rebels Agree To Talks But With Conditions

SAN SALVADOR -- The Salvadoran armed forces today unilaterally suspended military actions until June 1 after leftist rebels agreed to direct talks with the U.S.-backed government -- although the rebels insisted on their own agenda in any talks.

"The high command announces a complete halt of military operations nationwide," said an unexpected statement released by the military press office. The cease-fire begins tonight at midnight, according to the announcement, "with the purpose of achieving in the short term the peace that our people desire."...

The military statement added: "We hope the terrorists of the FMLN will reciprocate by halting their assassinations and kidnappings, which hurt the civilian population, and by suspending their attacks against public and private property."

The rebels had no immediate comment on the army's declaration.

(Douglas Farah, Washington Post, A1)

State Department Urges Salvadoran Rebels To Agree To Cease-Fire

Worried that the best chance for ending the eight years of war in El Salvador may be slipping away, the State Department said Tuesday it would be regrettable if the left-wing rebels are raising new conditions that would prevent a cease fire....

The FMLN answer to Duarte[is call for a cease-fire], broadcast by Radio Venceremos Tuesday morning, and monitored in Washington, appeared to set several new conditions....

State Department spokesman Charles Redman, saying that the department had not yet had a chance to study the FMLN's new conditions, said, "If there are new conditions, it would be regrettable that a chance of ending the war would have been missed."

(Jim Anderson, UPI)

BUSH APPOINTS ARONSON ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

President Bush said Tuesday he selected Bernard Aronson, a Democrat who strongly supported U.S. military aid to the Nicaraguan contras, as assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs....

[Elliott Abrams, the man he would succeed, if confirmed,] welcomed the appointment of Aronson, whom he described as a "man of courage and vision."

(Thomas Ferraro, UPI)

SPECIAL CATEGORY TO BE SOUGHT TO ADMIT 30,000 EMIGRES Kennedy, Kasten Cite 'Refugee Emergency'

The Bush administration, struggling to cope with 24,000 Soviet Jews and other emigres stuck in Western Europe while seeking entry to this country, will ask Congress soon to create a special immigration category permitting the President to admit up to 30,000 additional people a year for "humanitarian, foreign policy reasons," government sources said yesterday.

In addition, Sens. Kennedy and Kasten today will propose that Congress and the administration agree to raise the ceiling on granting political refugee status to Soviet emigres during fiscal 1989 from 25,000 to 50,000.

(John H. Goshko, Washington Post, A2)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Tuesday Evening, February 28)

TOWER NOMINATION

NBC's Tom Brokaw: There is other business being conducted in the Nation's Capital, but nothing compares with the John Tower battle. The full Senate is expected to begin debate tomorrow on confirmation of Tower, but Republicans may delay that. And President Bush is using the full powers of his office and personal salesmanship in an effort to get the votes, but tonight it does appear that he is still short.

NBC's John Cochran: A day full of lobbying from sunup to sundown, Senators who normally have trouble getting a face-face with the President, today they had no trouble at all. Each arriving senator got a separate session with the President to urge each, especially Democrats, to follow his conscience instead of his party. Tower was here too for a meeting of the Cabinet he wants so desperately to join. (TV COVERAGE: Cabinet meeting. Tower sitting next to the President.)

President Bush made no attempt to put distance between them. Bush breaking his own rule, not refusing to answer questions at photo sessions. The President saying Americans demand fair play.

(President Bush: "I don't believe anybody should be pilloried on the basis of unfounded rumor, and therefore I will continue to fight for this man that I believe in.")

Reporter: "Have you picked up any Democratic senators?"

President: "Who knows?"

This Democrat said Bush was impressive, but he still hasn't made up his mind. Can the President salvage the nomination?

(Sen. DeConcini: "And if I were a betting man, I'd say that it's -- the odds are against him, but it's very close.")

But close only if the President can persuade skeptical Republicans like Larry Pressler.

(Sen. Pressler: "He's always persuasive, but I was not moved.")

Vice President Quayle was at the Capitol selling Tower, but like any good salesman, he was upbeat about the magic 50 votes.

(Vice President Quayle: "If we get five Democratic senators, I believe that we will get 45 Republicans.")

Tower's most influential opponent is Sam Nunn, who was bothered by Tower's drinking. Today's Wall Street Journal reminded Nunn that in 1964, after a late night party, his car sideswiped a parked car and Nunn illegally left the scene of the accident.

(Sen. Nunn in corridor: " -- was 25 years ago. It was very embarrassing. I learned my lesson.")

That will not win any votes for Tower. Too many senators say the facts against Tower in the FBI report are all too clear.

(Sen. Hollings: "They're names, they're facts, they're absolute statements and the words 'crooked,' 'bombed,' 'excessive drinking,' 'sloshing,' 'stoned,' -- ")

But some planned to vote against Tower even though they admit some allegations are hazy. For example, those about Tower's misconduct while an arms negotiator in Geneva.

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Cochran continues:

(Sen. Graham: "Can I state that, without equivocation, allegations made about John Tower's behavior are true? No, I cannot state that.")

The President may feel that he and Tower are getting a raw deal, but the public does not. And with public opinion polls running against them, the President loses a lot of leverage he otherwise would have in his discussions with senators. But tomorrow, the President will keep on punching.

Brokaw discusses the vote count with NBC's Andrea Mitchell:

Mitchell: Republican leaders are saying that they still have all 45 Republicans, even though two Republican senators have said publicly that Tower should withdraw. The Republicans today were parading in front of television cameras, seeking all of us out, to attest to John Tower's integrity, a big public display. On the Democratic side, Sen. Mitchell was telling senators to vote your conscience. Behind the scenes, Armed Services Committee members each had a list, calling friends and colleagues and telling them to vote your conscience but read that FBI report. And Hollings read the report, called the White House and said Tower should withdraw. Exon tonight told me it's going to go either way by two or three votes. But either way, he says, George Bush is the loser.

Brokaw: And the strongest argument the Democrats on the Armed Services Committee will be making when the debate begins?

Mitchell: They have marshalled their strongest arguments into a committee report, which they will make public tomorrow. We got a draft copy of this report tonight. And in this report, they talk about the alcohol issue. They say Tower gave different stories to the FBI, to George Bush, to the committee in private and to the public. They don't believe him on alcohol. They are also very concerned about the conflict of interest question, saying he gave at least the appearance of using inside information for private gain by working for defense contractors after being the arms negotiator in Geneva. (NBC-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: The results of an ABC-Washington Post poll, which we conducted last night, tell us that from the public's point of view, the President should have the man he wants. Not that the public necessarily approves of Mr. Tower personally. Those who disapprove outnumber those who do. In Washington, where the Tower nomination is still the most talked-about and most gossiped about political issue of the day, the President is pushing hard for consent.

ABC's Brit Hume: The embattled nominee was seated squarely beside the President at this afternoon's cabinet meeting, and the President took the opportunity to say he was squarely beside Tower. He appealed to what he called an American instinct.

(President Bush: "A certain fairness, and I don't believe anybody should be pilloried on the basis of unfounded rumor. And therefore I will continue to fight for this man that I believe in.")

Reporter: "Have you picked up any Democratic senators?"

President Bush: "Who knows? Stay tuned.")

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Hume continues: All day the cars from Capitol Hill brought Democratic senators to the White House for audiences with the President. A couple indicated they might, might back Tower. Lieberman said the President should get the benefit of the doubt. DeConcini said he was more disposed to vote yes. But how much more?

(Sen. DeConcini: "I can't -- I can't say. I just, after talking to the President, he's very, very good.")

But Hollings didn't even wait to talk to the President before coming out against. He said he'd been ready to vote yes, until he read the FBI report.

(Sen. Hollings: "The words 'crooked,' 'bombed,' 'excessive drinking,' 'sloshing,' 'stoned,' 'comatose' -- too much of that.")

And Graham said he was leaning strongly against, citing what he called a "pattern of bad judgement," including what he called "compromising behavior in Geneva." But what behavior?

(Sen. Graham: "I cannot be more specific.")

That's the sort of thing the President thinks has been unfair about this whole fight. Unfair or not, it seems to be going against him, and there was little sign his lobbying changed that. He will meet with Tower and Republican Senate leaders here at the White House tonight to assess the situation.

Jennings: While the President was working for Senate votes down at the White House, Republican Party leaders were pushing for Tower on Capitol Hill.

ABC's Jim Wooten: Like their leader, Bob Dole, Senate Republicans were furious as they launched a full force counter-offensive in behalf of Tower's precarious nomination -- echoing the President, demanding from the Democrats fairness and facts.

(Sen. Dole: "You don't like John Tower? You can't do much about that. If you're already locked in concrete you can't do much about that. But we can expect people to look at the facts.")

And those facts, said a parade of steaming Republicans, will not support a vote against Tower for any reason.

(Sen. Rudman on the FBI report: "There is not, I repeat, one scintilla of evidence, and I challenge anyone in the United States Senate who reads that report to contradict that. Anyone. Because they can't do it.")

Yet the quantity and the volume of their protests wasn't enough to alter this Republican's inclination to oppose Tower.

(Sen. Pressler: "Sen. Tower would be doing the President a favor if he withdrew at this point.")

Pressler is one of eight Republicans among the 36 senators still undecided on Tower, according to an ABC News survey. Thirty-six Republicans are supporting Tower, 24 Democrats are not, and two senators aren't saying. The Armed Services Committee met to approve a final report on Tower. The Democrats' majority draft suggests there are inconsistencies in his testimony, and recommends, of course, his rejection. The Republicans' report takes the opposite view. So 74 days after the President chose him, John Tower's nomination hangs by its fingernails and faces one whale of a floor fight on the Senate floor.

Jennings: One other finding from our poll: By nearly a 2 to 1 margin, people believe [Tower] is getting fair treatment in the Senate. All the same, the struggle over John Tower involves political power, and turf, as well as principle.

ABC's John Martin reports that the struggle over John Tower was reflected in the nation's top newspapers. The New York Times urged Tower's rejection. After hearing Sen. Nunn's criticism of Tower's drinking, The Wall Street Journal raised questions about Nunn, reprinting a newspaper account of a 1964 car accident, in which Nunn admitted today he had been drinking. He denied he ran away, but admitted it was a mistake.

(Sen. Nunn: "I learned my lesson.")

The Journal said the point is not ethics, but power.

(Robert Bartley of the Journal: "All of this posturing about wine, women and ethics is total hypocrisy. The Democratic senators want to cripple the President by denying him the right to pick his own team.")

But it isn't an unrestricted right.

(Sen. Nunn: "I think we have a duty under the Constitution to make sure that we perform our advice and consent role responsibly.")

But the President's persistence [on the Tower nomination] may weaken him. The balance of power continually shifts, but for the moment, on the Tower nomination, it appears to rest on Capitol Hill.

(ABC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: There is growing talk at the White House and in Congress that the John Tower nomination is either dead or so close that no one can tell. President Bush is holding yet another strategy session at the White House tonight with Senate Republican leaders. Tower will be there. Tower is under increasing pressure to pull out. All of this follows new setbacks in President Bush's determined efforts to get the Tower nomination through at whatever cost and in the process spare himself an embarrassing defeat.

CBS's Lesley Stahl: Earlier White House votes that "we've got the votes" turned to private admissions that the Tower nomination is all but a lost cause. But still, Mr. Bush put on another of his almost daily public displays of support -- this one a Cabinet meeting with Tower at his side.

(President at Cabinet meeting: "I am committed. I am committed on two grounds, and I've just told my Cabinet this. One of them has to do with who best to run the Pentagon. And I haven't heard one single voice challenge this man's knowledge, his ability.")

Reporter: "Have you picked up any Democratic senators?"

President: "Who knows? Stay tuned.")

White House officials insist that no replacement is being discussed. In a desperate uphill effort, the President lobbied a dozen senators, all of them Democrats, in a series of one-on-one meetings. Secretary Brady was sent on his own arm-twisting mission to Capitol Hill. And Vice President Quayle was put in charge of holding the Republicans.

(Vice President Quayle: "Five Democratic senators plus 45 Republicans will give us 50, and I'll make the 51st vote in favor of John Tower.") It appears that Tower's no-more-drinking vow failed to move any votes as White House officials who joined in mapping that pledge strategy had hoped.

Stahl continues: If it's determined that Tower has any chance, the President will try to delay the vote to buy more time for lobbying. If it's clear by tomorrow that he can't win, the President will call for a quick vote. While some White House officials say they would like Tower to withdraw on his own, they do not expect him to, nor will he be asked to. Mr. Bush wants to avoid the appearance of weakness and the charge that he came to question his own judgement in picking Tower.

CBS's Bob Schieffer: The growing feeling among both Democrats and Republicans in the Senate is that the Tower nomination is dead. But the Republicans intend to go down fighting and it's turning very nasty. The Republican leader went to the floor tonight to plead for fairness.

(Sen. Dole: "You don't like John Tower? You can't do much about that. If you're already locked in concrete, you can't do much about that. But we can expect people to look at the facts.")

As most Republicans told it, the FBI has come up with nothing to disqualify Tower as defense secretary.

(Sen. Simpson: "Not one single member of our body had seen John Tower drunk. And yet there are members of this body who have seen other members of the body drunk.")

But in drafting its final report, the Democratic majority on the Armed Services Committee cites four major concerns about Tower: excessive use of alcohol, questionable judgement reflected in his consulting services to major defense firms, the appearance of conflict of interest due to prior ties to defense contractors, and indiscreet behavior toward women. Hollings, whose support the White House had hoped to win, said he would vote against Tower because of what the FBI report states about drinking problems.

(Sen. Hollings: "John Tower could not serve in the nuclear Navy. In fact, the 201 file, he couldn't get promoted from corporal to sergeant if you looked at the record.")

It has gotten so personal that one Republican senator told his colleagues today that from now on if he sees any senator on the floor drunk, he will point it out. But even those who are strongest for Tower now concede it's virtually impossible to find enough votes to confirm him. Two Republicans have asked the President to draw down the nomination. (CBS-Lead)

RUSHDIE BOOK

Brokaw: A warning from President Bush tonight that this country will not tolerate violence linked to Salman Rushdie's novel. He vowed that any violent acts against the author, publishers or distributors will be prosecuted to the maximum. The warning followed three firebombings that may be tied to "Satanic Verses." In New York City, a firebomb damaged the offices of a weekly newspaper that defended Rushdie in an editorial. A \$10,000 reward is being offered for the arrest and conviction of those responsible. In Berkeley, California, firebombs damaged two bookstores selling the book. And Iran got back into the controversy, warning Great Britain that unless it denounces Rushdie and its book, it would cut off diplomatic relations. Britain rejected the ultimatum.

NBC's John Chancellor comments: One of the goals of terrorism is to force people to modify their behavior. When Ayatollah Khomeini put Rushdie on a hit list, Rushdie modified his behavior. He's in hiding in England. And our behavior as Americans has been modified by the Ayatollah. Mr. Rushdie was scheduled to go on an American book tour. Now he can't. That's an abridgement of our freedom to listen.... Terrorism is working in this case. So why don't we invite Rushdie to come to the U.S. for a week or so to talk about his book? If we can protect Yasser Arafat, we can protect Rushdie. American authorities provide security all the time to controversial visitors to the U.N.... Instead, something curious and scary is going on. Everybody's acting as though the Ayatollah's killers are supermen who will strike once Rushdie makes a move. That's wrong; they're not. But it's precisely what the Ayatollah wants us to think. Why can't the President or the Attorney General say if Americans want to listen to him, let Rushdie come here and we'll protect him? By letting him speak, we'll guarantee the right of Americans to listen to whomever and whatever they please. That's our right and terrorists shouldn't be allowed to take it away from us. Would it be complicated and expensive to protect Rushdie? So is protecting freedom.

(NBC-9)

Rather: No one claimed responsibility for the bombings, but President Bush personally ordered an investigation into those bombing incidents. The President said he would not tolerate any assault on free speech.

(CBS-3)

NORTH TRIAL

NBC's Carl Stern reports names that Robert Owen, mentioned in his memos to Oliver North, are considered so top secret that they are on the government's "drop dead list," names so hot the charges would have to be dropped rather than disclose them. But now it turns out those memos were fully available in uncensored form just a mile from the courthouse at a public interest law firm that once sued Owen over his involvement with the contras. The firm says that Owen, who is a private citizen not covered by government secrecy rules, was forced to turn over the memos a year ago. Brenden Sullivan claimed the government had fraudulently claimed a need to keep the names secret. Angrily, Judge Gesell sent the jury home for the day while he held a hearing to consider whether prosecutors knew the names were no longer secret. Finally, the government announced it would drop its secrecy demands in the case of the Owen memos and the crisis subsided. The judge indicated he doesn't want to be snake bit again. Although Owen will resume testifying tomorrow, the judge said he wants to take another look at honoring future government secrecy demands.

(CBS-5, NBC-2)

ECONOMY

Rather says the Commerce Department reported the GNP grew at a somewhat sickly annual rate of 2% in the final three months of last year. That put GNP growth at 3.8% for all of 1988, which was the best showing since 1984. The weak performance for the final quarter resulted in part from the widening of the U.S. trade deficit to \$32 billion.

(CBS-6)

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AIRLINE SAFETY/UNITED 811

NBC's Robert Hager reports an aviation safety proposal would cost \$800 million to overhaul the oldest jets. The program is the industry's answer to last April's accident, when cracked skin of a 20-year-old Aloha airliner peeled off in flight. And mounting public concern about aircraft 18-19-20 years old. Today's proposal would require many parts be completely replaced according to a specific timetable as a plane ages. But some wonder if there shouldn't be a cutoff age for planes. Rep. Glickman heads the House Aviation Forum. (Rep. Glickman: People who fly ought to demand that either the airlines or the government do their job the right way, fix and maintain, or else there be an arbitrary retirement age or numbers of cycles on airline life.") By coincidence, the new proposals come just four days after the cargo door of United 811 blew off. But there is no mention of cargo doors in today's list.

Brokaw reports it is not yet clear whether cargo doors will be added to the overhaul list, but investigators now say the cargo door that blew off Flight 811 had a history of problems. (CBS-4, NBC-3)

DRUG USE

Brokaw reports there is an encouraging report out on drug use among high school seniors. A nationwide survey shows that their use of illegal drugs dropped last year to the lowest level since 1975. However, according to this University of Michigan study, still more than half of all high school graduates have said that they have used an illegal drug at least once. (NBC-5)

Jennings reports the study says the proportion of students using crack cocaine declined from 5.6 percent in 1987 to 4.8 percent last year. (ABC-10)

Rather reports the survey results still indicate 1-in-8 high school seniors nationwide tries cocaine and 50% say they have used an illegal drug at least once.

CBS's Richard Schlessinger reports on one of the fastest-growing cottage industries in America, the illegal at-home manufacture of methamphetamine, a super-charged version of "speed" called "crank" on the street. Foreigners are not responsible for this drug; it is made in America. (CBS-7)

ASSAULT WEAPONS/CALIFORNIA

NBC's Keith Morrison reports that in the gun control fight, California's attorney general launched a campaign to counter the NRA's. Gun control advocates bought TV time in swing-vote Rep. Quackenbush's district, ran ads invoking Ronald Reagan. (President Reagan in tv spot: "A machine gun is not a sporting weapon.") Eventually the tide seemed to turn. Today, Quackenbush decided the right thing is a ban on assault weapons. His vote to approve the bill moved it out of committee to the full assembly. (NBC-4)

-more-

SOVIETS/MENTAL HOSPITALS

NBC's Bob Abernethy reports on the team of American psychiatrists beginning an unprecedented inspection of four Soviet mental hospitals. The Americans will interview as many as 30 people, persons now in the hospital or recently released, to try to determine whether the Soviets really have stopped using the psychiatric hospitals as political prisons(NBC-8)

SUPREME COURT/CITY WORKERS

Jennings reports that municipalities can be sued if they do not train their workers adequately and someone is hurt as a result. The case involved police in Canton, OH, who failed to realize that a woman they had arrested for speeding was in need of medical attention.
(ABC-2)

SHOREHAM NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Jennings: New York Gov. Mario Cuomo will pay \$1 to buy the plant on Long Island, which cost more than \$5 billion to build. The plant will be dismantled.
(ABC-3)

VENEZUELA DEMONSTRATIONS

Jennings reports that the president of Venezuela has imposed a nationwide curfew and suspended constitutional rights after a second day of violent demonstrations in Luti. Violence in at least 12 Venezuelan cities have left more than two dozen people dead and hundreds of people injured. The trouble began as a series of demonstrations against increased prices on everything from bread and milk to bus transportation.
(CBS-2, NBC-7, ABC-7)

WINNIE MANDELA

Jennings says that the Los Angeles Times reported that Winnie Mandela herself began an attack on four young men at her home. The reports go on to say that she helped beat the young men and that her bodyguards then joined in.
(ABC-8)

YUGOSLAVIAN DEMONSTRATIONS

Jennings: There were massive demonstrations in Yugoslavia, where the government's been trying to deal with ethnic unrest. Half a million people, all members of the country's Serbian majority, turned out to protest government concessions to ethnic Albanians. The Serbians fear that the Albanians want to unite part of their province with Albania.
(ABC-9)

-end of News Summary-

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

3/1/89
3:45 p.m.

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Sir:

Per Laurie Firestone

Unlikely that Rangel will
accept for the movie.....they
think he will be out of town.
His ofc. will confirm tomorrow
morning.

Re: Georgine -- his office
will confirm his attendance
tomorrow morning.

Laurie went ahead and invited
McMurtrie and will keep
us posted.

Nothing on Stenholm yet.

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Bush Library Photocopy
George Bush Handwriting

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Invite

Stenholm

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Coelho

Lott, Trent
Tom Daschle

Brooks, Jack

Hyde

Bob Georgine

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CHINA CENTRAL TELEVISION

TELEVISION BUILDING, BEIJING, TELEPHONE 863581, CABLES CCTV BEIJING

To Mr. Andrew Koss,

Fax. from CCTV, concerning the questions in the interview with the President.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

Mr. Anderson:

We've passed this

to the W.H. Press Office

MR

Mr. President, I'm sure millions of Chinese people are watching this program now. I wonder if you would like to say a few words to them first.

1. Mr. President, you've just been in office for a month. So many people are probably surprised you've decided to come to China so soon. Why now?
2. Mr. President, you know perhaps as well as anyone about the development of relations between your country and China. How would you say that relationship contributes to world peace and development?
3. It's said that there is vast potential in strengthening both the economic and technological cooperation between China and the U.S. How do we best tap that potential, and how do we overcome problems such as the restrictions on the transfer of technology?
4. This is your second day in China. How do you assess your time here— what specifically have you achieved on this trip.
(If there's time.)

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CHINA CENTRAL TELEVISION

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5. Some American congressmen have repeatedly put forward protectionist bills. Some developing countries like China are quite worried about losing access to the American markets. What will your administration do about this issue?

6. The Chinese government is trying to attract more foreign investment. Does your administration have, or plan to have, any specific measures to encourage American businesses to invest in China?

END OF FAX

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

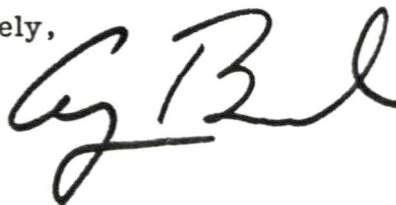
March 1, 1989

Dear Stuart:

Thank you for your recent letter. I appreciate your loyal support during the campaign and your interest in serving in my Administration. I am asking Chase to ensure that you receive careful consideration for the positions in which you have an interest.

I trust all is well with you and, again, thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,



Mr. Stuart Gerson
Epstein Becker and Green
1140 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036-6601

*I hope it works out - I
have no advised Chase.*

Am. 17 - Jackie

gift ✓

March 1, 1989

Dear Evelyn and Bob:

Barbara and I are just delighted with the painting of St. Ann's Church which Tim McBride passed along with your kind note.

You're absolutely right -- our parish church in Kennebunkport does hold personal meaning for all of us who attend service there. We'll treasure your gift always, not only as a reminder of the area we love so much, but more especially of particular friends back home. Many, many thanks.

Warmest regards from Barbara and me.

Sincerely,

A
GEORGE BUSH

Mr. and Mrs. W. Robert Paine
The W. Robert Paine Gallery
Hopkinton Road
Hopkinton, New Hampshire 03229

GB:CMF:SMG:JEH:jg (3PMN)
cc: Tim McBride
cc: Jan. Burmeister
cc: Gift Unit

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(George Bush Library)

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03. Letter	From George Bush to Deng Xiaoping Re: Bush reception in China (1 pp.)	03/01/89	(b)(1)	

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Office: Office of the President
Series: Daily Files
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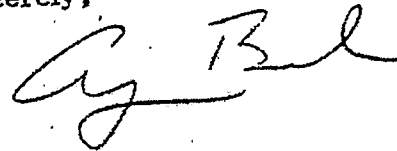
March 1, 1989

Dear Fred:

Belated thanks for that thoughtful January 19 note. It's been a pleasure working with you these past eight years, and I know you'll continue to do a great job for President Reagan in California.

Best wishes to you and Genny. Let us know when Baby Ryan arrives.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Frederick J. Ryan, Jr.

(b)(6)

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FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

January 19, 1989

Dear President-elect Bush,

As I leave Washington, I would like to thank you for the chance you gave me to work for you beginning nine years ago. I very much appreciate the kindness that you extended to me during the campaign and the years since then.

I am looking forward to the challenges of California and the opportunity that President Reagan has given me to serve as his Chief of Staff.

If I can ever be of assistance to you, or your staff, please call upon me.

Genny joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Bush, the best of luck, good health and God's Blessings.

with the highest regards and respect,

Sincerely, Fred

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THE PRESIDENT

March 1, 1989

Dear Bill:

Just a quick note to let you know how happy I am to have you on our side. It's great to know you are on board -- and that you'll be fighting for our team!

Barbara joins me in sending our warmest best wishes.

I hear the news coverage was very good. GB,

Sincerely,

Amy Bush

Bill Grant

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PP

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1989

Dear Sage:

It was great seeing you during the Inaugural festivities.

I have seen your January 18 letter and am pleased to know of your willingness to serve abroad. I will make sure Chase Untermeyer knows of your good offer.

Warm regards, and thanks again.

Sincerely,

014343



Mr. G. Sage Lyons
Post Office Drawer 2727
Mobile, Alabama 36652

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From the desk of
George Bush

P. J. Garz
prepare reply

1. "nice seeing you
up here over inaug"
2. thanks & c

give to Chase

G. SAGE LYONS
POST OFFICE DRAWER 2727
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36652

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

Dear Mr. President,

If you want me, I am
available and would be
pleased and honored to
serve as one of your
Ambassadors abroad.

With highest regards
and every good wish, I
remain

Sincerely,
Sage

January 18, 1989



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

3-1-89

Bob -

In case you need
this for any of your
folks over there. The
more we do in this
area the better

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

From the desk of
George Bush

The Honorable Robert Mosbacher
Secretary
Department of Commerce
14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20502

CC

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✓ JS

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

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

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

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

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



A1 - "I heard it before!"

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Dr. John Bolton
c/o Mrs. Prescott Bush
73 Linds Road
Jupiter, Florida 33407

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear John,
I just read "Queen
Mother" in the Bulletin
I loved it. Thanks for
coming here; but, most of all,
thanks for your loving Queenly
care of that special person -

3-1-89

THE PRESIDENT



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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dr. John Bolton
c/o Mrs. Prescott Bush
73 Links Road
Jupiter Island
Hobe Sound, Florida 33455



To John Bolton
From the Oval Office with
warm best wishes & appreciation
A. Bush

John D. Bolton, M.D.
The Jupiter Island Club Clinic
P.O. Box 375, Hobe Sound, Florida 33475
(407) 546-3751

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

March 4th

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Dear Mr President

Words are just totally
inadequate to express my
appreciation for the personally
signed oval office picture
and the handwritten note
dated March 1st (when,
if know, numerous affairs
of state were demanding

Your attention!)

Those two days in the
White House and these
two memorable gifts -
will remain Treasures
to me and my family
forever - Thank you!

~~Foto~~

P.S. The "Queen's" health
these past few weeks seem
better than ever!

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1989

Dear Sean:

Many thanks for that thoughtful note. I'm delighted things are going so well for you there in New York, and Barbara and I are especially happy about your engagement. Our warmest wishes to you and Anne for many years of happiness together. Best wishes, too, to Will Cattan next time you see him.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Ly B

Good Luck!!

Mr. Sean Coffey

 C

Let me know how it goes as you move to become a Federal prosecutor

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March 1, 1989



THE PRESIDENT

Dear George,

Souvenir time!

Let's go fishing —

Ray Bush

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. George Hommell, Jr.

Post Office Drawer 787

Islamorada, Florida 33036

✓Enclosure: Photo

✓cc: J. Burmeister

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Dear George —

Thanks, my friend, for another
great fishing trip Cup Bunk



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THE PRESIDENT

3-1-89

Dear Gerry,
I read the "Gerry - Lida
Connection" in the Bulletin -
It was a joy seeing you
here. The San Tac - Finbach
get together was, for me, perhaps
the most special event of all. Love
to Lida - George

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Geraldyn Redmond
33 North Beach Road
Hobe Sound, Florida 33455

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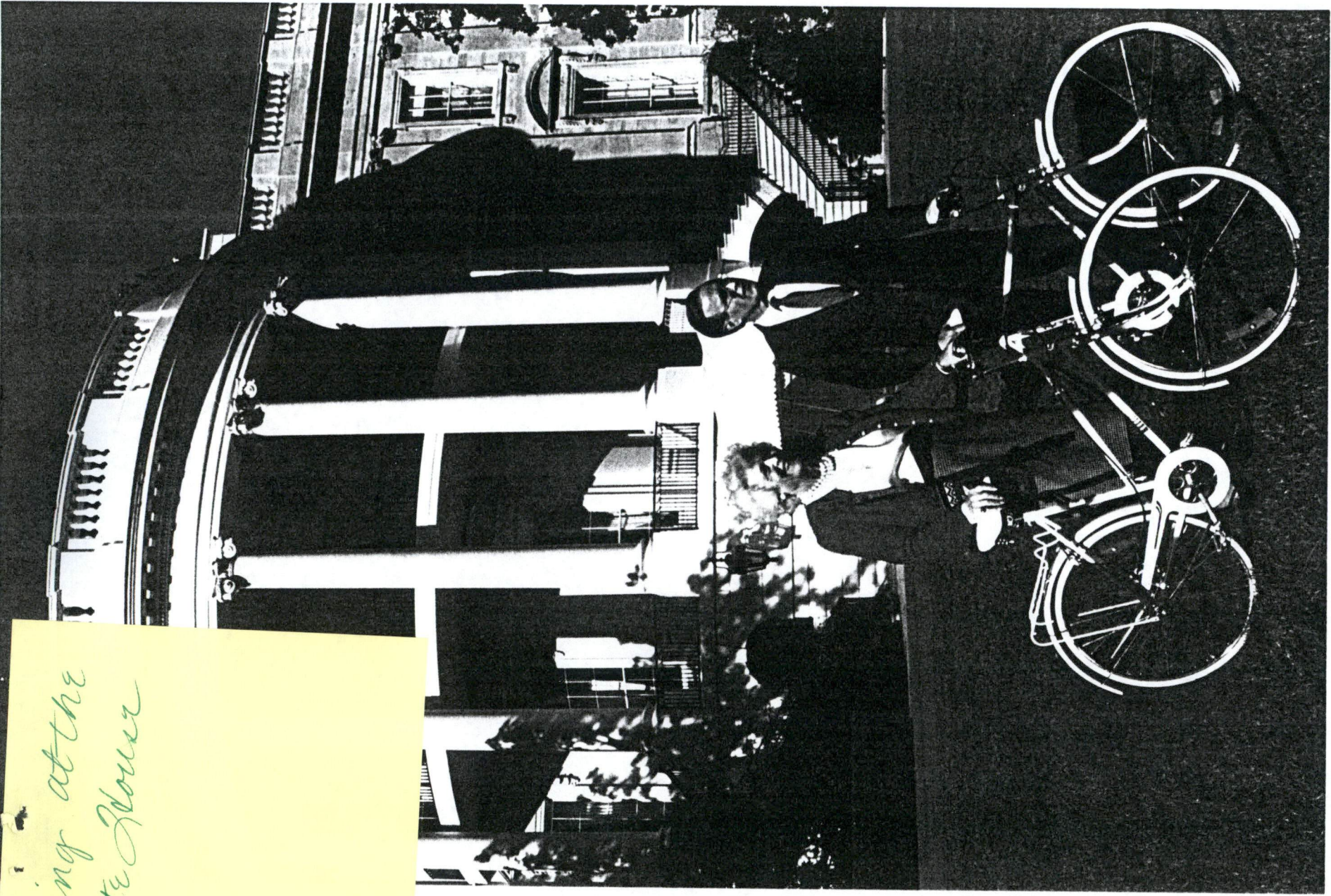
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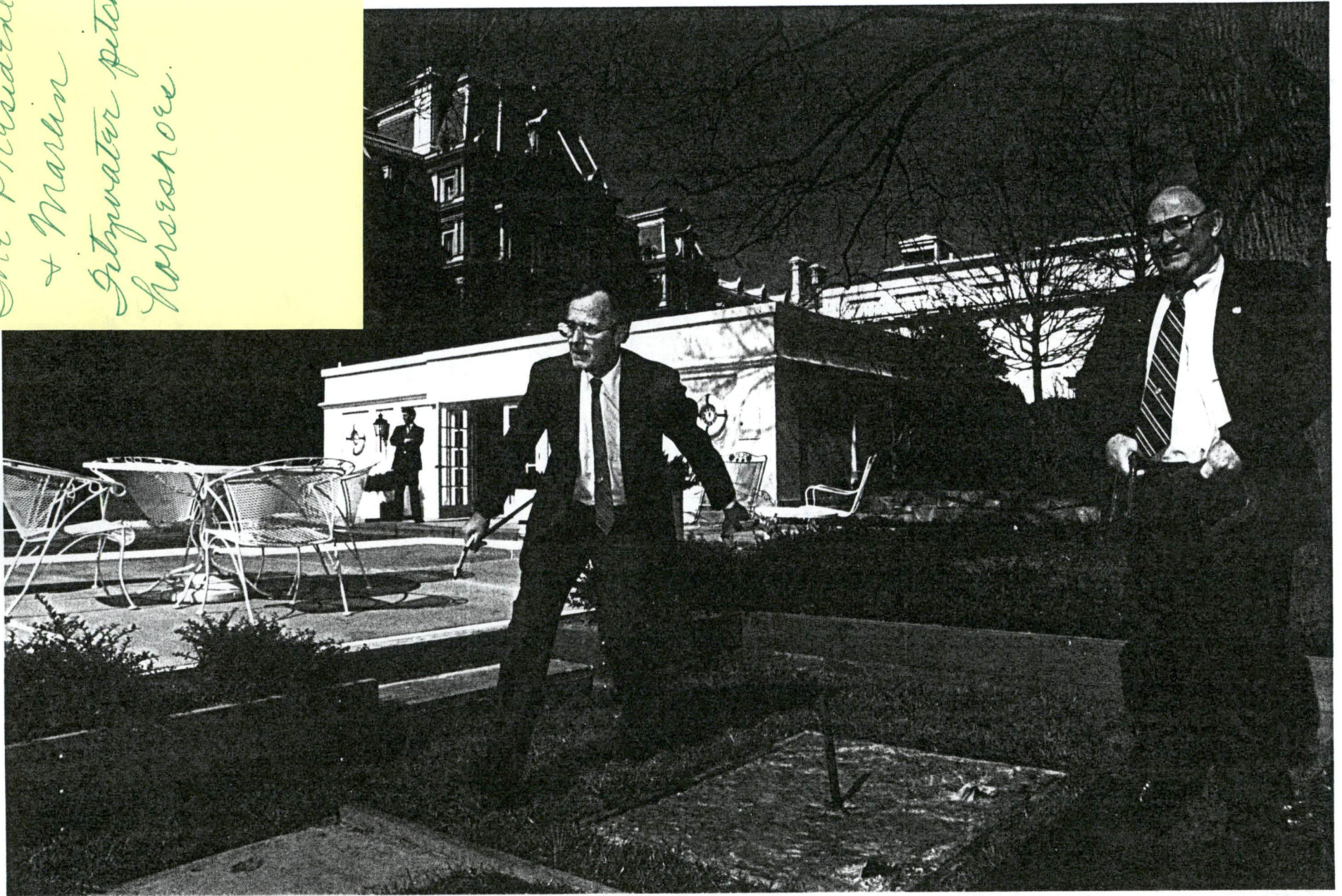
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*Cycling at the
White House*

The President
& Marlin
Gitzwater pitching
horseshore.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1989

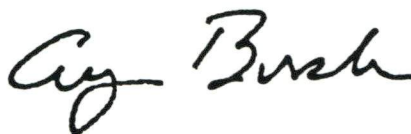
Dear Elliott:

Now that my first hectic month in office is over, I want to thank you for your kind letter and thoughtful remembrance. Your warm sentiments are very much appreciated, and I'm just delighted with the framed saying by Herbert Hoover.

Although I regret that you and your family weren't able to be here for the Inaugural activities, your prayers and good wishes meant a great deal.

Barbara joins me in sending all of you our best regards.

Sincerely,



Mr. Elliott Sluhan
Elliott Sluhan Productions
Midland at Deepwood
Toledo, Ohio 43614



August 2, 1988

Dear Elliott,

I just can't tell you how much I appreciate that thoughtful letter you sent me on July 18. Be sure to loan me a copy of the new Heston tape, as I'd love to see the Air Force I update.

Thanks so much for your offer to help in the campaign. I appreciate it and am passing it along to Roger Ailes.

My warm best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "G. Bush", is written below the text "My warm best wishes,".



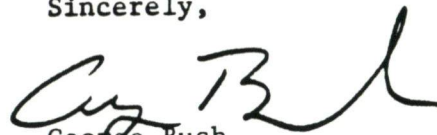
July 19, 1982

Dear Mr. Sluhan:

Thanks so much for sending along the copy of The Flying White House. I took it to Kennebunkport last weekend, and found it fascinating reading. I'm looking forward to seeing your documentary on television.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


George Bush

March 1, 1989

EVENT: Mar 2 89
DUE: Mar 2 89
Marg and John Thoms

C O P Y
from ORM

Dear Marg and John:

I am delighted to join with your many friends and admirers in congratulating you on being awarded the first annual "Marp Thoms Award."

I understand that, in order to qualify for this award, the recipient must be a volunteer who has shown extraordinary dedication and long-term commitment to the Republican Party. Marg, they've described you perfectly! Over the years, the two of you have worked tirelessly to improve the effectiveness of the GOP in the Wolverine State. One example -- for which I am forever grateful -- was the magnificent job you did to ensure that Michigan remained in the Republican column during the Presidential election. For that, and the many contributions you have made to our Party, I applaud you on a job well done!

Barbara joins me in offering heartfelt congratulations, as well as our very best wishes for a memorable event and for every future happiness.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH 

Mr. and Mrs. John Thoms
Pontiac, Michigan 

SENT EXPRESS MAIL TO:
Mr. James M. Alexander
Chairman
Oakland County Republicans
Suite 104
1877 Orchard Lake Road
Pontiac, Michigan 48053

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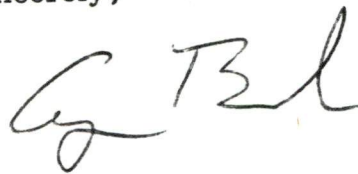
March 1, 1989

Dear Mr. Trimble:

Barbara and I appreciate your "neighborly" letter.
Many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the last name being a large, stylized "B".

Mr. William N. Trimble
The Hay Adams
One Lafayette Square
Washington, D.C. 20006