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6:15 7:16 dpt
7:18 Board-dpt SG

M/m Ralph P. Davidson
(Lan)

7:23 an KC

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Wednesday, March 8, 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 (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
9:15 am (15 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
9:30 am (60 min)	<u>Meeting with Republican Congressional Leadership</u> (McClure)	Cabinet Room (TAB A)
10:30 am (15 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
10:45 am (5 min)	<u>Photo with Ambassador Warren Zimmermann</u> (Scowcroft)	Oval Office (TAB B)
10:50 am (1 hr 10 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
// - Sen. Grassley 12:00 noon (60 min)	<u>Luncheon with former Chairmen of the Republican National Committee</u> (Card/Wray)	Roosevelt Room (TAB C)
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 (2 hrs 45 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
2:30 Sen. Riegle 4:45 pm (15 min)	4:00 Andy Card <u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
5:00 Mr. Dole 7:15 pm	<u>The President and Mrs. Bush depart to attend Performance of "Steel Magnolias" at the Kennedy Center</u> (McBride)	South Lawn
9:55 pm	<u>Arrive White House</u>	South Lawn

UNP 03/07/89
4:00 pm

7:05 Potts arr Oval 7:25 Sununu in 7:26 Sununu out
 8:00 Scowcroft, Bates, Briefs in 8:20 Briefer out 8:21 V.P. in
 8:40 Scowcroft out 8:43 VP out 8:46 Sununu in
 9:18 Sununu out 9:20 Fitzwater in 9:29 Fitzwater out
 9:35 Potts to Cabinet room 10:43 Potts + Sununu to Oval
 10:49 Sununu out 10:51 Zimmerman + Gates to Oval
 11:00 Zimmerman + Gates out 11:00 Sununu + Sen. Grassley in 11:01 Sununu out
 11:45 Laurie Firestone, Chris Firestone, Tim + Carrie Rorer + baby to Oval
 11:52 Adel Sununu 11:54 L. Firestone et al out 11:58 Sununu out
 12:05 Card in 12:06 Card out 12:08 Card in 12:08 Potts + Card to Ross. Room.
 12:56 To Oval w/ lunch group 1:02 all dpt except Fahrenkopf; M.L. Smith +
 H. Brownell
 1:03 Fahrenkopf dpts 1:03 Potts to Res. w/ M.L. Smith + H. Brownell
 1:05 arr 2nd flr Res. - add Mrs. Bush 1:13 Dpt 2nd flr Res. w/ H. Brownell
 1:15 arr Oval w/ H. Brownell 1:15 H. Brownell departs. 1:29 Baker in
 1:30 Add Scowcroft 2:28 Baker + Scowcroft out 2:30 Sen. Riegle into Oval
 3:43 Riegle out 3:44 Sununu into Oval ~~4:04~~ Gov. A. out
 4:05 Andy Card + Deb Anderson to Oval 4:13 Deb Anderson out of Oval
 4:32 Andy Card out 4:40 Sununu to Oval 4:55 Sununu out
 6:15 dpt Oval 6:16 arr 2nd flr Res. join Mrs B., M/M Fitzgerald Bemiss
 M/M Wally ~~Sanzi~~ Sanzi, M/M Tab Moore
 7:16 Dpt 2nd flr Res. w/ guests 7:18 Board mol arcade
 w/ guests + depart S. grounds 7:23 arr Kennedy Center
 9:52 Dpt Pres. Box 9:55 Dpt Kennedy Ctr 9:59 arr S. grounds
 10:02 arr 2nd flr Res.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

E.S.T.

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT

MARCH 8

, 1989

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM		SEN. BENNETT JOHNSTON U.S. CAPITOL 224-0085	TALKED OK 4:19p
INC	4:17 PM	4:27		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		SEN. ROBERT DOLE U.S. CAPITOL 224-6191	TALKED OK 4:41p
INC	4:39 PM	4:51		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		SENATOR JOHN TOWER OFC. WASHINGTON, D.C. 697-7200	TALKED OK
INC	5:01 PM	5:04		
OUT	AM			
INC	5:20 PM	5:25	SEN. CHARLES ROBB	TALKED OK
OUT	AM			
INC	7:02 PM		MR. MARLIN FITZWATER OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. X704	TALKED TO TIM McBRIDE
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MR. PHILLIP G. HUGHES OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. X2224	TALKED OK
INC	7:06 PM	7:08		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MRS. PAUL BOESCH (b)(6)	BY TALKED OK 10:26p
INC	10:15 PM	10:28		

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

MARCH 8

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PRESIDENT

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	7:13 AM	7:23	LEE ATWATER OFC. WASHINGTON, D.C. 863-8500	TALKED OK
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	7:30 AM		SENATOR JOHN BREAUX (b)(6) OFC: 224-9756	LW WITH WIFE. SENAT OUT PLAYING TENNIS TOLD PRES. SEN. WII RETURNE CALL AROUND
INC	PM	4:00		8:30a TALKED OK 3:5
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	7:44 AM	7:48	AMB. WILHELM WACHTMEISTER OF SWEDEN (b)(6)	TALKED OK
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	7:52 AM	7:56	MRS. BUSH RES: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. X543	TALKED OK
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	7:58 AM	8:01	MR. GEORGE BUSH JR. (b)(6)	TALKED OK 8:00a
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	8:49 AM	8:56	AMBASSADOR ANTONY ACLAND OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 462-1340	TALKED OK 8:51a
INC	PM			

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT

MARCH 8

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	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	8:52 (AM)	9:07	MR. TOM LANDRY PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. 619-564-1746	TALKED OK 9:04a
(INC) OUT	PM AM			
(INC) OUT	PM AM			
OUT	9:16 (AM)	11:42	MR. BOB BLAKE OFFICE LUBBOCK, TEXAS 806-762-8044	LEAVE WORD TALKED TO PATTY PRESOCK 10:07a TALKED OK 11:34a
INC OUT	PM AM			
INC OUT	PM AM			
OUT	9:30 (AM)	9:31	MRS. GEORGE BUSH RESIDENCE WASHINGTON D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. X542	TALKED OK
(INC) OUT	PM AM			
INC OUT	PM AM			
OUT	9:40 (AM)	10:07	SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 224-9763	TALKED OK 10:45a
(INC) OUT	PM AM			
(INC) OUT	PM AM			
OUT	11:57 (AM)		SENATOR JOE LIEBERMAN OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 224-9169	TALKED OK 12:00p
INC OUT	(PM) AM	12:03		
INC OUT	PM AM			
INC	1:00 (PM)	1:02	MRS. BARBARA BUSH RESIDENCE WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. X530	TALKED OK

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

March 8, 1989

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM		Conference Call: President Virgilio Vargas Barco	WCB 6:21 PM
~~INC~~	5:58 PM	7:03	(b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 6:49 PM
OUT	AM		Mr. Robert S. Pastorino White House Situation Room White House Signal 2-2262	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. Max Marlin Fitzwater Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 2-2277	PRESUS Cancel 7:23 PM
~~INC~~	7:22 PM			
OUT	AM			
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INC	PM			

Phone File 9AM 3-8-89

1. L doing well
2. Lovel had him to next children
3. ~~W~~ George gets Rangers

Coach Tom Landry
is returning your
call

on line #1

4. Tell GW will help in any way
5. He - Roger 3 available to help
6. in Palm Springs - rest
appropriate call.

~~1~~ ~~Byd~~ ~~Garner~~

(2)



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

1989 MAR -1 PM 2:2

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Tom Landry

DATE: At Your convenience

RECOMMENDED BY: David Q. Bates

PURPOSE: To wish coach Landry luck and to express your regard for his tenure as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

BACKGROUND: Landry was replaced as head coach after 29 years with the Dallas team. Landry was a strong supporter of yours in the campaign. Jack Kemp suggested that Landry would appreciate a call after being forced to leave the Cowboys this week.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: March 1, 1989

LANDRY'S HOME TELEPHONE: (214) 357-5914

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

March 8, 1989 - 9 a.m.

The President reached Tom Landry this morning in Palm Springs where the Coach and Mrs. Landry were vacationing.

Landry is doing well and looking forward to the next challenge life has in store. He greatly appreciated the phone call.

They discussed the possibility of George W. getting involved with the Texas Rangers. Landry said both he and Roger Staubach were "available to help" if this happens, and they hope George gets the team.

Patty Presock

B- —
phone notes

file

3-8-89

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POINTS TO BE MADE FOR MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT VIRGILIO BARCO

-- MR. PRESIDENT: I AM CALLING YOU ON AN ISSUE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. AND TO THE HEMISPHERE--THE VOTE IN GENEVA ON CONTINUED MONITORING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CUBA. (YOU WROTE TO HIM ON THIS SUBJECT LAST WEEK.)

-- AS YOU KNOW, THE CUBA WORKING GROUP'S REPORT ON CUBA WAS RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 24, 1989. IT PRESENTED A REALISTIC DESCRIPTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THERE.

-- THE REPORT AND ENSUING DISCUSSION OF ITS CONTENTS CONSTITUTE THE UN'S FIRST THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN CUBA.

-- THE REPORT MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE ABUSES CONTINUE.

- 3
- THE U.S. STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THE CUBAN
WORKING GROUP REPORT SHOWS THAT THE HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION IN CUBA BEARS FURTHER
MONITORING; THAT THE GROUP'S WORK IS NOT DONE.
- I STRONGLY BELIEVE THE GROUP'S MANDATE SHOULD
BE EXTENDED TO ALLOW FOR A RETURN VISIT AND A
FOLLOW-UP REPORT.
- I ASK THAT YOU GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND
SUPPORT TO THE U.S. RESOLUTION. IT IS A
REASONABLE COMPROMISE SOLUTION.

- 4
- IF YOU CANNOT SUPPORT THE U.S. POSITION, I
HOPE YOU WILL ABSTAIN RATHER THAN VOTING FOR
THE CUBAN/PANAMANIAN POSITION OF NO FURTHER
MONITORING.

*studying
proposal by
Dutch Delegation
"Bring together
meeting LA: UK
to charge L.A. text to
concern
This is Wm
with professor
on Hum Rts*

In London
holding court
to show with our
trying —

Sen. BREANX

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 3-8-

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

re: Town
Breanx getting close
right there
in all counties

last into VFW = Sam taking
lot of pictures -

SN getting beat up

So Dems. can't hurt

him - Steered clear of it at
VFW (handle w/ humor
pay raise)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Phone from
John Tower

DATE: 3-8

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: Urgently recommend
Scowcroft "stand up
not intimidated"
Argentina
revolving door

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THE END

DATE:

3-8 4:20 PM

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

Bennett Thompson

a) Gave you back news

b) Going vs. Sam.

c) My relationship with you + friends -

d) putting it on a personal basis

e) nomination itself is in gray area

f) President + GB
order (missy over)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Re Tower

DATE: *3-8*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: *Riegle*

Bottom Line —

*Dole Counter Productive
in Tower Debate*

Voice Rises

Letter from Stewardess

*FBI interviewing now
Raisel Combs' death.*

~~*get*~~

*Tower can't do the job —
work with Nunn.*

plus file

Lloyd Bentsen 10 38 — Re Tower

- 1) First one to call
- 2) Will support him
- 3) Says he won't
- 4) Told Press — I'll have a statement today —
- 5) Please don't tell.

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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 8 March 1989

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0710	Oval Office
0937	Cabinet Room
1045	Oval Office
1209	Roosevelt Room
1258	Oval Office
1310	Residence
1316	Oval Office
1817	Residence
1917	Diplomatic Reception Room
1918	South Grounds
1919	Depart South Grounds via Motorcade
1924	Arrive Kennedy Center
2155	Depart Kennedy Center via Motorcade
2159	Arrive South Grounds
2202	Residence

Wednesday, March 8

6:00 Wake-up for the President and Mrs. Bush
6:08 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
6:12 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
7:10 The President to the Oval Office
8:40 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
8:55 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
10:10 Ms. Joan Abrahamson to the Second Floor for
a meeting with Mrs. Bush. 10:50 down
11:30 Laurie Firestone with Mr. and Mrs. Roman
to the Second Floor
11:40 Mrs. Bush and Firestone family to Ground
Floor
11:48 Mrs. Bush and Margaret Bush to Second Floor
11:58 Laura Firestone and family to Second Floor
12:45 down
12:50 Lunch for Mrs. Bush and Margaret Bush
1:06 The President to the Second Floor
1:15 The President to the Oval Office
1:16 Margaret Bush down
5:25 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
5:30 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
5:32 Guests arrive for private dinner
Mr. & Mrs. Bemiss
Dr. & Mrs. Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Ganzi
6:16 The President to the Second Floor
6:25 Dinner
7:16 The President, Mrs. Bush and Guests depart for
Kennedy Center
~~10:02~~ The President and Mrs. Bush arrive South Grounds
~~10:03~~ The President, Mrs. Bush, Mr. & Mrs. Bemiss to the
Second Floor
~~10:18~~ Retired

House guests

Mr. & Mrs. Bemiss - Lincoln Bedroom



News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EDT EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush Says Administration Not Adrift -- President Bush rejected suggestions that his administration was adrift Tuesday, saying it was important to complete a long review of foreign policy and military priorities before making key decisions. (Washington Post, Copley, UPI)

Judge Turns Down Eastern; Bankruptcy Court Threatened -- A federal judge Tuesday refused to order Eastern Airlines pilots back to work, even though Eastern warned it couldn't otherwise survive the 4-day-old machinists strike. A spin-off job action by pilots nationwide failed to clog airports as feared. (Washington Post, AP)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Baker, Shevardnadze Agree On Future Talks -- Secretary of State Baker and Foreign Minister Shevardnadze said today that they had laid the groundwork for continued superpower cooperation in the first intensive U.S.-Soviet talks of the Bush administration and that they plan to discuss the timing of a summit meeting during a visit to Moscow by Baker in early May. (Washington Post)

NETWORK NEWS (Tuesday evening)

TOWER - Another Democratic senator has swung in behind John Tower.

EASTERN -- A federal judge ruled that Eastern pilots can stay off the job.

NEWS CONFERENCE -- President Bush dismissed critics who say the fight to save the Tower nomination has left his administration paralyzed.

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NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH SAYS ADMINISTRATION NOT ADRIFT

President Bush rejected suggestions that his administration was adrift Tuesday, saying it was important to complete a long review of foreign policy and military priorities before making key decisions.

Bush also said the lack of a defense secretary had been "an inhibiting factor."

Bush held an impromptu news conference and most of the questions involved criticism that his administration has been drifting -- failing to outline a clear foreign policy or a blueprint for military spending....

He told reporters he believes that it is prudent for a new administration to study the issues, particularly because of changes in the Soviet Union.

"You have rapid change inside the Soviet Union," he said. "You have certain things going on in the Soviet Union we're not exactly sure about. It is prudent at the beginning of any new administration to have people involved to have strategic reviews in the Defense Department.

"It is prudent to take a hard new look at some of the problems that plague us in the third world," he added. "It is prudent in terms of some of our domestic objectives."

Bush said the reviews have not been completed. Using his favorite expression, he said: "Stay tuned...it might really surprise the socks off of you."

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

Bush Says Administration Not In Disarray

President Bush, expressing confidence that his actions are playing well in Lubbock even if they are being faulted in Washington, Tuesday defended his administration against charges of disarray and confusion, saying, "I think we're on track."

Facing increasing criticism that his administration...is moving too slowly in filling key slots and setting priorities, Bush declared to reporters that he "will not be stampeded" into premature actions by the criticism....

On foreign policy, the President said he was encouraged by the latest Soviet proposal on conventional arms reductions and said he sees a clear "linkage" between Soviet behavior on various issues and the U.S. attitude toward the Soviets....

But much of the session was devoted to Bush's counterattack against those who contend that the new administration is already stalled and rudderless while he is distracted by the struggle to confirm Defense Secretary-designate Tower and awaits the outcome of a review of foreign and defense policy.

(George Condon, Copley)

-more-

President Defends Pace Of Administration

Armed with fresh statistics, lists of initiatives and a phone call to an old friend in Lubbock, Tex., President Bush yesterday launched a spirited defense against charges that his administration is off to a slow start, insisting, "It's not adrift and there isn't malaise. I think we're on track."

Bush said assertions that his administration has been slow in filling key positions, lacks an agenda, and had made few policy proposals are inaccurate and do not bother him. "So I would simply resist the clamor that nothing seems to be bubbling around, that nothing is happening," he said. "A lot is happening. Not all of it good, but a lot is happening."

(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A1)

BUSH GIVES LUBBOCK PLENTY TO TALK ABOUT

...When a reporter suggested today that President Bush's administration was off to a sluggish start, the President said he "talked to a fellow from Lubbock, Tex., the other day, which is the best phone call I've made. And he said, 'All the people in Lubbock think things are going just great.'..."

Bush, fielding questions about Defense Secretary-designate John Tower, said, "Never get all too uptight about stuff that hasn't reached Lubbock yet," evoking memories of the phrase "Will it play in Peoria?" that dates from the Nixon administration.

(Elizabeth Hudson, Washington Post, A6)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Highlights of President Bush's News Conference" appear in Washington Post, A7.

DODD BECOMES 2ND DEMOCRAT TO BREAK RANKS, BACK TOWER

A second Democratic senator swung behind the embattled nomination of John Tower yesterday as a bitterly divided Senate erupted in a stormy debate over allegations against Tower and the Democrats' conduct of the probe.

Even though Sen. Dodd joined Sen. Heflin in breaking party ranks to support Tower's confirmation, Majority Leader Mitchell predicted for the first time that Tower will be rejected by the Senate.

While there will be more Democratic defections, Mitchell said before Dodd's announcement, "I do not believe they will be in the numbers sufficient to result in confirmation....I feel, as I felt all along, that when the vote occurs, the nomination will be rejected."...

President Bush made another public pitch for Tower, asserting in strong terms the "historic right" of presidents to choose their own department heads.

"I want him," Bush said at a news conference. "I believe he is the best man for the job. There are a lot of historic precedents behind my desire to have him and, you might say, right to have him, barring any very clear reason not to."...

Sen. DeConcini sent a shock wave through the Senate debate by asserting that he had seen Tower..."under the influence of alcohol" on the Senate floor....

Sen. Dole accused...Sen. Nunn of launching a "strike force" to pursue charges against Tower and a leading Nunn ally accused Dole of "desperation" tactics.

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A1)

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Dodd Backs Tower; Nunn Reveals New Investigation

Embattled Defense Secretary-designate Tower gained a second Democratic swing vote Tuesday, boosting his chances of confirmation on a day that Democrats revealed a new investigation into the former Texas senator's personal habits.

Sen. Dodd announced he would vote for Tower, who supported Dodd's father...when the senior Dodd was censured by the Senate in 1967 over campaign finance irregularities.

A UPI survey showed five remaining undeclared Democrats available for President Bush and Republicans to lobby -- barring a switch of an already declared senator -- to make the minimum 50 needed for confirmation along with the vote of Vice President Quayle....

In a day marked by one of the bitterest exchanges between Democrats and Republicans in recent memory over the language used about Tower and his drinking habits, Sen. Nunn revealed that he sent staff members from an unrelated investigative subcommittee he heads to check out "three or four" new allegations about Tower.

That itself prompted a protest from the GOP, and later Nunn announced that the White House informed him the FBI would investigate further allegations forwarded to it after an initial screening by the Armed Services panel, at least slightly defusing that issue.

(Eliot Brenner, UPI)

Dole, Hollings Spar On Senate Floor Over Tower's Drinking Habits

Sens. Dole and Hollings, tempers flashing and voices turning to shouts, abandoned customary courtesies Tuesday to engage in a verbal brawl on the Senate floor over allegations that John Tower was a drunk. "You have had a lot of fun, kicking our friend around the place," Dole...told Hollings. "We've known him for 24 years. It wasn't some stranger you were kicking around over there."

Hollings refused to retract statements that the FBI report on Tower's personal conduct disqualified him as defense secretary because of allegations of excessive drinking.

"I will say it again," Hollings said. "That is the record. Alcohol abuse. Mr. Tower distinguished the difference between excessive abuse and alcohol abuse. I do not find that distinction. One in the same."

(Michael Myers, UPI)

Dodd's Decision For Tower

Sen. Dodd, insisting it was not his intention, Tuesday nonetheless repaid a 22-year-old family debt to John Tower.

Dodd, in a dramatic floor speech, became the second Democrat to break ranks and side with President Bush's choice for defense secretary. But for him, the moment was intensely personal [because of Tower's backing of Dodd's father in 1967]....

Tower issued a statement late Tuesday, saying: "I'm grateful to Chris Dodd for coming to the objective conclusion that there was no real evidence against me. I was impressed with the fair-minded manner in which he reached his decision."

(Joseph Mianowany, UPI)

Nunn: 'I'll Be Bruised' When Tower Fight Is Over

All morning long, Sen. Nunn had been under attack.

The Senate Armed Services Committee chairman responded fiercely to Republicans who blasted his opposition to the nomination of John Tower as defense secretary. The vitriol from the Republicans was so strong that at one point Sen. Exon rose and shouted back, "Sam Nunn is not on trial here today."

And when a throng of reporters pounced on Nunn, he defiantly defended himself against Minority Leader Dole's charge that he was conducting a new Tower inquiry that had not been authorized by the Senate.

But when Nunn at midday was asked about how this battle has affected him, Nunn exhaled deeply and gave a saddened look.

"When it's over, I'm going to be bruised," [he] said....

(Michael Kranish, Boston Globe)

JUDGE WON'T ORDER EASTERN PILOTS TO FLY
Airline Warns That Bankruptcy Is Near

A federal judge yesterday refused to order Eastern Air Line pilots to cross the picket lines of striking machinists despite a warning from the company that it would be forced into bankruptcy unless the pilots immediately return to work....

Eastern attorney David Ross told U.S. District Judge Edward Davis...that "if the court does not bring the pilots back to work immediately, the simple fact is that Eastern Air Lines will have no alternative but to seek the protection of the bankruptcy court of the United States."...

Earlier in the day, Eastern layed-off another 2,500 non-union employees....

With yesterday's layoffs, the airline was left with only 1,500 of its 29,500 employees still on the job.

The grim assessment of Eastern's financial condition came as a congressional subcommittee approved legislation to force President Bush to declare a national transportation emergency that would automatically end the strike for 60 days.

The aviation subcommittee of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee voted 21-12, generally along party lines, to require Bush to appoint an emergency board to resolve Eastern's disputes, despite a warning from Transportation Secretary Skinner that he would urge Bush to veto the legislation.

(Frank Swoboda & Martha Hamilton, Washington Post, A1)

Judge Turns Down Eastern; Bankruptcy Court Threatened

MIAMI -- A federal judge Tuesday refused to order Eastern Airlines pilots back to work, even though Eastern warned it couldn't otherwise survive the 4-day-old machinists strike. A spin-off job action by pilots nationwide failed to clog airports as feared....

President Bush in Washington said pilots should not "make the innocent traveling public a pawn," and stood by his opposition to government intervention to stop the walkout by the 8,500-member machinists union....

Bush said if the machinists try to shut down rail service later this week he will ask Congress to ban such secondary boycotts. He said the strike should be settled through bargaining, but no talks are scheduled.

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(Dan Sewell, AP)

Eastern Appears Headed For Bankruptcy Filing

Burdened by debt and shut down by angry unions, Eastern Air Lines appears headed for federal bankruptcy court, where its maestro, Frank Lorenzo, has proved himself a skillful and tenacious performer.

It was in bankruptcy court in the mid-1980s that Lorenzo...broke the unions at Continental Airlines and emerged not only with a larger airline, but with some of the lowest labor costs in the industry.

But according to lawyers, airline executives and industry analysts, it is unlikely that anything resembling today's Eastern Air Lines would survive the Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization this time around.

(News Analysis, Steven Pearlstein, Washington Post, A19)

SENATORS SCOLD S&L LOBBY FOR ROLE IN STARTING CRISIS

The chief opponents of the Bush administration's plan to bail out the S&L industry presented Congress with a list of objections to the proposal yesterday but became the target of criticism for the role they played in creating the crisis.

Officials from the U.S. League of Savings Institutions, the largest lobby group for S&Ls and the chief critic of President Bush's plan, were criticized by members of the Senate Banking Committee who said the league contributed to the problem.

"If anyone has been irresponsible on this issue, it's the U.S. League," said Sen. Gramm. Gramm said the league's actions were rivaled only by members of Congress who have sympathized with the lobby group's positions....

Sen. Shelby said, "you have no credibility here today."

(Kathleen Day, Washington Post, F1)

ATWATER RESIGNS FROM HOWARD BOARD

RNC Chairman Lee Atwater resigned from Howard University's Board of Trustees yesterday after a dramatic confrontation between District riot police and Howard students who had occupied the university's administration building to protest Atwater's selection....

Atwater, who watched television reports of the incident last night, later submitted his resignation, telling board Chairman John E. Jacob that he feared "someone could get injured in the protest."

The resignation also followed a statement of support from President Bush, who, when asked about the protests over his former campaign manager, had described Atwater's appointment to the university board in January as "a good thing."

(Sari Horwitz & Jeffrey Goldberg, Washington Post, A1)

DRUG TESTS CATCH 203 IN SENSITIVE JOBS

The federal government's program of random drug tests has caught 203 federal employees using illegal drugs -- including 60 air traffic controllers and 42 employees in the nuclear and chemical weapons security program.

Officials say that none of those found through urinalysis to have used illegal drugs could have singlehandedly caused a nuclear or chemical accident. But they said that the identification of drug users in such sensitive position proves the value of random drug testing.

(Judith Havemann, Washington Post, A1)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BAKER, SHEVARDNADZE AGREE ON FUTURE TALKS

VIENNA -- Secretary of State Baker and Foreign Minister Shevardnadze said today that they had laid the groundwork for continued superpower cooperation in the first intensive U.S.-Soviet talks of the Bush administration and that they plan to discuss the timing of a summit meeting during a visit to Moscow by Baker in early May.

The two-hour Baker-Shevardnadze meeting at the U.S. ambassador's residence here touched at least briefly on the entire range of issues from human rights and arms control to sharp differences between the two nations on Iran and Central America.

While no substantive issue was settled, both men said optimistically that it was a "good beginning" to the dialogue between them, holding the promise of building on the cooperative Washington-Moscow ties forged during the last half of the Reagan administration.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A25)

U.S. OFFICIALS SEE SOVIET ARMS INITIATIVES AS MIXED BLESSING

The Soviet Union's new proposal for conventional arms cuts...is viewed by officials [in Washington] as both encouraging and perplexing -- a highly positive step in substance, but one that the West might have trouble matching politically.

The proposal...calls for a three-stage reduction of weapons and troops in Europe, with both blocs ending up at equal numbers, 10 to 15 percent below the levels held by the Western Bloc today.

President Bush welcomed the move, saying of Shevardnadze at a news conference Tuesday, "It looks to me like he's moving toward the oft stated public position of NATO in this regard, and that is good -- where it's not a question of numbers you take out, it's a question of numbers that are left when you finish taking troops out."...

Disagreements remain between East and West -- fairly big disagreements -- and that is where some U.S. officials see political trouble ahead.

Shevardnadze insisted...that the Soviet side will cut back on tanks only if the U.S. cuts back on tactical aircraft. This seems not to be a negotiating position but a firm condition.

"This is the core of the deal, and it gives us some problems," said a State Department official. "We see aircraft as kind of global systems. They're easily transportable. If you move Soviet tanks behind the Urals, it's hard to move them back. Certainly it would take a long time. If you move aircraft behind the Urals, so what? They can be back in eight hours."

However, the official continued, if the U.S. moved aircraft from Europe, "It's an entirely different thing" to move them back because of all the support infrastructure....

(Fred Kaplan, Boston Globe)

BUSH LINKS SOVIET AID TO NICARAGUAN POSTURE

President Bush suggested yesterday that a final barricade preventing U.S. economic credits and technological transfers to the Soviet Union is the Kremlin's relationship with Nicaragua.

But a spokesman for the Soviet Ministry said yesterday that Moscow has no plans to reduce or suspend millions of dollars in military aid to Managua's Marxist Sandinista government, the Spanish News Agency reported....

Bush...was asked whether he would be willing to assist the Soviet Union economically should Soviet President Gorbachev be more cooperative on U.S. regional objectives in Central America, primarily Nicaragua.

"Look, the more cooperation we can get on...our regional objectives -- in this instance the democratization of Central America --...by the Soviets pulling back their large amount of military support, the better it would be between relations."

"So, there is linkage," Bush said....

(Jeremiah O'Leary & Peter LaBarbera, Washington Times, A3)

RANGEL CHARGES THAT BUSH HAS FAILED TO MAKE WAR ON DRUGS A PRIORITY IN FOREIGN POLICY

NEW YORK -- Rep. Rangel, chairman of the House Select Committee on Narcotics, charged Tuesday that President Bush has failed to make the war on drugs a priority in the nation's foreign policy and sown confusion among South American leaders.

Fresh from a meeting in Ecuador with more than 200 officials from five Andean nations, the congressman said it was "embarrassing" to talk with his South American counterparts about the U.S. commitment to battling drugs.

"They want leadership from Bush -- they are pushing for a drug summit," the New York Democrat said. "But he doesn't have his act together. Neither does (Secretary) Baker."

Rangel said the Bush administration continues to treat the fight against drugs almost exclusively as a law enforcement problem when it should be at the top of the country's foreign policy agenda.

(Dan Jacobson, UPI)

U.S. WITHHOLDS \$230 MILLION FROM EGYPT

The Bush administration is withholding \$230 million in cash aid from Egypt and demanding "significant policy reform" in the economic sphere before it will release the money, according to State Department officials.

The decision to withhold the unusually large amount to the largest Arab recipient of U.S. aid has been taken to comply with congressional mandate. But it was also made in accordance with the administration's stiffening attitude toward Egypt on the necessity for it to reach a new agreement by June on the economic reform measures with the International Monetary Fund, the officials said. (David Ottaway, Washington Post, A26)

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U.S. EXPECTS JAPAN TO AID DEBT PLAN

As part of an emerging strategy aimed at encouraging banks to forgive a portion of their loans to Third World countries, the Treasury Department is anticipating that Japan will provide billions of dollars to facilitate the debt-reduction schemes, informed sources said yesterday.

The Treasury also intends to prod U.S. banks towards partial debt forgiveness by pointing out that pending regulatory change gives them less incentive to reject forgiveness, the sources said.

The latest disclosure shed additional light on the Treasury's Third World debt plan, which is still being reviewed by top Bush administration officials and may be unveiled as early as Friday.

(Paul Blustein, Washington Post, F1)

CONFEREES DIFFER ON PACE OF OZONE PHASE-OUT

LONDON -- A 123-nation conference to save the ozone layer ended here today with U.S. and European Community recognition that many other nations will lag behind the West's pledge to accelerate elimination of chemicals threatening the atmosphere's vulnerable shield.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told a final news conference that "in practice" there "probably will be a two-speed system," with the precise pace to be determined at a follow-up conference in Helsinki in May. Then governments will review scientific, industrial and other data and decide how to implement phasing out CFCs whose damage to the ozone has been blamed for skin cancer, cataracts and harm to the immune system.

EPA Administrator Reilly...told reporters that discussions with China, India, the Soviet Union and other countries here had persuaded him that it was "perfectly understandable" for them to "stick to the (original) timetable of phasing out half their CFCs by the end of the century."

(Jonathan Randal, Washington Post, A30)

TROOPS SEAL OFF TIBETAN CAPITAL, ORDER FOREIGNERS OUT

CHENGDU -- Police today ordered foreigners to leave the Tibetan capital of Lhasa and troops converged in the embattled city to enforce martial law after three days of anti-Chinese rioting.

Thousands of police and soldiers have occupied the old section of Lhasa, an American tourist said by telephone....

Chinese authorities announced martial law in Lhasa on Tuesday and said the entire city would be "cordoned off." Anyone "who defies martial law or instigates others to do so will be severely punished," the official Xinhua News Agency said.

(Kathy Wilhelm, AP)

NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Tuesday Evening, March 7)

TOWER NOMINATION

ABC's Peter Jennings: In Washington John Tower picked up another important supporter today, as another Democratic senator announced that he will vote for Tower's confirmation as secretary of defense. At the same time opponents of the nomination seemed more convinced than ever that they will finally prevail.

ABC's Jim Wooten: Even with another Democrat deciding for Tower today, Dodd, Senate Republicans were still short of votes. And they played for time today, sending Rudman to the floor for the longest and most spirited defense yet of Tower.

(Sen. Rudman: "How many times do we hear of our State Department travelling around the world fighting for human rights? What about John Tower's human rights?")

And for the first time, Mitchell began counting heads among the undecided, urging a final vote and questioning the continuing debate.

(Sen. Mitchell: "Why not a vote tomorrow? Why not a vote Thursday?")

But Dole, more irritated with each passing day, declined to call for a vote, and instead challenged Hollings' characterization of Tower as "Mr. Alcoholic Abuser."

(Sen. Dole: "And there's not evidence in that record that he's an alcoholic abuser, and you know --")

Sen. Hollings: "Oh, there absolutely is, Mr. President."

Sen. Dole: "You wouldn't speak to anyone else in that way.")

Senators don't usually speak to each other in that tone of voice, but this isn't business as usual. On a day when the President said not one senator has seen Tower drunk, DeConcini said he has.

(Sen. DeConcini: "I can't give you the date, but I've seen him right here, just as I've seen other members.")

Tower denied that tonight, but with two more Democrats, Graham and Conrad deciding to oppose him, ABC News now counts 44 Democrats against his confirmation, with eight leaning strongly against him, and three undecided. So the arithmetic is not John Tower's friend, and that isn't likely to change no matter how long the debate lasts or when his former colleagues decide to vote. (ABC-6)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: There are big new problems tonight for John Tower and his nomination as secretary of defense. Democrats in the Senate say they are now investigating new allegations about his drinking. They also say they have enough votes to defeat him. However, a key Democrat, Christopher Dodd, has rallied to Tower's side.

NBC's Andrea Mitchell: Dodd said his decision was not based on Tower's support for Dodd's father 22 years ago....

(Sen. Dodd: "I owe John Tower. I do not owe John Tower my vote.")

Mitchell continues: Despite losing Dodd's vote, Democratic leaders said for the first time today they have the votes to defeat Tower. As Tower's chances grew more remote, Republicans castigated Sam Nunn for reopening the investigation into Tower's drinking habits, using Senate investigators instead of the FBI.

(Sen. Dole: "We learned today that they're still investigating Tower -- they're still trying to put that last nail in his coffin. Is that fair?")

The Republicans saw an opening -- a chance to build sympathy for Tower and try to tarnish Sam Nunn. Nunn seethed at the Republican attack, since he had informed two ranking Republican senators of everything he was doing.

(Sen. Nunn: "These were not matters that were up in [room] 407, these were not matters the FBI had checked, these were not witnesses who had ever come forward -- these were new matters, new allegations that came up. There was no other way to check them.")

The new charges were made by witnesses who say they saw Tower drunk at a first-class airline lounge in Dallas, and by a Braniff flight attendant, who said in a four-page letter Tower was repeatedly drunk, disorderly, and abusive to other passengers on her flight. As the day wore on, the debate got even hotter. DeConcini became the first senator to say he had seen John Tower under the influence of alcohol while on the Senate floor. Then Sen. Hollings interrupted debate to defend himself against Bob Dole, who had accused Hollings of crossing the line of fairness by calling Tower an alcohol abuser.

(Sen. Dole: "Mr. Alcoholic Abuser --")

Sen. Hollings: "Yes, I think he is."

Sen. Dole: "Well, that's not a vicious personal attack --"

Sen. Hollings: "No, that's the record!")

Democrats decided today to block any attempt to have Tower defend himself on the Senate floor. And if Republicans keep delaying a vote, Democrats may try to table the nomination -- in effect killing it by parliamentary procedure. (NBC-2)

CBS's Dan Rather: Another Democratic senator has swung in behind John Tower, and the Republicans are now talking about the possibility of having the Democratic Senate leadership on the run. All of this as a new level of nastiness entered the Tower nomination fight in the U.S. Senate. It got more partisan and personal today. Sen. Bob Dole and Sen. Sam Nunn trading charges over tactics and a new investigation of Tower. Also, a first direct accusation about Tower's drinking while at work in the Senate.

CBS's Bob Schieffer: Christopher Dodd became the second Democrat to break ranks and say he'll vote for Tower, but not, he said, because Tower had defended the elder Dodd 20 years ago when the Senate had censured him.

(Sen. Dodd: "Mr. President, from my reading of the FBI and committee materials, I find the proof is simply not there to deny John Tower this nomination on the charges relating to his personal conduct.")

Dodd's announcement came during a day marked repeatedly by fierce partisan debate, touched off at one point when DeConcini became the first senator to say he had seen Tower under the influence of alcohol.

Schieffer continues:

(Sen. DeConcini: "If you want to know that if I've seen him under the influence of alcohol, the answer is yes. I can't give you the date, but I've seen him right here, as I've seen other members.")

(Sen. Rudman: "In all of my years of public service, I have never seen anyone trashed on such flimsy evidence in my entire life.")

At another point, Sen. Bob Dole tore into Sen. Sam Nunn after learning Nunn had dispatched investigators from another committee on which he serves to check out new undisclosed Tower allegations.

(Sen. Dole: "They're still investigating Tower. They're still trying to put that last nail in his coffin. Is that fair? Is it fair to continue the investigation up to the time of the vote?")

(Sen. Nunn: "These were new matters, new allegations that came up. There was no other way to check them.")

But that was mild compared to the scrap that erupted between Dole and Hollings.

(Sen. Dole: "I want to quote the exact thing -- Mr. Alcoholic Abuser --")

Sen. Hollings: "Yes, I think he is."

Sen. Dole: "Well, that's not a vicious personal attack --"

Sen. Hollings: "No, that's the record...! That's no personal attack. I've concluded that from the record.")

It was one of the bitterest days on the Senate floor in recent memory. But even with Dodd's decision, Mitchell said Republicans still don't have the votes to confirm Tower. Warren Rudman said, "The whole thing's out of control." (CBS-2)

NBC's John Chancellor comments on the Tower nomination: Well, hooray for Howell Heflin and Chris Dodd, the Democratic senators who intend to vote for John Tower. To cheer Heflin and Dodd is not to endorse Tower, incidentally. The point is that at last some senators have broken party ranks in this fight. That's more important than whether they came out for Tower or against him. The country deserves something better than (party-line voting). It couldn't have been easy for Heflin to be the first to break with his party. He may pay a price for exercising his personal responsibility. Ninety-eight of their colleagues are still walking in lockstep, and it's giving senators a bad name. Are they there for advice and consent, or are they only party hacks? Many of them have been acting like party hacks. It would be better for the senators and the country if they could start following their consciences instead of their party leaders. (NBC-9)

EASTERN AIRLINES

Jennings: This is the fourth day of the strike against Eastern by the airline's machinists and baggage handlers who are supported by Eastern pilots. Eastern has failed in court today to force its own pilots back to work. President Bush said that he would not get involved. The President did appeal to the pilots of other airlines not to slow down deliberately to show their support for the Eastern strike. And as there was bad weather in parts of the country, it has been hard to tell if those other pilots are consciously working to rule, or the weather is to blame for any delays. This is a very tough labor dispute.

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ABC's John Quinones reports that the latest blow to the troubled airline came late today at the Miami Federal Courthouse. Eastern had argued that unless its pilots were forced back to work, the company would face bankruptcy. But tonight a federal judge ruled that the pilots' walkout is legal. Eastern attorneys say the ruling could spell the end of the airline. Earlier today the airline announced it's operating just 4% of its normal schedule. But even those flights are in trouble. The shuttle between New York, Boston and Washington is averaging just about a dozen passengers per flight. The company announced the immediate furlough of 2,500 more employees in addition to the 7,000 furloughed yesterday. The airline is left with just 1,500 employees nationwide, compared to 31,000 before the strike. This evening the machinists and the pilots are calling today's federal court ruling a victory. In Texas, attorneys for Texas Air, Eastern's parent company, are now reportedly seriously considering filing for bankruptcy.

Jennings: That reference in Miami to Eastern filing for bankruptcy reflects a very real option for Eastern's management, which tonight is counting its cash and trying to figure out, whether court order or not, it can get its pilots back to work. We are told that filing for bankruptcy is not a likely option in the next day or two. Eastern's longer-term problems by any measure are great.

ABC's Stephen Aug reports that the real cost to Eastern is a steady loss of market share, as Eastern customers begin using other airlines. So for Eastern and its boss, Frank Lorenzo, declaring bankruptcy may have some advantages -- the company could reorganize, or it could simply sell everything: airplanes, landing and takeoff slots at some of the busiest airports, maintenance facilities, valuable routes -- by some estimates that could raise two or three billion dollars, enough to pay off the debts with a few hundred-million left over. And that would go to Frank Lorenzo and his other operations. (ABC-Lead)

Brokaw: Eastern Airline officials tonight are trying to decide what to do next with what's left of their company. A federal judge ruled tonight that their pilots can stay off the job. The airline had no real business today. Eastern laid off another 2,500 workers. President Bush said he would not intervene in the strike. And a number of pilots from other airlines demonstrated their solidarity for Eastern pilots.

NBC's Robert Hager reports that a number of pilots started the job action today by forcing controllers to engage in long radio conversations, delaying pushback from gates by demanding controllers read back their entire flight plan. And on final approach, demanding five-miles' separation between planes, even though three is considered adequate in good weather. But the demonstration wasn't very effective. Not all pilots are taking part, and the FAA says so far only some spotty delays have resulted. Frank Lorenzo, chairman of Eastern's owner, Texas Air, was seen headed for his office today with no indication just what he has in mind. But Eastern spokesman Joe Leonard gave clues in Miami.

(Joe Leonard: "Eastern, as we know it, that we knew last week, may be impossible to rebuild.")

Hager continues: President Bush today defended his earlier decision not to intervene and order the mechanics back to work for 60 days.

(President Bush: "Free collective bargaining is the best means of resolving the dispute between Eastern Airlines and its unions. I continue to feel that it would be inappropriate for the government to intervene and to impose a solution.")

But late today a House subcommittee voted to force the President to intervene. The full House may go along, but Senate action would be uncertain, and Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner told Congress he'd recommend the President veto any attempts to legislate a temporary end of the strike. (NBC-Lead)

Rather: By its own reckoning, Eastern Airlines tonight may be no more than 72 hours from financial collapse. That was the prospect in the wake of a judge's ruling. As Eastern laid off more workers, President Bush reaffirmed his hands-off policy, and travelers continued scrambling for flights. A threatened slowdown by pilots for other airlines did not materialize, but that was just about the only calm in today's tumultuous skies.

CBS's Terence Smith reports that President Bush and Congress got into their own battle over the wisdom of interrupting the strike with a federally enforced 60-day cooling-off period. The President repeated his refusal to step in. But a House committee moved quickly on legislation that would force the President to declare the strike a national emergency and intervene.

(House Speaker Wright: "We're calling on him in the name of the Democratic leadership of the Congress to reconsider and to take this action, thus demonstrating the leadership which only the President can demonstrate.")

Announcing the latest layoffs, Eastern officials placed the major blame not on the striking machinists, but on their supporters in the cockpit. Eastern released a copy of an internal union memo that calls for a vendetta against Eastern Chairman Frank Lorenzo. "Make Frank Lorenzo the issue," it reads. "Personalize the conflict." The primary strategic objective of the strike, the memo said, is to force Lorenzo to sell the airline to its employees or an acceptable third party. And on Capitol Hill, the controversial Lorenzo was criticized by the Administration as well as by labor.

(Secretary Skinner: "I have never seen one manager who has been so vilified by his employees and unions as this individual has been.")

(AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland: "No one wanted this strike except Frank Lorenzo.")

The President himself was asked about his past associations with Lorenzo, and whether it influenced his decision not to intervene.

(President Bush: "I know Frank Lorenzo, and in all probability he gave money to the Bush/Quayle campaign.")

Reporter: "Does that influence you in any way?"

President Bush: "No, it does not influence me in any way.")

Before the federal court ruled in Miami, Eastern's attorney warned that the airline, which is losing six to eight million dollars a day, could only last two or three more days without its pilots before confronting bankruptcy. (CBS-Lead)

NEWS CONFERENCE

Jennings: Just to remind you that a presidential news conference at the White House usually reflects what White House correspondents want to ask the President, but doesn't necessarily reflect what the whole country is thinking about. At the White House news conference today reporters were very intensely interested in how the President thought his Administration was doing, amid all the accusations in Washington that the Administration is sluggish at best.

ABC's Brit Hume: The first question the President got at his news conference today was about criticism that his Administration is going nowhere and doing little. He denied it.

(President Bush: "I would simply resist the clamor that nothing seems to be bubbling around, that nothing is happening. A lot is happening.")

In fact, though, the notion that the Bush presidency is drifting, lacking either the policy or the personnel to direct it, is very much in fashion in Washington. One reason is that many, indeed most presidentially appointed positions across the government remain unfilled. The problem is most acute at the Pentagon, where the only Bush appointee named is the embattled John Tower, and where a major policy review is being done by holdovers from the Reagan years. But even at the State Department, where Secretary James Baker was confirmed almost immediately by the Senate, only six of the top 29 jobs have been filled. And vacancies remain in such vital posts as assistant secretary for inter-American affairs, responsible for policy in such hot spots as Nicaragua and Panama. Much of the personnel delay is caused by an appointment and confirmation process that has become highly cumbersome, as the President himself has complained.

(President Bush in Feb. 16 remarks: "The ground rules have changed. I was talking to one of our appointees, and he told me that to fill out the forms required 36 hours. And the forms are different in different departments.")

But some critics think the trouble is not just a lack of people, but a lack of purpose. At Yale University yesterday, Sen. Edward Kennedy said the Administration has no agenda, no real budget, and very little to say. It holds office, he said, but doesn't know what to do with it. The President strongly disputed that idea today.

(President Bush: "In a very brief period of time we addressed ourselves to a serious national problem -- the problem with the S&L bailout. Regarding the budget, sound proposals. I've taken a substantive foreign policy trip where I met with, I think, some 19 representatives of 19 countries. So I think plenty of substantive things are going on.")

One thing the President did not say is that he's taking over from an Administration he was part of and sees no need for wholesale change. But Washington is full of people who want things done their way, and a president who doesn't dominate with his agenda can find himself dominated by others with theirs. (ABC-2)

Brokaw: And for his part, President Bush today dismissed critics who say that the fight to save the Tower nomination has left his administration paralyzed. At a news conference today, the President said he's getting great notices from Lubbock, Texas.

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NBC's John Cochran: Beset by questions about his judgement on the Tower affair and a lot else, the President dealt with Tower by calling his no-alcohol pledge a fail-safe guarantee.

(President Bush: "He has said he'd never touch another drop of liquor, and you'll have 25,000 people in the Pentagon making sure that's true.")

But Mr. Bush seemed to be preparing himself and public opinion for Tower's defeat as he downplayed its importance.

(President Bush: "So let the Senate work its will. It's not gonna hurt.")

But what about a growing feeling in Washington that the Bush White House is incompetent, afflicted with the Jimmy Carter disease?

(President Bush: "Malaise. My response is that it's not adrift and there isn't malaise, and I talked to a fella from Lubbock, Texas the other day, and it was the best phone call I made. And he said all the people in Lubbock think things are going just great.")

And things are going great in Lubbock, but that West Texas city with its booming cotton crop economy is not typical of other Texas cities hard-hit by the oil slump. The President said his critics ignore what he regards as his accomplishments -- his S&L bailout and his no-tax budget. The President also says he's making steady progress on foreign policy, such as his Asian trip. But critics say his China talks were botched by poor preparation and that Bush has shown no leadership on foreign policy.

(President Bush: "And I will not be stampeded by some talk that we have not come up with bold new foreign policy proposals in 45 days.")

But many in Washington think Bush should move faster on foreign and domestic policy. The President's old friend in Lubbock, Robert Blake, told him, "Don't worry about those critics inside the beltway -- people outside Washington like the job you're doing." That may be some comfort to the President, but he lives and works here, inside the beltway.

CBS's Lesley Stahl reports on the news conference:

(President Bush: "I haven't had one single senator -- not one -- served with him over the years say 'I have seen him. My firsthand evidence is this [John Tower] is ineligible because of his consumption of spirits.'")

Just a few hours before Sen. DeConcini presented his eyewitness account of Tower's drinking, President Bush felt compelled to assure the public that there are now safeguards against any recurrences.

(President Bush: "Indeed he has said he'd never touch another drop of liquor, and you'll have 25,000 people in the Pentagon making sure that's true.")

The President denied that the Tower fight is diverting his attention from other issues, or that his presidency is floundering.

(President Bush: "It's not adrift and there isn't malaise.")

His answer to the growing criticism? Ticking off a list of problems he's tackled, everything from the S&L bailout to his yet-to-be-proposed program for childcare.

(President Bush: "I would simply resist the clamor that nothing seems to be bubbling around, that nothing is happening. A lot is happening. Not all of it good, but a lot is happening.")

Stahl continues: One thing that is happening: the President is shifting his position against a ban on semi-automatic assault weapons like the AK-47. Polls show a majority of Americans favor a ban as a way of fighting drug-related violence.

(President Bush: "I'm not so rigid that if you come to me with a sensible answer that takes care of the concerns I've felt over the years, I'll take a hard look at it.")

Nearly every time President Bush holds a news conference, he feels compelled to comment on the state of his inner calmness. Today again, he said, I still feel relaxed, insisting that the negative reviews of his first 39 days in office haven't rattled him. (CBS-2)

LUBBOCK

Jennings: A phrase that caught our ear earlier today. You've heard the expression "How will it play in Peoria?" Well, with a Texan in the White House it was perhaps inevitable we get a regional variation. At his news conference today, Mr. Bush was asked if he was worried about criticism of his Administration. "Never get too uptight," said the President, "about things that haven't reached Lubbock yet." Lubbock, Texas, that is, which peaked our interest. Just how was the President doing in Lubbock, and what was reaching there anyway?

ABC's Brian Rooney reports on Lubbock:

(President Bush: "I talked to a fella from Lubbock, Texas the other day. It was the best phone call I made. And he said all the people in Lubbock think things are going just great.")

Lubbock -- 190,000 people in the heart of the Texas cotton country. This is a modern town, but they still talk politics over barbecues.

(Citizen 1: "I think he's doing a fine job. And I'm highly in favor of everything he said this morning.")

That the President would prefer to test public opinion in Lubbock is not surprising. He won 69% of the vote here. But even in Lubbock, not everyone gives him an "A" for performance.

(Citizen 2: "If I had to give the President a rating so far I'd give him a 'C'.")

The President's sample of opinion was not scientific, and we should admit that neither is ours.

(Citizen 3: "Well, I think he's had a good start. I'm in favor of several of the things that he has proposed, however I do think that he should let John Tower sink or swim on his own merits.")

Lubbock may be 2,000 miles from Washington, but they've got their ears to the ground out here. And they hear the rumbling from Washington.

(Citizen 4: "Well, I'm kind of waiting for him to do something. He's kind of been over there in China when things was fallin' down around his ears.")

(Citizen 5: "Well he hasn't hardly been in there long enough to tell what he's gonna do. He'll need a little more time to prove himself, I guess.")

So as yet, there's no statue of George Bush to replace the bronze bail of cotton in front of the Lubbock County Courthouse. George Bush may be President, but in Lubbock, cotton is still king. (ABC-9)

BAKER/SHEVARDNADZE MEETING

Jennings: There was a formal meeting in Vienna today between Secretary Baker and his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze. It was the first meeting of substance between the two men. It lasted for about two hours. They agreed to meet again in Moscow in May to discuss the prospects for a first summit meeting between President Bush and Mr. Gorbachev. (ABC-3)

Rather: Secretary Baker met with Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze in Vienna today. The Soviets pressed their diplomatic offensive on arms control and for a Bush-Gorbachev summit. In response, Baker mostly backed off, saying President Bush's foreign policy review still isn't finished.

CBS's Bill Plante: The first high-level U.S.-Soviet talks of the Bush Administration were marked by plenty of reassurances on both sides that the thaw in relations will continue, and by U.S. praise for what the Soviets call new thinking, coupled with one sharp jab at Moscow for its dealings with Iran.

(Secretary Baker: "We made the point that we really weren't seeing much sign of the new thinking, insofar as current Soviet posturing with Iran is concerned.")

An official said later that Secretary Baker complained to Shevardnadze that the Soviets appeared to be trying to protect Iran at a time when the West was attempting to isolate it over the Rushdie affair. The Soviets are also anxious to move on START. Baker, though, says the U.S. still has to complete its review of the negotiations. As for a summit between President Bush and Soviet leader Gorbachev, the U.S. says it's just too soon. But for Shevardnadze, the bottom line seemed to be that he had received the message he hopes to get.

(Foreign Minister Shevardnadze: "I believe, and this is my overall impression, that there will be good cooperation between us. And maybe this is the most important conclusion.")

The two men have scheduled another meeting for May in Moscow. But until that happens, officials expect the U.S. to continue moving very cautiously in its dealings with Moscow, while the Soviets continue aggressively pushing their programs forward. (CBS-6)

RUSHDIE

Jennings: Iran today formally severed all relations with Britain because of their dispute over the book "Satanic Verses." British officials today repeated the government position that the order by the Ayatollah Khomeini to kill author Salman Rushdie violated basic principles of international relations, and said the diplomatic break was entirely of Iran's making. (ABC-5, CBS-7)

ISRAEL

Rather: In the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip Israeli troops stormed a U.N. medical clinic in a refugee camp today. The soldiers said they were chasing Palestinian demonstrators. Doctors say four clinic workers were wounded by rubber bullets. They say the Israeli soldiers beat 25 patients and smashed hospital equipment. (CBS-9)

TIBET

Jennings reports that China today imposed martial law on the city of Lhasa in an effort to put an end to a series of violent demonstrations by Tibetans seeking independence. Reports of up to 30 dead and hundreds of wounded have apparently failed to stop marchers from parading the banned Tibetan flag and shouting for independence from China. This week marks the 30th anniversary of a massive uprising against the Chinese which left thousands of Tibetans dead and their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, in exile. (ABC-4, NBC-5, CBS-8)

AQUINO

NBC's Jim Maseda reports on a growing belief in the Philippines that human rights abuses continue. Halfway into Corazon Aquino's presidency, reports of increased torture, disappearances, and summary executions -- known as salvagings -- have protesters chanting "Cory, Queen of Fascism." While abroad, monitoring groups rank the Philippines among the world's worst violators of human rights, saying that the country is reverting back to violent abuses that were common under Marcos. (NBC-6)

ATWATER

CBS's Rita Braver reports that students at Howard University are protesting RNC Chairman Lee Atwater's election to the university's board of trustees. At issue is Atwater's record on civil rights, including his (Bush/Quayle) campaign focus on Willie Horton. (TV COVERAGE: Partial shot of commercial showing Horton's face, labeled "TV Commercial.") The protests began last week when students shut down the university convocation. Yesterday demonstrators took over the campus administration building, and today Howard called in the cops. School officials gave no answers about whether Atwater will be asked to withdraw, saying no action will be taken until the board meets next month. The protest comes at a time when Atwater is trying to attract more black Republicans. Atwater himself did not comment today. As for the students, they insist they'll keep protesting until Lee Atwater is gone. (CBS-3, NBC-4)

INFANT MORTALITY

Jennings reports that the Childrens Defense Fund said today that medical care for expectant mothers in America -- prenatal care -- is often so bad that many babies are unable to survive their first year of life.

ABC's Carole Simpson says that the U.S. ranks behind 17 other countries in infant mortality rate is because of a lack of prenatal care. Here at home a national commission recently recommended that that United States expand Medicaid to cover more poor women and children. Former Senator Lawton Chiles, who chairs the national commission to prevent infant mortality, is leading the fight. (Sen. Chiles: "No country can long call itself great that doesn't take care of its children. And when a baby dies, the strength and the idea of this country dies. And I think that that's a tragedy we can't afford.")

Jennings says that the reports from the Childrens Defense Fund today estimates that between now and the year 2000 the U.S. will spend \$6 billion to care for underweight babies in just their first year of life -- money that could be saved if their mothers had proper prenatal care. (ABC-8)

ILLEGAL HUNTING

Jennings reports that in Colorado and New Mexico today more than 50 people have been charged with illegal hunting. And this is not a report about occasional poachers. Federal wildlife agents have just concluded a sting operation, and the people they've arrested were hunting a whole range of birds and animals, including endangered species.

ABC's Charles Thomas reports that the raid climaxed a two-and-a-half year investigation into commercial poaching in the remote San Luis Valley of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. Most of the 57 suspects are charged with selling illegally hunted wildlife to a federal agent who posed as a taxidermist. Among the animals sold were for trophies and meat were elk, deer and bear, and birds including Golden and Bald eagles. Most of the alleged poachers live in one of the region's most economically depressed areas. Social workers admit that some people here have always used illegally hunted animals for food, but they also say the federal government made poaching profitable when its undercover agents set up a taxidermist shop and paid cash for wildlife. But U.S. attorney Michael Norton denied using entrapment. The entrapment issue will have to be settled in court. If convicted, the alleged poachers could be fined up to \$250,000 and sentenced to up to five years in prison. (ABC-7, NBC-7)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1989

TO: Patty Presock

FROM: FRED McCLURE TM
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

☒ FYI

☐ Comment

☐ Action

Congressman Delay's office called to pass on to the President that a Mr. Paul Boesch from Houston, Texas passed away last evening of a heart attack.

He was a renowned boxer and promoter in Houston, and the congressman thought it should be passed on to the White House.

His widow is Mrs. Boesch (first name unknown)

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The services will be held on March 10 at
1:00 p.m.

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SIR

wife:
Valerie

son:
Joey

B.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: March 8, 1989

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: John Sununu

Interesting on Speaker today.

Please discuss.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: March 8, 1989

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JOHN SUNUNU

I noticed in today's Cabinet Room meeting only 2 women -- one of them being Sheila Burke. Woe!!!

Where do we stand on the old Edie Holliday slot?

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SOVIET PUBLISHER RELEASES BUSH AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN RUSSIAN
MOSCOW, March 2, Reuter - A Soviet publisher released on Wednesday a Russian-language translation of George Bush's autobiography "Looking Forward," including a foreword written by the U.S. president.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said the book was the first autobiography of its kind published in the Soviet Union.

"This is a personal book, a story of human development, an American success story," he said.

Alexander Avelichev, director of Progress Publishers, told a news conference 50,000 copies of the book had been printed for sale in the Soviet Union at 1.60 roubles (2.75 dollars). The price, he said, was "within the reach of Soviet readers".

The book was first released in the United States in November 1987 and cost 15 dollars.

In his foreword, Bush expresses hope for further improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations. He voices personal sorrow at last December's earthquake in Armenia, "where Americans and Soviet people stood shoulder to shoulder with citizens of many other countries helping the victims..."

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Victor Gold

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POOL REPORT President's attending the Kennedy Center, March 8, 1989

The President and Mrs. Bush attended the performance of "Steel Magnolia" at the Eisenhower Theatre at the Kennedy Center this evening. They were accompanied by personal friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald Bemiss (Margaret) of Richmond, Virginia
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ganzi, Jr. (Reva Hamilton), Honorary
Chairman, Presidential Inaugural Ball (Union Station),
Owner of the Palm Restaurant
Dr. and Mrs. Tabb Moore, Washington, D.C.
The Moores are former neighbors of the President's
(Palisade Lane)

Prior to the performance, the President and Mrs. Bush were hosts for a dinner at the White House with the above persons.

The evening was uneventful (as was the play, which was not the Kennedy Center's most shining moment). The motorcade departed at 7:17 and returned at 10:00 p.m.

When the President arrived in the Presidential Box in the Eisenhower, he waved to the audience below who applauded. At the end of the intermission, the President and Mrs. Bush waved to the audience, who again applauded.

The pool was escorted to the van prior to the President's leaving the theater, so the President's egress was not observed. However, according to the Secret Service, the President, Mrs. Bush, and their guests departed directly to the motorcade.

--- Joan Shaffer
McClendon News Service

POOL REPORT March 8, 1989
Meeting, Cabinet Room

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The President said nothing. We were in the room for about 1 minute.

The President sat in his usual place, with a half-smile on his face, saying not a word. He was sitting between ^{out} Bob Michel (on Bush's ^{right} ~~left~~) and Robert Dole (Bush's ^{right} ~~left~~). Next to Dole was Sen. Simpson. VP Quayle was there, too. At the ends of the table were Lee Atwater (nearest the door) and Governor Sununu.

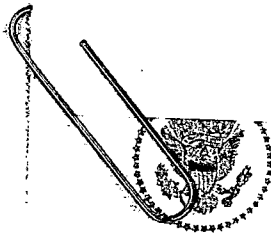
All persons at the table had coffee and sweetrolls.

Joan Shaffer
McClendon News Service

B.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable B. C. (Peck) McMinn
Mayor of Lubbock
Lubbock, Texas 79402



THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1989

Dear Peck,

The "inside-the-beltway" (here)
crowd may have trouble identifying
with what you said about
Lubbock and its values; but I
sure don't. Your comments in the
attached story were great. Sincerely,
Cap Burke

cc: Robert Blake

Bush Gives Lubbock Plenty to Talk About

By Elizabeth Hudson
Special to The Washington Post

AUSTIN, Tex., March 7—Country-western singer Mac Davis wrote that "Happiness is Lubbock, Tex., in my rear-view mirror," perhaps mindful of the wide, flat plains dotted with tumbling tumbleweeds and the weather, which ranges from blizzards to drought to sandstorms.

Several verses later, he changed his mind, and folks who live there apparently agree with him. Today, President Bush gave them plenty to talk about when he mentioned their town prominently at a White House news conference.

"Lubbock is a nice place," Allen Hagens, a winery official, said of his hometown. "Everything you need is right here, but it still isn't too big."

"Lubbock is pretty stable, always has been," said Dave Knapp, executive editor of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "The weather is gorgeous. We have 260 days of sunshine every year."

"People here are steady, God-fearing and patriotic," Mayor B.C. (Peck) McMinn added. "We stand up when the flag goes by."

When a reporter suggested today

that Bush's administration was off to a sluggish start, the president said he had "talked to a fellow from Lubbock, Tex., the other day, which was the best phone call I've made. And he said, 'All the people in Lubbock think things are going just great.'"

The person with whom Bush spoke was Robert W. Blake, a Lubbock oilman who served on Bush's national campaign-finance committee last year.

"He's only had 45 days," Blake said of Bush. "All they do is criticize him. But . . . you will not find George Bush when he's down. He just called; we talked back and forth, like friends do . . ."

Bush, fielding questions about defense secretary-designate John G. Tower, said, "Never get all too uptight about stuff that hasn't reached Lubbock yet," evoking memories of the phrase "Will it play in Peoria?" that dates from the Nixon administration.

Like Peoria, Ill., Lubbock is an agricultural center with a predominantly white, middle-class population. Unlike Peoria, Lubbock's 186,000 citizens live on a 106.3 square miles that produce the

world's third largest cotton crop. Lubbock is a farming and manufacturing city, home of Texas Tech University and Reese Air Force Base. The nearest city is Amarillo, 120 miles north. Alone on the high plains, Lubbock often has been the subject of jokes by the rest of Texas.

Three vineyards have opened there since 1976, bringing the area economy new respect. Last year, more than 100,000 cases of wine were produced there and distributed throughout Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona. Next to the grave of rock star Buddy Holly and the Ranching Museum at Texas Tech, the vineyards have become a major tourist attraction.

If the Bush administration is off to a stumbling start, Lubbock apparently is unaware of it. "Things have a hard time catching up here sometimes," Knapp said. "We usually find things out later."

McMinn noted that "our perception is that he's not stumbling around. The John Tower thing is unfortunate, but the average citizen is getting enough of it. This is not that big of a story here. It's big in Washington because it's party politics."

McMinn said Lubbock likes to think of itself as the new Peoria, noting that his city is a reflection of middle America. "Lubbock is a good solid part of the country," he said. "We do things the old-fashioned way. I think more people in America are getting back to that."

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THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1989

Dear Pete,

Thanks for that great vote of confidence you cast in the commentary you sent out. Steve Rhodes mailed me a copy. Things like that help bolster the growing spirit of cooperation that gives promise to the national challenges we face.

Best wishes to you, with appreciation for your continuing part in that process.

all Best! Sincerely,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Peter F. Schabarum
Los Angeles County Board of
Supervisors, Room 856
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bcc: ✓ Jan Burmeister
✓ Mr. Steve Rhodes
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& Co. Inc., Suite 5200
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Los Angeles, California 90071

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Dear President Bush,

That title has quite a ring
to it.

I have attached a flyer that Pete
Schabarum sent out to his one million
plus constituents. I thought you
would find it of interest.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

your Sal,
Steve.

'To my way of thinking.'

A commentary by...

January 25, 1989

THE REAL GEORGE BUSH

**SUPERVISOR
PETER F.
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As George Herbert Walker Bush delivered his inaugural address on the steps of the Capitol Building last Friday, his hair tousled by a cold Washington wind, the American people were taking stock of the 41st President of the United States. And they liked what they saw.

Even though Bush has held a long list of important jobs in the nation's capital, serving the last eight years as our Vice President, most people are only beginning to get a feeling for the kind of man they elected to represent them. More precisely, he is not the man they thought they knew.

Only a few short months ago Bush was widely perceived by the public as cold, aloof, and elitist. He was seen as a man from privileged circumstances who was probably unable to understand the problems of the common man. He was portrayed in the press as the President's shadow. His unfailing loyalty to the President was so strong he seemed to be the quintessential staff man with no personal convictions and lacking the courage to speak his own mind.

The most damaging public perception became known as the wimp factor.

The Vice President's negative public image was no accident. It was the product of years of impressions ladled out by the media. We all shared the predicament of Will Rogers who once observed: "I only know what I read in the newspapers."

On January 12, 1984, I met with Vice President Bush in his White House office at the urging of his assistant, Steven Rhodes, who said I should get acquainted. Rhodes was already rounding up support for a potential 1988 campaign. Bush's chances of victory looked like a long shot at the time. His media image was weak. Conventional wisdom predicted that by the end of President Reagan's second term his popularity would plummet and Bush's chances for a successful presidential bid would be in jeopardy. Also, the historical fact that no incumbent Vice President has won election to the presidency since Martin Van Buren in 1836 became a widely talked about bit of trivia.

Steve Rhodes was not deterred by these obstacles.

"People don't know him," Rhodes lamented. "He is a hellava guy. This is a Vice President who calls you on the phone on a Sunday morning when you're trying to sleep and says 'Steve, how about a run in the park.'"

Rhodes felt his boss was not only the best man for the job, but he also had a chance of winning. Of course, his objectivity was open to question.

As I sat in Bush's office on that January day, five years before he would take the oath of office, I knew he had excellent credentials for the highest office in the land. Indeed, he is the best qualified man ever elected President. The question was whether he had the personal charisma necessary to win the confidence of voters. I was unprepared, however, for the contradiction between his media image and the reality of the man I was talking with. He was warm, genuine and likeable.

Something happened that day which gave me a feeling for the special relationship between George Bush and Ronald Reagan. It was noon and the Vice President's schedule included one of his regular lunches with the President. Now, one just does not wander around the West Wing. And, one certainly does not just drop by and stick his head into the Oval Office. But Bush, knowing that Ronald Reagan had appointed me to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors a decade earlier, invited me to walk the short distance between their offices to greet the President.

George Bush. . . continued

I recalled that incident when Ronald Reagan boarded the helicopter that began his journey home to California. He turned and saluted his new Commander in Chief, George Bush. It was a touch of class. It said it all about the friendship and respect these men have for each other.

During the campaign, Bush struggled to overcome his poor media image. Then came his speech at the Republican Convention in New Orleans in August. He delivered the best speech of his life, calling for a kinder, gentler nation. It caught the American people by surprise; they suddenly realized George Bush was made of presidential timber. He was a family man with a wonderful wife, great children and loads of grandchildren who delighted in clamoring over their grandpa.

We soon learned that George Bush is no wimp. He launched one of the toughest campaigns in history. We were shocked to learn that this man with Eastern roots and his so-called preppie ways is, in fact, an avid sportsman.

Along the way, we came to know Barbara Bush for the forthright, straight-talking woman she is. No pompous airs are allowed in her presence. She has a delightful sense of humor, and she makes us laugh. Millions of Americans have already fallen in love with this exceptional First Lady.

George Bush did some plain talking from what he called the front porch of democracy last week. His speech was filled with simple truths, without the traditional catch-phrases. He talked about basic human values. He called for a rekindling of bipartisanship that is needed to move America forward in the years ahead. He stepped from his limousine during the inaugural parade to be among the crowd lining the parade route. This symbolic gesture was welcomed by a nation that wants a president of all the people.

President Bush is off to a good start. I am confident he can lead us toward that kinder, gentler nation.

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Card 1

- o I am pleased to have you all here this morning.
- o I have met with most of you before in various meetings, but this is the first opportunity to meet with the full Republican leadership of the Congress.

- o It is important to have these meetings, and I will hold them frequently, although not necessarily on a regular schedule.
- o It is in our best interest to sit down and have a frank exchange about what we are all doing. If you have suggestions, questions, or even complaints, these meetings will provide an opportunity to bring them up.

- o I also intend to have other meetings with various groups, some bipartisan, some not. For example, I met yesterday afternoon with the Senate Labor Committee Republicans on the minimum wage legislation, which will be marked up in that committee tomorrow.

- o In these meetings I would like to have an open discussion and go around the table and give everyone a chance to speak, but first, I might just go over a few current issues:

- I have already mentioned the minimum wage issue, and that brings in the whole nexus of related labor issues such as parental leave, child care, mandated benefits, and so on.

Card 5

- Tower nomination
- Eastern Airlines strike
- Budget

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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News of Chicago and faraway places

The new Democratic National Committee chairman, Ron Brown, is campaigning for Richard Daley in the Chicago mayoral race. Party insiders are surprised that he's taking on his former mentor, the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Mr. Jackson is supporting Tim Evans, a black candidate in opposition.

Comic Fred Travalena was invited to appear on the annual Home Box Office comedy special airing March 16. But he canceled and turned down his \$50,000 fee when the show's producer insisted that he appear as George Bush and perform material written by their writers. The cable network wanted to lambaste the president on the homeless, but Mr. Travalena, who campaigned for Mr. Bush, declined.

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Fred Travalena

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From the desk of
George Bush

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- Firestone*
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1. give to Laurie
for "evening at W.H."
 2. he is very funny
(been on Pat Robertson
show)

bcc:
Mrs. Bush
Laurie Firestone
Patty Presock

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Dear Fred
Thio clipping touched
me very much indeed.
Thank you so very
much. Sincerely
Geo Bush



THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1989

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THE PRESIDENT

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March 8, 1989

Dear Paul,

I have my coupon.

But when, oh when, do
I cash it in
Not now, because in
Lubbock people things
are going well.

Later on, then.

But thanks - Ag. Burl

oops I just read
the fine print. The coupon
expired Feb. 18th Never mind
I can still win the Ed McMahon
sweepstakes

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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February 14, 1989

Tom Johnson
Publisher and
Chief Executive Officer

The Hon. George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Paul Conrad, our Pulitzer-prize winning (3 times) editorial cartoonist, is among those who declared a "Cartoonists' Honeymoon Week," pledging to abstain from ridiculing the President for more than seven days.

My old boss, LBJ, was never so lucky!

I asked Paul to inscribe the original of his Valentine's Day cartoon which entitles you to "one kinder, gentler cartoon." I thought you might like to have it as you begin to accumulate the contents of what one day will be a wonderful Bush Presidential Library.

Edwina and I send our very warmest wishes to Barbara and you. We expect you to be a simply splendid First Family. And, despite differences which may arise in editorials, cartoons, and news coverage, we're pulling for you every day to be an enormously successful President.

Best always,



TJ jak
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 A Times Mirror
Newspaper



THE PRESIDENT

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NBD —

Thrilled you're on
board. Thanks for the
note — GB

THE WHITE HOUSE

The Honorable Nancy Beary Dyke
NSC Staff

Personal

Dear Mr. President,

March 8, 1989

I wanted you to know that as of last Monday I am on your National Security Council staff. My lofty title is Director for International Programs and Public Diplomacy; the responsibilities are foreign assistance, UN and other international organizations, refugee policy, and public diplomacy.

I am excited about this broad range of issues and opportunities, and I am honored and so pleased to be working for you again.

Most sincerely,

The Honorable
Nancy Beaz Dyke

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THE PRESIDENT

3-8-89

Dear Marvin -
Thanks for your
March 2 letter in support
of Tow. I am grateful
and you are right
Ag /

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Marvin Leath
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States

March 2, 1989

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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SUBCOMMITTEES:

PROCUREMENT AND
MILITARY NUCLEAR SYSTEMS

READINESS

MILITARY INSTALLATIONS
AND FACILITIES

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
of America
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a copy of a press release I just sent out stating my strong support for John Tower to head the Department of Defense. Also enclosed are some press clippings from my district regarding my support for Senator Tower and my feelings of outrage at the way the Senate Armed Services Committee and the news media have "crucified" him. Basically, this really makes me sick! In my opinion, it is their idea to leave him out there and the buzzards can pick the bones.

As I stated in my press release, I have known John Tower since 1960 and I am convinced he would do an excellent job at the Defense Department for you and the entire nation. We need a man of John Tower's caliber to root out waste and inefficiency in the Defense Department and to get the best job for the least money in a time of tight budgets.

In the past few weeks, I have done at least eight extensive television interviews and have talked to dozens of journalists about John Tower. Hopefully, I can do some good.

Mr. President, I will keep my fingers crossed about his outcome in the Senate. If there is anything I can do to help out, please let me know.

Yours very truly,

Marvin

MARVIN LEATH
Member of Congress

ML:pdp

Enclosures

You deserve your choice



From Congressman

Marvin Leath

11th District, Texas • 336 Cannon Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 • (202) 225-6105

For Immediate Release

March 1, 1989

For Further Information

Contact Doug Canatsey

LEATH VOICES SUPPORT FOR TOWER

Congressman Marvin Leath voiced his strong support today for former U.S. Senator John Tower's nomination to head the Department of Defense.

"I have known John Tower since 1960 and I am convinced that he would do an excellent job at the Defense Department for President Bush and the entire nation," Congressman Leath said. "With his 23 years of experience in the United States Senate - 18 of them on the Senate Armed Services Committee, he definitely understands defense issues and he knows how the system operates here in Washington."

The U.S. Senate is expected to vote on Tower's nomination in the next few days. "It is unfortunate the way John Tower has been treated in the past few months," said Congressman Leath. "It seems that a few people with axes to grind are out to get him. In my opinion, we need a man of John Tower's caliber to root out waste and inefficiency in the Defense Department and to get the best job for the least money in a time of tight budgets."

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Waco Tribune-Herald

February 28, 1989

Leath pledges to go to bat for nominee

By DREW PARMA

Tribune-Herald staff writer

U.S. Rep. Marvin Leath pledged Monday to jump into the fray over former U.S. Sen. John Tower's nomination to head the Department of Defense.

The Waco Democrat said he plans to lobby the U.S. senators he knows personally on behalf of Tower, not just because he thinks Tower would make a good secretary of defense, but because he thinks Tower has been treated unfairly.

Leath also called on President Bush to push for a real solution to the government's \$155 billion annual deficit, a solution he said will require new taxes. He predicted that real action on the deficit would create a sustained, strong upturn in the national economy.

"The only way we'll get out of this trap is with a growing economy, and we're not going to get that growth until we solve the deficit problem," he said.

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Leath promises to lobby hard for embattled nominee Tower

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Leath said he hasn't read the FBI reports on Tower's background but said he thought a personal conflict with U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., might have something to do with the grilling Tower has gotten before the Senate Armed Services Committee, which Nunn chairs.

"Let me say that I don't think this is a 'partisan' situation as much as it is a personal situation, and that Sam Nunn's personal politics have influenced or strongarmed... his colleagues on the Democratic side," Leath said. "I know some of those folks personally, and I know some of them were going to vote for John Tower before they got that strongarm put on them."

Tower's harsh treatment is all the more remarkable because he chaired Armed Services from 1980 to 1984, when he retired from the Senate. The diminutive Wichita Falls resident represented Texas in the U.S. Senate from 1961 to 1984 and has been a lobbyist and consultant for defense contractors before his nomination to the Defense post.

Many Democrats have cited concerns about Tower because of a past record of drinking and his ties to defense contractors. His nomination was rejected by the Armed

Services Committee by an 11-9 party line vote Thursday.

But Leath said the nation needs Tower's strong defense background to root out waste and inefficiency in the department and to get the best job for the least money in a time of tight budgets.

"It's in the best interest of the country and of Texas if John Tower gets that nomination for Defense because he knows what he's talking about when it comes to defense," he said. "If you're going to get people who know a darn thing about defense, where are you going to get them if they don't get them out of industry or Congress? You've got to have people who understand the system."

Leath, a member of the House Budget Committee, also told Rotarians that he will ask the Congressional Budget Office to give him concrete figures on a deficit reduction plan he will start pushing in this fiscal year.

"I would solve the problem right now," he said. "If the world financial markets perceived that we were going to solve the problem, we'd have the darndest economic boom that you've ever seen."

The plan's outline includes freezing all items in the budget at current levels with the exception of Social Security and some

entitlements, and using the increased federal income from economic growth — about \$86 billion — to reduce the deficit.

In addition, Leath said, a tax hike of about \$50 billion would be enough to convince world financial markets that the United States is serious about deficit reduction and would drive down interest rates.

Leath said taxes are a necessary part of the solution because Congress and the president are unwilling to make many more cuts.

"Now, \$35 billion to \$50 billion in revenue increases in the context of a \$1.3 trillion budget is absolute peanuts," he said. "Anyone who says contrary is not being realistic."

"We've built up this thing of 'we're not going to tax you and anyone who does is going to get kicked out of office,'" Leath said. "Well, that's fine if we're not going to solve the problem."

Leath said that an immediate frontal assault on the deficit would lower interest rates and save enormous sums on the cost of financing borrowed government money.

"By 1992, you would have \$175 billion cold cash surplus to give to defense, to give to social programs, to give to the environment and all these other things that we're saying we need to spend more money on," he said.

February 12, 1989

Controversy over Tower irks Texans

By SETH KANTOR
Cox News Service

WASHINGTON — Texans on both sides of the aisle in Congress are voicing strong support for John Tower's appointment as defense secretary, and several have expressed impatience with mounting delays in getting the former Republican senator from Texas confirmed.

"This has become kind of a tragedy," said Rep. Marvin Leath, a Democrat from Waco and a key member of the House Armed Services Committee.

"Obviously there are political motivations on somebody's part" to keep sending federal probes on the trail of one new allegation after another about Tower, said Leath. "The idea is to leave him out there and the buzzards can pick the bones."

The matter remains before the Senate Armed Services Committee, on the other side of the U.S. Capitol from where Leath works. The House has no say in confirmation hearings.

As a result, "we don't hear much talk in the corridors over here about the Tower matter," said Rep. Martin Frost. "But it has obviously become a matter of embarrassment for President Bush."

"I think the president knew from the beginning, back in November when he designated Tower as defense secretary, this was going to be controversial be-



"The idea is to leave him out there and the buzzards can pick the bones."

— Marvin Leath

cause of Tower's close ties to the defense establishment. The controversy should not have come as any surprise."

Congress is in recess until Feb. 21, but two new allegations affecting the Tower confirmation have become public since Wednesday:

- A charge that money provided by a military contractor's associate to a Tower aide, when Tower was in the Senate, may have illegally benefitted the senator.

- Published reports on Saturday that Tower gave conflicting statements in his recent Senate confirmation testimony and in his 1987 divorce deposition, concerning his relationship with British Aerospace Inc. as a consultant who was paid \$265,000 from the British contractor.

It became apparent by this weekend that Tower could be

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Tower controversy irks Texas leaders

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called back as a witness before the Senate committee he used to chair, to answer a new round of questions later this month — even though the committee had completed taking all testimony on the matter and was to have voted on Tower's confirmation last Tuesday.

Since Tuesday, Armed Services Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and the White House have bickered over whether Democrats on the committee have been dragging their feet over the nomination, and whether the White House has been withholding some of the FBI's investigative reports on Tower from the Democrats.

"I am not a member of Armed Services and don't have details about what the FBI has found," said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., "but this thing is starting to drag out, and that adds to the speculation."

Bentsen indicated he is not pleased about inferences and clouds of doubt that rise from the speculation.

"There's always a temptation in these situations to rush to judgment," Bentsen said, "and I think we have to resist that. We have to suspend judgment until the president and the Senate learn the facts."

But Rep. Joe Barton, a Republican from Ennis, said the process "is taking longer than some of us

think has been necessary."

"At some point," Barton said impatiently on Thursday — before it became known that Tower had made conflicting statements about his relationship with the British defense contractor that does business with the Pentagon — "this confirmation thing should become something like a wedding ceremony, where anyone against the idea is asked 'to speak now or forever hold your peace.'"

On Friday, *The Washington Post*, also compared the Tower situation to a wedding ceremony in its lead editorial of the day:

"... a little like sitting in the congregation at a wedding that just keeps not quite starting," said the editorial. "The organist has now struck up yet another diversionary hymn. The guests, who long since began to fidget, have now begun to whisper among themselves: what's going on here, anyhow ... you don't suppose, do you ...?"

Presuming that the Armed Services Committee and then the full Senate will yet vote the Tower nomination, the three issues in the minds of those casting votes will be these:

Charges that Tower has had a severe drinking problem; that he publicly "chased" women during his two marriages which ended in divorce; and that he has been too close to defense contractors to relentlessly carry out Pentagon military hardware spending reforms.

February 16, 1989

Leath Tours Hood Expo, Says Tower Will Pass

By PAUL J. GATELY

FORT HOOD — U.S. Rep. Marvin Leath, D-Waco, said Wednesday that he is confident former U.S. Sen. John Tower of Texas will become Secretary of Defense, despite a rocky road to confirmation.

"He's the man for the job. I think it's obvious to everyone on the Hill that someone on President Bush's transition team had it in for Tower. But the President is not backing down on this," Leath said as he toured the Soldier's Expo on Fort Hood.

"I think he'll be confirmed because there is nothing in his background to prevent his confirmation. This list of charges against him and the lack of evidence for them has proven that," Leath said.

Leath, though on the opposite side of the party divide from Tow-

er, a Republican, said he supports Tower as Secretary of Defense.

"After all, he spent 20 years in the Senate — 18 of them on the Senate Armed Services Committee, the very committee which is holding him up for such ridicule now. I'm sure that hurts him," said Leath.

Leath was in Central Texas as part of the Troop Support Command's first Soldiers' Expo. The Expo is the Army's first effort to give the soldier a major voice in selection and improvement of Army equipment.

Leath also spoke to a gathering of Army and civilian leaders Wednesday night at a dinner, hosted at the Killeen Sheraton Plaza Hotel.

Leath told the audience the theory behind the Soldiers' Expo is a sound one and one which can hopefully be continued.

"I think this is wonderful. It's a chance for the regular soldier to see how the Army cares for him and a chance for that soldier to have a say in his own welfare," said Leath.

The expo is open to all soldiers and the public today and Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., said Paul Powell, TROSCOM public affairs officer.

The expo includes more than 100 exhibits of things which have an every day place in a soldier's life, said Powell. On display are new uniforms, fabrics, rations, safety equipment, tools, weapons systems, heavy equipment mobile bridges and hundreds of other items from computer chips to helicopters and tanks.

By late afternoon Wednesday, several hundred soldiers had visited the exhibits inside the dome

and the static displays outside, despite a chilling drizzle.

"We chose Fort Hood because it is the largest military post in the country and it provides us a large number of soldiers who can come through the exhibits and touch or feel or whatever," said Maj. Gen. John Long, Troop Support Command commander.

The intent, he said, is to provide a large amount of comment from the soldiers themselves about suggested changes in equipment or additional needs which might be met with system changes or updates.

"Some of the world's greatest ideas were conceived by soldiers, and we're on an idea hunt here,"

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Leath Confident In Tower

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said Long.

"And I'm acting more like a businessman, asking what my 'customers' want and need to be good soldiers," said Long.

It also helps soldiers stay up to date with coming changes, he said.

One system conceived by support command inventors was an individual cooling system built into the M1A1 Abrams tank used by the armor commands at Fort Hood.

"The system allows the crew to extend their fighting time from one hour to 12 hours, when the tank is buttoned up for nuclear, biological or chemical warfare," said Capt. Michael Ammel, a combat arms project officer for the troop command.

A similar system for aircraft crews is currently being developed, said Ammel.

Outside the dome are several static displays which showcase new field technologies in armored warfare or aviation.

Waco Tribune-Herald

March 2, 1989

Something stinks about panel vote

Well, I'm sure convinced! I suspected Democratic Rep. Marvin Leath was fair and honest. Now I'm sure. Several nights ago Rep. Leath appeared on KWTX-TV on the Tower nomination.

I was ready to once again hear the token Democratic (or Republican) party line regurgitated by a partisan congressman. Instead, I heard just the opposite. He was baffled by the way Democratic committee members were so quick to condemn Tower without citing specific facts to back up their condemnations. I believe he said, "... Something stinks ..." about the way the whole affair is dragging on, fueled only by rumors and innuendos.

Well, it does stink. It stinks that all Americans can't have a fair-minded congressman like him to work for them.

Sam Rhudy Jr.
Gatesville

Marlin Daily Democrat

March 2, 1989

Leath is pro-Tower

Cong. Marvin Leath denounced foes of John Tower today in a press release from his Washington office.

"I have known John Tower since 1960 and I am convinced that he would do an excellent job at the Defense Department for President Bush and the entire nation," Leath said.

The Congressman said that it is unfortunate the way John Tower has been treated in the past few months. It seems that a few people with axes to grind

are out to get him. "In my opinion we need a man of John Tower's caliber to root out waste and inefficiency in the Defense Department and to get the best job for the least money in a time of tight budgets," Leath said.

"With his 23 years of experience in the U.S. Senate, 18 of them on the Senate Arms Services Committee, he definitely understands defense issues and he knows how the system operates in Washington," Leath said.

bcc: John Sununu
Bobbie Kilberg



THE PRESIDENT

3-9-89

Dear Ed,

I do recall that 8 yrs. ago
meeting you referred to today.
Let's try to consult to avoid
needless confrontation. Good
meeting today. Thanks.

Ag Bush

Mr. Edward C. Levy, Jr.
The Edward C. Levy Company
8800 Dix Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48209

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March 8, 1989

Dear Rich,

A thousand apologies.

Your kind Nov. 28th letter just
bobbed to the surface. Thanks
for the clippings & best wishes
to you & Danielle. Ag B

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Richard N. Gardner
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November 28, 1988

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President-elect George Bush
Office of the Vice President
Executive Office Building
Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President-elect:

Danielle and I send with this letter our warm congratulations to you and Barbara on your decisive election victory. We wish you well as you take on the enormous challenges that face our country at home and abroad.

In going through my papers the other day, I came across two mementos of your days at the U.N. The first is the gracious note you sent us after our dinner in honor of your arrival in New York. (Not many high public officials take the time to write such a letter in their own hand!)

The second memento is the speech you gave in Dallas on May 28, 1971, which I have always regarded as one of the best statements of what our national policy should be toward the U.N. I believe it is as timely today as when it was delivered and I hope its realistic approach will guide your policy toward the U.N. in the months ahead.

I believe your excellent appointments of Jim Baker and Brent Scowcroft open up the best prospect in many years of a truly bipartisan foreign and national security policy. As you pursue

President-elect George Bush
November 28, 1988
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this goal, I know you will have the support of all Americans of good will, and certainly of myself.

I take the liberty of enclosing two recent essays suggesting how a bipartisan policy could be developed toward the U.N. system and toward the urgent domestic and international economic agenda.

With deepest respect,

Sincerely,



Richard N. Gardner
Professor of Law and
International Organization

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GEORGE BUSH
AMBASSADOR

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THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
UNITED NATIONS

Dear hospitable Governors

That was a lovely
living friendly evening and we 2
Bushes were thrilled to partake
of the great food, meet all those
interesting guests and to
get a glimpse of your kids,

Thanks so very much

Big Bush

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UNITED STATES MISSION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

FOR RELEASE AT 6:30 P.M. CDT
FRIDAY, May 28, 1971

Press Release USUN-74(71)

Remarks by Ambassador George Bush, United States Representative
to the United Nations, at the Dallas Council on World Affairs and the
Dallas United Nations Association, Dallas, Texas, May 28, 1971.

To come to Dallas again is not only a tremendous personal
experience for me as an adopted son of Texas. It is also, I'm
delighted to say, a part of my job -- and a part to which I assign
a very high priority.

In my mind, the job to which President Nixon appointed me
has two parts. One, of course, is to speak and act for the United
States in the United Nations.

But the other part of my job, which I happen to consider just
as important, is to talk to -- and talk with -- Americans like
yourselves about the United Nations, its strong and weak points,
what it means to our country and what it can mean in the future.

[Frankly, until the U.N. entered my life a few months ago I
wasn't losing a great deal of sleep worrying about its future, or
about our policy there. But I can tell you this: in a very short
period I have gone from a more or less indifferent view of the
U.N. to a view of strong and enthusiastic support, because I have
seen some of the good results the U.N. can produce.]

I make no secret of the fact that I want to change people's
attitudes about the U.N., just as my own attitude has been changed.
I believe the word about its most important work hasn't gotten out
sufficiently. So I consider it a part of my job to do what one
individual can to help bring the U.N. to the American people.

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What is more, I believe this same contact should be made between the U.N. and the people of other countries. You know, President Nixon has held Cabinet meetings periodically outside of Washington so as to take government closer to the people. Those meetings are big events. They make the U.S. Government much more of a reality for the people in whose area they are held.

The other day I made a similar proposal about the U.N. I suggested that top-level U.N. bodies -- the 15-member Security Council, and even the 127-member General Assembly -- should meet from time to time not just in New York but in the major capitals of Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe. I think this would do a lot to revitalize the organization, to enlist the enthusiasm of citizens around the world in what is, after all, as much their organization as it is ours.

Some critics will say it would be too costly and too inconvenient, but I say if the value of the step is understood the cost will be found. People will say it goes against longstanding habits and traditions, but I say we need new habits if we are to put new vigor into the United Nations.

Now let me tell you a little of what I have found out about the work of the U.N., and why it is worth troubling about.

I am going to start with the part of the U.N.'s work that gets the least attention -- its non-political, peace-building programs around the world. These are the activities that have nothing to do with the violence that makes headlines today -- but may have a lot to do with preventing the violence that could make tragic headlines in later years.

For example, here are some of the U.N. actions I found out about:

First, narcotics. To help fight the increasingly grave and vicious international narcotics traffic, the U.N. has taken two recent steps. In Vienna last February a new U.N. Convention on Psychotropic Substances was signed. And the U.N. is now setting up, on the initiative of the United States only last year, a United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control to enlarge and strengthen the work of the U.N. on this critical problem. That U.N. fund will be able to take actions against the world flow of narcotics which the United States could not possibly do as well acting alone.

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Second, population control. With public health dramatically increasing the life span all over the world, some countries are doubling their populations in less than 20 years! This is a prescription for tragedy and chaos not many years off, unless these very high birth rates can be slowed down. The U.N. is increasingly active on that problem. A small U.N. Fund for Population Activities was created only in 1969, again largely on American initiative, to help governments meet this very fundamental problem. The target for contributions this year is \$25 to \$30 million, about half of which will come from the U.S. We hope to see this U.N. program grow rapidly through the 1970s to a point where it will be making an important impact on world population.

Third, environment. Next year in Stockholm we will join in the first world conference ever held on the problems and challenges of the Human Environment -- the question of how Man, with his huge numbers and his powerful technology, can assure a decent environment for himself and his children. What are the really worrisome changes that man is introducing into the air and waters of the world, and how can we monitor and control those changes? How can we husband the limited resources of the earth? How can cities and towns around the world be made healthier and more livable? How can low-income countries develop the industries they crave without the pollution they don't want? These questions demand answers, and the U.N. is in the center of the search for the right answers.

Fourth, hijacking. The revulsion we have all felt against the rash of air hijackings has been felt also at the U.N. and has led to action. The General Assembly last fall adopted with near-unanimity a strong resolution condemning all forms of interference with civil aviation. And the U.N.'s aviation affiliate, the International Civil Aviation Agency, voted last December to support a binding convention for suppression of the unlawful seizure of aircraft. It is a tough convention, with provisions for the prosecution of hijackers no matter where they turn up. So when you see those new anti-hijacking precautions at international airports, you might remember that this is a problem on which the U.N. also is making a major contribution.

I mention these U.N. steps because they are of current interest. There are plenty more from the recent past. I wonder if you know, for instance, that U.N. health programs, after long years of work, are within sight of wiping malaria from the face of the earth. Or that U.N. resource surveys have turned up mineral deposits valued at over \$13 billion -- copper in Mexico and Panama and Malaysia, limestone in Togo, iron ore in Chile, coal in Pakistan. Or that the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly over 22 years ago, has served as a source book for the constitutions of over 40 newly independent nations.

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Now, in concentrating on these peaceful activities of the U.N., I'm not trying to cop out on the really hard questions of war and peace. It is perfectly true that the U.N. has done little or nothing to save the world from long years of conflict and tragedy in Southeast Asia. There have been, and are even today, bitter civil conflicts with immense human suffering which the U.N. has been unable to relieve in any major way.

Frankly, I don't think it helps much to load the blame on the U.N. itself. When 50 countries met in San Francisco in 1945 they wrote into the Preamble of the Charter the determination of ordinary people "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." What a lot of us forgot, though, is that the U.N. cannot do that job for us. [The U.N. is not an automatic peace machine; it is more like a do-it-yourself kit. When the members use it right, it can do a lot, even in very dangerous conflict situations.] U.N. peacekeepers are still today "keeping the lid on" in two very dangerous areas -- the island republic of Cyprus in the eastern Mediterranean, and the disputed area of Kashmir between India and Pakistan. And in the U.N.'s most difficult assignment of all, the Middle East, I think it is fair to say that whatever precarious peace that region has enjoyed in the last generation -- and whatever hopes of peace it now may have -- would not have occurred without the United Nations.

Now, what about the future? Last year the U.N. reached its 25th birthday, and the best present it received was a thorough and highly critical going-over from its members. The United States has been in the lead in that critical exercise. It has been constructive criticism, and I am proud to count myself among the constructive critics. I agree with many of the excellent recommendations in the recent report of the President's Commission on the U.N., headed by my able predecessor Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge. For example, the General Assembly is too talkative and too unruly, and we are working right now on recommendations to streamline its procedures. The U.N.'s work in international development has been having growing pains and badly needs to be reorganized; and a drastic overhaul is under way right now.

And, I may say, I was shocked to find the U.N. in deplorable financial shape, largely because certain members, principally the Soviet Union, have for long years refused to pay assessments for certain peacekeeping actions of the U.N. which they didn't approve of. Now an effort is under way, with the help of the distinguished Ambassador Hambro, who was President of the General Assembly last year, to solve that financial problem by getting voluntary contributions from members that have a capacity to make them -- and that includes the Soviet Union as well as France, Britain and the United States. I think the time is near when members that are able to help put the U.N. on its financial feet must either give that help or let world opinion conclude that they don't really want an effective world organization for peace.]

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I am convinced that the world needs -- and we in the United States need, for our own security and well-being -- an effective organization for peace and cooperation. If the U.N. is not effective enough in that role, we have only one reasonable option, and that is to make it more effective.

Let me share with you one big reason why I feel that way. It can be summed up in one word: technology. In the past generation the scientists and engineers and medical men -- in this country and abroad -- have put into our hands these incredible new powers -- to heal, to lengthen life, to communicate and travel at unheard of speeds, to go to the moon, to mine the bottom of the sea, to abolish hunger and poverty.

Not all the results of progress have been good. Along with the lengthening of life comes overpopulation. Along with peaceful nuclear power comes the nuclear arms race. Along with new industries, new cars and jet planes, comes the pollution and wounding of our environment and the deterioration of our cities.

And -- perhaps the most significant of all technology's results -- the world is now so linked together by trade and investment, by radio and television and jet travel, that we simply have to try to tackle our problems together. Nations may be capitalist or socialist, dictatorships or democracies, rich or poor, black, brown, or white, big or little -- but never in history have people everywhere been so aware that this is one world with one human species living in it with common needs and common desires.

President Nixon pointed out in his foreign policy report to Congress:

"...We now face an increasing range of problems which are central to our national well-being but which are, by definition, global problems, or problems which can only be dealt with effectively on a global scale.

And the President then added this:

"The nations of the world do sometimes have conflicting interests of a real and substantial nature. Of greater import, however, is our shared and transcendent interest in the livability of our common home, the earth."

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I confess to you that I am a born optimist. I believe the United Nations can and will be cured of its worst weaknesses, and will make in the years to come, major new contributions to that goal the President said we Americans share a great interest in -- "the livability of our common home, the earth." I believe it will make that contribution if -- and this is not an impossible if -- the people become newly aware of what the U.N. can do for them, because if they understand that they will most surely want it to succeed and give it their energetic support.

That is the word about the U.N. which I hope, with your help, to bring to the American people. And with their help [we can, I am convinced, make the U.N. one of the world's greatest instruments for peace and a world our children will want to live in.]

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THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1989

Dear Nick,

Those photos from our Tacoma visit were great. Thanks so much for sending me copies through Della Newman.

A lot has happened since that visit, and this is an exciting time for us. We'll never forget all the stops along the way and the many new friends that cheered us on.

Best wishes, with appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The Honorable B. C. (Peck) McMin
Mayor of Lubbock
Lubbock, Texas 79402



THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1989

Dear Peck,

The "inside-the-beltway" (here)
crowd may have trouble identifying
with what you said about
Lubbock and its values; but I
sure don't. Your comments in the
attached story were great. Sincerely,

Cap Burke

✓ cc: Robert Blake

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Bush Gives Lubbock Plenty to Talk About

By Elizabeth Hudson
Special to The Washington Post

AUSTIN, Tex., March 7—Country-western singer Mac Davis wrote that "Happiness is Lubbock, Tex., in my rear-view mirror," perhaps mindful of the wide, flat plains dotted with tumbling tumbleweeds and the weather, which ranges from blizzards to drought to sandstorms.

Several verses later, he changed his mind, and folks who live there apparently agree with him. Today, President Bush gave them plenty to talk about when he mentioned their town prominently at a White House news conference.

"Lubbock is a nice place," Allen Hagens, a winery official, said of his hometown. "Everything you need is right here, but it still isn't too big."

"Lubbock is pretty stable, always has been," said Dave Knapp, executive editor of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "The weather is gorgeous. We have 260 days of sunshine every year."

"People here are steady, God-fearing and patriotic," Mayor B.C. (Peck) McMinn added. "We stand up when the flag goes by."

When a reporter suggested today

that Bush's administration was off to a sluggish start, the president said he had "talked to a fellow from Lubbock, Tex., the other day, which was the best phone call I've made. And he said, 'All the people in Lubbock think things are going just great.'"

The person with whom Bush spoke was Robert W. Blake, a Lubbock oilman who served on Bush's national campaign-finance committee last year.

"He's only had 45 days," Blake said of Bush. "All they do is criticize him. 'But ... you will not find George Bush when he's down. He just called; we talked back and forth, like friends do ...'"

Bush, fielding questions about defense secretary-designate John G. Tower, said, "Never get all too uptight about stuff that hasn't reached Lubbock yet," evoking memories of the phrase "Will it play in Peoria?" that dates from the Nixon administration.

Like Peoria, Ill., Lubbock is an agricultural center with a predominantly white, middle-class population. Unlike Peoria, Lubbock's 186,000 citizens live on a 106.3 square miles that produce the

world's third largest cotton crop. Lubbock is a farming and manufacturing city, home of Texas Tech University and Reese Air Force Base. The nearest city is Amarillo, 120 miles north. Alone on the high plains, Lubbock often has been the subject of jokes by the rest of Texas.

Three vineyards have opened there since 1976, bringing the area conomy new respect. Last year, more than 100,000 cases of wine were produced there and distributed throughout Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona. Next to the grave of rock star Buddy Holly and the Ranching Museum at Texas Tech, the vineyards have become a major tourist attraction.

If the Bush administration is off to a stumbling start, Lubbock apparently is unaware of it. "Things have a hard time catching up here sometimes," Knapp said. "We usually find things out later."

McMinn noted that "our perception is that he's not stumbling around. The John Tower thing is unfortunate, but the average citizen is getting enough of it. This is not that big of a story here. It's big in Washington because it's party politics."

McMinn said Lubbock likes to think of itself as the new Peoria, noting that his city is a reflection of middle America. "Lubbock is a good solid part of the country," he said. "We do things the old-fashioned way. I think more people in America are getting back to that."

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g seems to be bubbling around."

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THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1989

Dear Tom and Eveline,

Barbara and I were saddened to learn of your tragic loss. Oh, how it must hurt--but friends and family help. God will sustain you and, as He did us, give you strength and peace.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and we send our heartfelt condolences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. H. W. Bush".

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bush

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March 3, 1989

Dear Sybil:

Barbara and I were so very saddened to learn of Harry's death, and we share in your sorrow.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family for strength and peace in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH

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✓ cc: Jan Burmeister

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THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1989

Dear Ralph,

Congratulations on your sixth anniversary with "Nashville Now." If you keep doing for those Tennessee air waves what you did for us on the campaign, then you've only just begun!

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes, with appreciation.

Sincerely,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Ralph Emery

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Nashville, Tennessee 37214

bcc: Jan B



THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1989

Dear Rabbi Besser,

Jonathan sent me your wonderful letter. And so, the saying, "The Jewish calendar is a catechism," comes alive!

Thanks again for sharing in the Inaugural celebration. Best wishes to you, with appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

FROM
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PRESS BRIEFING
BY
MARLIN FITZWATER

March 8, 1989

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Office of the Press Secretary

PRESS BRIEFING
BY
MARLIN FITZWATER

March 8, 1989

The Briefing Room

11:22 A.M. EST

MR. FITZWATER This morning, the President had an intelligence briefing at 8:00 a.m.; National Security briefing at 8:15 a.m.; meeting with Governor Sununu at 8:45 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., he met with Republican congressional leadership.

To give you a brief fill-in on that -- I guess you talked to some of the leaders outside -- basically, the President went through a number of issues. This was the entire leadership, which included Senators Dole, Simpson, Armstrong, Chafee, Cochran, Nickles, Thurmond, Congressmen Michel, Cheney, Lewis, Edwards, Hunter, McCollum, Weber, Vander Jagt, and assorted staff people -- Vice President Quayle, Dick Darman, et cetera.

Q Atwater?

MR. FITZWATER And Lee Atwater, yes. The President mentioned a couple issues. He said simply the same thing he said here yesterday on the Tower debate and on the Eastern strike. On Senator Tower, he emphasized once again the issue is fairness and decency to John Tower and the historical right of a president to appoint a Cabinet of his choosing. He said perception is not a fair standard and we will fight this through.

On the Eastern strike, he again reiterated that he will immediately send up legislation if there are secondary boycotts. He said that labor and management must work this out together.

On the budget, he said the administration is pleased by the progress that's been made, feels we've moved very rapidly, that investing in America's future is a very important part of what we're trying to do in cutting the deficit. Reordering priorities, and keeping the economy sound is the crucial element of the budget.

On foreign policy, he said that, as he had said at the beginning of the administration, the strategy was first to touch bases with our allies, and Secretary Baker has gone to the NATO meeting; then the Secretary had the meeting with Shevardnadze; that we would expect to complete the foreign policy review sometime next month, and after that we'd be prepared to resume the START talks and discuss the summit, presumably in a Baker trip in May.

Q How likely is a summit this year, Marlin? Can you say any more on that?

MR. FITZWATER: I can't speculate. I would repeat only what Secretary Baker said, is that that's an issue to be discussed when he meets with Foreign Minister Shevardnadze later.

Q Well, did the President offer any indication of whether he wants to see a summit scheduled for this year?

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MR. FITZWATER: No. He made no -- only the most oblique reference to it. Said he met last night with Secretary Baker briefly before the event at the State Department to discuss his trip, and that he would meet with him later this afternoon, which he will do at 1:30 p.m., for a more complete briefing on the conventional arms talks in Vienna.

He mentioned the Defense Strategy Review and the status of that; his visit to the Pentagon and discussion with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the civilian leadership on the status of those reviews. He summarized the minimum wage proposal, reporting that he had met with the labor and resource Republicans yesterday to emphasize that he's giving them our best and last figure up front; that his proposal for an increase to \$4.25 an hour is fair and firm and his last offer. He also mentioned the AK-47 situation, saying that he would welcome any solutions the group could provide. Said the American people and himself are greatly troubled by this situation, and that he's asked Bill Bennett to consider possible solutions as well.

And then the last -- maybe another quarter of the meeting was spent by Dick Darman describing the budget process. Dick also felt the process was going quite well. He repeated again that he had provided 4,000 pages of line-by-line detail, virtually everything the committees had asked for. He said the initial testimony process is almost completed, and they're beginning to look at the details of a process for having meetings with the leadership and the relevant committees. Those haven't been worked out yet, but the feeling was we were very close and we're still trying to shoot for the deadlines for the budget resolutions April 1st and April 15th.

Q Marlin, does this mean that the negotiations have begun?

MR. FITZWATER: Not yet, no.

Q Did he give any idea in the meeting of the time frame -- when you expect them to begin?

MR. FITZWATER: No, other than we hope to have a budget resolution by the April 1st Senate deadline -- I think it's April 15th in the House. And we'll be moving into that phase now, but we don't have a plan yet for exactly how those meetings will take place.

Q Then, how would you describe the difference between what is going on now -- the meetings that are going on now and the negotiations that we expect to --

MR. FITZWATER: Well, we don't have -- I couldn't describe a difference, because you're assuming a structure that hasn't been determined yet. We have gone through discussions of great detail with the committees. We just -- we're completing the hearing phase now. I think the committees have taken most of the public testimony that they're going to take. And so we're now ready to enter the next phase, which includes discussions of various kinds. But the structure of those and who would be involved and whether it would be one, two, three groups -- whatever -- is still being worked out with the membership.

Q Marlin, on this matter of the historical precedent of the right of the President to pick his Cabinet, Tower himself, during his career, cast several votes against nominees, including a vote against Warnke, which he said was for purely partisan reasons. What's the difference now with a Democrat voting against Tower?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, any number of people have cast votes against various candidates for whatever reason that they have, but that does not diminish the historical tradition that a President normally has been granted his nominees, barring some major qualification problem.

Q Marlin, the President said several times yesterday during his news conference that he only hoped that he could complete the defense review within the 90-day deadline. Baker has now said and you have said that the foreign policy review will be completed in this time frame. Can you tell us whether you also expect now the defense review to be completed? Wouldn't you have to complete both so Baker would be in a knowledgeable position to go to Moscow?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, we would hope they would both be completed fairly well in the same time frame, although we're a little behind because of the Tower nomination.

Q Well, what we're talking about is strategic modernization when we talk defense review. And how can you adopt a foreign policy position on arms control without first having decided MX, Midgetman and some of these other things over at Defense?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, we would attempt to make those decisions and to complete that review during this time period and to have that done.

Q But --

MR. FITZWATER: But we're not willing to say for sure and we're not willing to set deadlines. Can't tell you exactly when things will be completed. But the goal is to complete both of those as rapidly as possible and, as you say, to make all those decisions that have to be made and then move on to the next stage.

Q How long --

Q Well, but logically, since Baker is now committed to going to Moscow in May, don't you have to complete the defense review before Baker leaves for Moscow?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, we would hope to, and certainly that is well within the time frame for doing it, yes.

Q Marlin, does the President have a reaction to Lee Atwater's forced resignation from the Howard board, and is he going to talk about this matter tomorrow night in New York?

MR. FITZWATER: No reaction other than what he told you yesterday, that he hoped things would be worked out, and they have been. (Laughter.)

Q Does the President want the Republican leaders in the Senate to continue this struggle indefinitely, that is, beyond this week in what would be called a filibuster under other circumstances? Or is he amenable to settling for a vote some time this week?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, our goal is confirmation, and whatever strategy is best capable of achieving that goal is the one he wants to follow. And Senator Dole is leading that effort on the floor and making certain key decisions about timing and so forth, and the bottom line is when we get the votes, we'll want to vote.

Q Senator Mitchell says he has the votes and that he'd like to have -- get it over with, and that he's got them.

MR. FITZWATER: Well, we're still working on them, and we picked up one yesterday and one the day before, and we're on a roll here, so -- (laughter) --

Q So do you disagree with Mitchell?

MR. FITZWATER: -- so we're going to keep fighting out --

Q Who is today's vote?

MR. FITZWATER: Oh, I can't say.

Q Marlin, you said the American public and the President are greatly troubled by "the situation" in reference to the AK-47. Can you tell me specifically what is "the situation" that troubles them?

MR. FITZWATER: I don't know that I'm qualified to give that description, but you've all raised many questions -- you, yourself, Wendell, about the AK-47s and the killings that have resulted from that, and the use of them and their availability and so forth -- all of those questions.

Q I'm trying to get, because it seems the President kind of changes the situation slightly, depending on the context of the question. I want to know whether it's the availability of assault weapons --

MR. FITZWATER: Thank you, Wendell.

Q -- the convertability of assault weapons -- which --

MR. FITZWATER: Those are all part of the problem we'll be looking into.

Q A follow-up on the defense review. Who is actually administering this and heading it up on a day-to-day basis? Is it Taft? Is it Scowcroft? Is it the JCS? Or is it Tower?

MR. FITZWATER: It's Will Taft and Scowcroft and the JCS and Tower -- all of the above. (Laughter.)

Q That's what's wrong with it.

Q It's being done by a committee then?

Q Hydra-headed?

MR. FITZWATER: It's being done by the Defense Department under the direction of Will Taft and coordinated in the White House by Brent Scowcroft, the President's National Security Advisor.

Q Marlin, where does the administration stand with the Third World debt plan, and does the President favor some forgiveness of loans by U.S. banks?

MR. FITZWATER: Saw that story in The Wall Street Journal this morning. The administration is considering the Third World debt problem. The Treasury is looking at any number of ideas which relate to this issue. Some of them have been discussed with the NSC and the State Department; some of them haven't. No final decisions have been made at this point, and we don't have any plan to announce. That story, I would say, is premature.

Q Well, do you expect something this week?

MR. FITZWATER: I just can't say. I can't say.

Q Has the President indicated his thinking on the question of forgiveness of loans? It seems to me during the campaign once or twice he hinted at that, and I'm wondering where he stands now.

MR. FITZWATER: I don't believe he has made any comment, and if he had, I certainly wouldn't want to repeat it here, because I wouldn't want to prejudice the process in any way.

Q Marlin, when did the President learn of Lee Atwater's resignation from Howard's board?

MR. FITZWATER: Lee sent his letter of resignation over to Governor Sununu and called Governor Sununu last night, and the Governor notified the President.

Q About what time was that?

MR. FITZWATER: I don't know.

Q This morning, The Detroit News published a story that says that a Japanese aerospace company, Mitsubishi, is working in Libya to enable the Libyans to build nerve gas bombs; has put equipment in that plant so that nerve gas bombs and artillery shells can be produced. I have two questions on that. Does the White House have any reaction to that, first of all?

MR. FITZWATER: Do you want to give me the second one, or is it a bombshell you're going to -- (laughter) -- shock me with later? Go ahead and give me the second one just in case I can wrap them up together.

Q The second element is that the company involved, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, is the same company that would be involved in producing the FSX airplane should the administration go forward following what I understand is the current review. So I would also like to know whether the fact that Mitsubishi appears to be involved with the Libyan gas plant has had any impact on that FSX situation?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, to take the first question first -- (laughter) -- I did see that story this morning. The matter of the Libyan chemical plant is one of utmost concern to the United States. We have raised it in any number of forums, not the least of which is the chemical conference in Paris. You're all aware, of course, of our communications with Germany and other countries that have had any influence that could be brought to bear on this matter. And, of course, it is being looked into from every aspect by our own intelligence services and investigative bodies.

However, as these things go, I just cannot comment on the status of their work at this point. I would say that we at least have no conclusions we're ready to discuss at this point. And having said that, it's pretty hard to go on to the next step. The FSX decision has not been made yet; it's expected relatively soon, but no decision documents have gone to the President yet -- which he also mentioned to the group this morning, by the way. They asked about the FSX decision.

Q It's due Friday.

MR. FITZWATER: He said that he hadn't made a decision yet and the reports to the contrary were not accurate.

Q Marlin, it's due Friday.

Q Can I follow on that?

MR. FITZWATER: Yes.

Q Has the administration, anyone in the administration, been in contact with anyone in the Japanese government regarding this information, which the CIA has given to Congress?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, I don't know that any part of that story is correct, in a sense. I don't know whether it was a briefing or anything, so I just can't answer that.

Q Do you know whether any part of that story is incorrect?

MR. FITZWATER: I don't have any idea. I would refer you to the State Department and the CIA.

Q Would this affect the FSX decision?

Q Marlin, the specialists at OPM -- Personnel Management -- say that alcohol abuse that happened more than three years prior to an appointment is not a disqualification so long as evidence of rehabilitation is furnished. Can you tell us if Senator Tower has furnished evidence of rehabilitation, and did he report on his Form 86 the alcohol abuse?

MR. FITZWATER: The issue is not the latter, but the former. There's no evidence of alcohol abuse.

Q Well, he said he did -- he said he drank to excess in the '70s, didn't he?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, you can use a lot of those words, but he's asking me for a legal interpretation on alcohol abuse and I don't think there's been any evidence to show --

Q Actually, I'm not. I'm asking if he's furnished evidence of rehabilitation. Whether or not you believe there's alcohol abuse, is there evidence of rehabilitation?

MR. FITZWATER: But you don't need -- you don't rehabilitate something that isn't there in the first place.

Q Well, that's true, but did he furnish it? He did not?

MR. FITZWATER: He wasn't an alcohol abuser.

Q On the defense and foreign policy reviews, do you know yet whether these are going to be made public -- are going to come out in some kind of report form, and will there be an effort to have them ready in time for this NATO meeting that President Bush is going to in April?

MR. FITZWATER: I don't know of -- I don't know what the plans are for specific release of document, that sort of thing. On the other hand, I am certain that it will all be made clear in terms of our policy, our positions in the arms talks, our position with regard to East-West relations and Soviet relations, and so forth. So it will all be a part of a public process, but I don't know about the specific -- whether there will ever be a report that says this is it, or not.

Q How soon do you expect to have a report from the FBI on these latest allegations? Is there any indication of that?

MR. FITZWATER: What latest allegations?

Q Against Tower.

MR. FITZWATER: The FBI isn't looking into any allegations.

Q Well, wait a minute.

Q Nunn said that --

Q I thought Nunn had kicked it over to the FBI.

MR. FITZWATER: No. Nunn has never asked the FBI to look into it, nor has he asked us to look into it.

Q Does the White House consider --

Q Would you feel safe in saying that if the Mitsubishi Company is making nerve gas shells, that the FSX technology would not be given to them?

MR. FITZWATER: I can't comment in any way, Jerry. I have no idea.

Q Marlin, did that issue of the Libyan plant come up in the meetings that the President has held with Takeshita?

MR. FITZWATER: The story in the Detroit paper was widely known and the story was mentioned, but there was no response and no conclusions or anything.

Q What do you mean the story was mentioned?

Q Since when?

Q And where? Are you talking about in Tokyo? Are you talking about the meeting in Washington?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, you're asking in the meeting this morning, right?

Q No, no, no. The meetings that the President has held with Takeshita.

MR. FITZWATER: Oh. No, no, no, no.

Q It never came up?

MR. FITZWATER: No.

Q The issue of the Libyan plant has never come up?

MR. FITZWATER: No. Oh, wait. Now, wait a minute. You said the Libyan plant or the FSX or --

Q The Libyan plant. The Libyan plant.

MR. FITZWATER: The Libyan plant. Well, I can't say. Last time I got in trouble for this. I don't think I'd better -- I can't say "ever." He had a lot of meetings, talked to a lot of people. I couldn't say.

Q Well, they've had two meetings, haven't they?

Q To clarify, Marlin --

MR. FITZWATER: Now, wait a minute. You're talking about Asia, right?

Q Takeshita. Just Takeshita.

MR. FITZWATER: Just Takeshita? I guess I need to listen closer.

Q Takeshita and Bush. Here or there. That's two meetings, both in February.

MR. FITZWATER: Yes. I don't believe it did.

Q Well, has it been brought up with any Japanese officials at any point?

MR. FITZWATER: That I don't know. How would -- can't speak for everybody in the government.

Q I want to clarify a point. Did you say that The Detroit News story and this Mitsubishi involvement was mentioned this morning in the President's meeting?

MR. FITZWATER: One of the congressmen mentioned it, yes.

Q And what did he say, and what did the President respond?

MR. FITZWATER: He just said there was a story to this effect, and there was no response.

Q No response?

MR. FITZWATER: Yes.

Q Marlin, since you are on chemical weapons, Secretary Baker's announcement about the intention to withdraw all chemical weapons from Western Europe didn't clear up whether the United States are not planning to replace them with binary weapons. Can you state your position on this?

MR. FITZWATER: I would like to refer you to the State Department on it. He had a very specific proposal. I don't have it before me, but I know they can clarify it very quickly.

Q On the sequence of events with the Soviets if Baker is going over there in May to discuss a summit, are you prepared to move to a summit --

MR. FITZWATER: No, he's going over there in May, and he said in Vienna that that would be something they'd probably discuss there. But I wouldn't want to overemphasize it.

Q He's going over there in May, and that's one of the things that they would probably discuss there. You're willing, then, to discuss a summit perhaps even prior to completing the review -- certainly prior to completing anything at the START negotiations?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, I would refer you to Secretary Baker for those kinds of sequences. I simply repeat what he said in Vienna, that that's something he would probably discuss in May in Moscow.

Q What kind of a summit would President Bush like to have? Is it one contingent upon an arms agreement, or is it not?

MR. FITZWATER: We wouldn't try to give any definition to it at this point. I think Secretary Baker was giving it only a mention in terms of an agenda item, and I wouldn't want to highlight it beyond that.

Q Back on the budget. What did Darman mean when he said things were going well? The administration clearly had anticipated or had hoped that there would be high-level budget discussions and sort of a joint budget process designed to meet the congressional deadlines -- we're now just several weeks from the Senate deadline -- there have been no such high-level discussions. Not a lot seems to be happening. What does he mean when he says that?

MR. FITZWATER: He means that the hearing process was the first step, and that is just about completed, and that we had envisioned various kinds of high-level meetings, and that we are still optimistic that that will happen. And we're about at the process where we should start seeing something relatively soon.

Q Did he cite any reason to believe that the leaders of Congress were willing to hold such discussions or appoint the

people to be on a team to do that, or anything specific, or just some hope?

MR. FITZWATER: Yes. The first reference, of course, goes back to Senator Mitchell's comments on the day the budget came out that the leadership would be interested --

Q He's not hopeful on the strength of that, is he?

MR. FITZWATER: -- but he also is able to talk about a number of specific plans and proposals that are being considered that give us a reason for some optimism that there will be these meetings. We are discussing specifics.

Q Marlin, following up on that, is there any intent to try to light a fire under anybody? I mean, the President has said this is the most important domestic issue before him. He promised during the campaign to start negotiating on the first day in office, although that may not be his fault that he hasn't. But there doesn't seem to be any real urgency to it. Is there any intent to pressure Congress to get moving?

MR. FITZWATER: What do you mean? It's right on track. It's progressing very smoothly right on track, on a timetable set by the Congress and recognized by us. There's no problem -- it's going great.

Q On the Third World debt issue again -- a lot of people are concerned that a replication of what happened in Venezuela could happen in Mexico within the next 30 days because of debts that are owed -- due there. Does the President have any intention to come out with some kind of a proposal to diffuse that situation, in Mexico in particular, either through a proposal or through meetings with Mexican leaders in the near future?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, the Treasury Department is monitoring and reviewing Third World debt situation on a country-by-country basis. But I certainly wouldn't speculate on any country having any situation that might call for immediate action. And you bring up Mexico, but we haven't -- I wouldn't get involved in that kind of speculation.

Q Nunn said on the Senate floor yesterday that last Thursday or Friday, when they got new allegations about Tower, he got in touch with the FBI and was told that the White House had put the FBI out of business in terms of investigating further allegations.

Q That's not what he said. That isn't what he said.

Q And that's why he sent his own investigators, but that later the FBI was back in the picture. You seem to indicate that such communications with Nunn did not take place.

Regardless of that, is the FBI available -- (laughter) -- Is the FBI available --

MR. FITZWATER: Thank you, Leo, for making my general views. (Laughter.)

Q Do you stipulate to that?

Q Is the FBI available for further investigation of Senator Tower between now and the time the Senate takes the vote if there is a request from either Senator or Nunn or Senator --

MR. FITZWATER: Well, let's go back and see if we can sort out all the Leo Rennert suppositions here. In the first place, the FBI has always been available to look into any allegations that have been raised. None have been raised with us or with the FBI. The FBI was never asked to get involved by the Committee, by Senator

Nunn or by the White House. They are always available. They are not working on anything at this moment. (Laughter.) Now, does that answer all your questions?

Q Anything else, you mean.

Q Yes.

MR. FITZWATER: Except, hopefully, our appointments.

Q They remain available, is what you're saying?

MR. FITZWATER: Sure.

Q Are you talking about the whole history of this investigation or are you just talking about the most recent allegations? You said they were never asked to investigate.

MR. FITZWATER: No, I'm just saying this recent -- Leo suggested that the FBI had been asked to do something. I said they have never been asked -- we were never asked.

Q Marlin, in the morning meeting, was the question of Tower appearing before the Senate discussed? And did Dole stay behind after the larger meeting to discuss this and other matters with the President?

MR. FITZWATER: That specific item was not discussed. I don't know whether Dole stayed behind or not. He was going to meet with Governor Sununu today and maybe they did it at that time -- I never noticed.

Q As far as you know --

MR. FITZWATER: He didn't come outside?

Q As far -- no -- as far as you know, there's been no decision on that?

MR. FITZWATER: I don't know.

Q Still here?

Q I saw him leaving. And he raced up to -- he left when --

MR. FITZWATER: I just don't know. Whatever the Senate and Senator Dole decide they want to do and Senator Tower.

Q Marlin, the President said yesterday he's working on his legislative package. Is a human life amendment going to be part of it?

MR. FITZWATER: I haven't heard a discussion of the human life amendment.

Q So you don't think he's going to introduce one into this Congress?

MR. FITZWATER: No, I just don't know. I'd have to talk to Roger Porter about what the status is.

Q What was the President's reaction to Senator Nunn dipping into another committee and sending investigators to Texas to look into still more charges?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, he was surprised. We just had no idea this was happening.

Okay, anybody else?

Q Only surprised? Does he think that's fair to the process -- to Senator Tower?

Q Say it louder.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1989

Dear Steven,

Thanks for your balanced commentary of February 24, and for the extra 900 days!

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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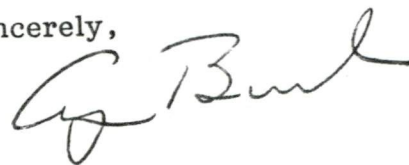
Dear Ella:

Now that the first hectic weeks are behind me, I wanted to thank you for that great message. It brought back some wonderful memories for Barbara and me. Mike was a marvelous baseball player and a very good man -- it was a privilege to be his teammate.

Barbara and I are looking forward to the many challenges ahead, and counting on prayers and good wishes like yours to help us meet them.

With our warm regards,

Sincerely,



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March 8, 1989

Dear Nick,

Ray delivered your thoughtful gift, as promised. "BASS WARS" is a little less formidable than some of my daytime fare, and I'll enjoy it immensely.

Best wishes, with thanks.

Sincerely,

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March 8, 1989

Dear Betty,

How thoughtful of you to send the Australian edition of TIME and the clips. You did vote absentee, didn't you?

Thanks, too, for all your hard work helping us get the team together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. H. W. Bush".

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