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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Wednesday, March 22, 1989

7:45 am	<u>The President departs for Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Wilmington, Delaware</u> (Studdert)	South Lawn (TAB A -- Trip Schedule)
2:30 pm	<u>The President arrives White House</u>	South Lawn
2:30 pm (2 hrs 15 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
4:45 pm (15 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
6:00 pm (60 min)	B <u>Reception for the "Inaugural Family Housing Group"</u> (Firestone)	Residence (TAB C)

SUPPLEMENTARY BRIEFING MATERIALS

TAB B -- Briefing on local issues/Lancaster, Pennsylvania and
Wilmington, Delaware (Anderson)

-- Political Background Report/Pennsylvania

-- Political Background Report/Delaware

UNP 03/21/89
4:00 pm

(see attached trip schedule)

2:06 arr S. lawn 2:09 arr 2nd Flr Res. 2:12 Dpt Res. 2:14 arr Oval
2:16 add Ben's Groweroff 2:27 add Bates 2:30 Bates + Groweroff out
2:31 ~~add~~ add Margaret Bush + Lloyd Hatcher

2:45 Groweroff in 2:50 Annun in 3:12 Groweroff out
3:14 Annun out 3:35 Isabella, Annun + Robert Perkins into Oval
3:42 all out of Oval, Pater remains 4:05 Dr. Burt Lee to Oval
4:20 Burt Lee out 4:46 add Annun 5:11 add Fitzwater
5:22 Annun out 5:25 Fitzwater out 5:57 dpt Oval to Res.
5:59 arr 2nd Flr Res.

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WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT

MARCH 22

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	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	7:33 AM	7:34	PATTY PRESOCK OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. X515	TALKED OK
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	7:36 AM	7:39	CONG. ROBERT MICHEL (b)(6)	TALKED OK 7:37a
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MR. CHASE UNTERMEYER OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. white house admin. x689	TALKED OK
INC	2:29 PM	2:32		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		SEC. JAMES BAKER (b)(6)	TALKED OK
INC	3:07 PM	3:15		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		CONGRESSMAN EDWARD MADIGAN OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 225-2371	TALKED OK
INC	3:22 PM	3:25		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		DR. BURTON LEE OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. X797	TALKED OK
INC	3:54 PM	3:55		

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

MARCH 22

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	TIME		NAME	ACTION
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OUT	AM		MR. CHASE UNTERMEYER OFC: WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. BD. X689	ON PHONE TALKED OK 4:53p
INC	4:48 PM	4:56		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM		MR. BUDDY HOPKINS	DA HOLD FOR AG TALKED OK 7:28p
OUT	AM		(b)(6)	
INC	5:48 PM	7:29		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM		VIDEO SERVICES WHITE HOUSE ADMIN BD. X4125	SGT. PHILLIPS TALKED OK
OUT	AM			
INC	7:26 PM	7:27		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM		VIDEO SERVICES WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. BD. X4125	SGT. PHILLIPS TALKED OK
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INC	8:48 PM	8:49		
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

March 22, 1989

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
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OUT	11:46 AM	11:47	Congressman Newt Gingrich Office, Washington, D.C. 225-4501	Tlkd-ok 11:46 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	11:48 AM		Ms. Patty Presock Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 2-2199	WCL 11:48 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Conference Call: President Alfredo Cristiani Office, San Salvador, El Salvador 245-863	Tlkd-ok 2:43 PM
INC	2:40 PM	2:48		
OUT	AM		Mr. Paul Lebras White House Situation Room White House Signal 2-2262	
INC	PM			
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George Bush Handwriting

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Congress of the United States
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives

Happy St. Pat's
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17 Mar 89

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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

Washington, D.C.
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Wilmington, Delaware
LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 22 March 1989

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0747	South Grounds
0751	Depart South Grounds via Marine One
0840	Arrive Conestoga Valley High School Landing Zone,
	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
0944	Depart Conestoga Valley High School via Motorcade
0956	Arrive Penn Johns Elementary School
1046	Depart Penn Johns Elementary School via Motorcade
1056	Arrive Conestoga Valley High School Landing Zone
1058	Depart Conestoga Valley High School via Marine One
1124	Arrive Wilmington Airport, Wilmington, Delaware
1131	Depart Wilmington Airport via Motorcade
1142	Arrive Walnut Street YMCA
1217	Depart Walnut Street YMCA via Motorcade
1220	Arrive Radisson Hotel
1300	Depart Radisson Hotel via Motorcade
1314	Arrive Wilmington Airport
1317	Depart Wilmington Airport via Marine One
1407	Arrive South Grounds
1410	Residence
1414	Oval Office
1802	Residence
1914	South Grounds
1921	Residence

Wednesday, March 22

6:00 Breakfast for the President and Mrs. Bush
6:00 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
6:06 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
6:30 Neil Bush to the West Wing
7:02 Adm. Scowcroft and William Gates to the Second Floor 7:29 down
7:20 Neil Bush to the Second Floor with four guests
7:50 The President to the South Grounds to board Marine One
en route Lancaster, Pa. and Wilmington, De.
7:59 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
9:50 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
9:55 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
10:05 Mrs. Bush to Diplomatic Reception Room for photo
10:15 Mrs. Bush departs White House for "Grandma's House"
11:15 Mrs. Bush arrives south Grounds, to the Second Floor
11:19 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
11:25 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
12:30 Mrs. Stewart, Fritchey, Graham, Rockefeller, Helms, and
Miss. Greenfield to the Second Floor
2:10 The President arrives South Grounds aboard Marine One,
to the Second Floor
2:15 The President to the Oval Office
2:25 Mrs. Bush accompanies guests to the South Grounds
2:36 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
2:52 Margaret Bush to the Second Floor 3:10 down
3:55 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
3:57 Guests arrive Ground Floor, to the Second Floor for 40
Farewell Tea for Rosemary Gonzales
4:00 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
5:05 Tea Guests depart
5:09 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
5:21 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
6:03 The President to the Second Floor
6:05 Guests arrive State Floor, to the Second Floor for
Reception for Hosts for Family Members during
Inaugural Weekend
7:11 Guests depart
7:12 President and Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
7:21 President and Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
7:30 Don Rhodes to the Second Floor 7:50 down
7:45 Dinner for the President and Mrs. Bush
9:25 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
9:32 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
9:45 Retired



News Summary

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EDT EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush Claims Votes To Kill Pay Plan -- President Bush, in a pre-emptive strike to promote his own proposal, said Tuesday he lined up enough support in the Senate to kill a Democratic plan to increase the minimum wage. (AP, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japan Says FSX Fighter Agreement Should Not Be Changed -- Japan's defense minister said Wednesday that an agreement with the U.S. to jointly produce the FSX advanced fighter plane should not be changed. (Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, Reuter, UPI)

U.S. To Seek Talks Between Israelis And Local Arabs -- Secretary Baker said Tuesday that the U.S. would ask the PLO to allow Palestinians from the occupied territories to begin a discussion with the Israeli government to help pave the way for peace negotiations. (Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Washington Post)

NETWORK NEWS (Tuesday evening)

FSX -- President Bush announced plans to go ahead with development of the FSX fighter with Japan.

MINIMUM WAGE -- Secretary Dole said the President would not compromise with Congress on his minimum wage proposal.

INFLATION -- Consumer prices rose .4% in February, less than expected.

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NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH CLAIMS VOTES TO KILL PAY PLAN

President Bush, in a pre-emptive strike to promote his own proposal, said Tuesday he lined up enough support in the Senate to kill a Democratic plan to increase the minimum wage.

Calling reporters into the Oval Office a day before the House was to consider the issue, Bush held up a letter with the signatures of 35 Republican senators and said it gave the administration the strength to sustain a presidential veto of any unacceptable minimum wage package....

Bush...said the signatures "confirm that our package is the right way to go and which in my view, guarantees consideration of our carefully thought-out package."

Bush said, "We made our best offer first. And this letter seems to indicate that the senators understand this.... I view this as a very positive step."
(UPI)

Dems Lower Target, Bush Threatens Veto On Eve Of Minimum Wage Debate

Backers of House legislation to raise the minimum wage lowered their target to \$4.55 an hour on the eve of debate as President Bush declared he had the votes to sustain a veto should Congress go above \$4.25.

The Democratic sponsors of the bill, with scheduled floor debate beginning today, also agreed Tuesday to include a sub-minimum training wage in their measure, a 60-day proposal that falls far short of the six-month period demanded by Bush.
(John King, AP)

BUSH SAYS RESTRICTIVE FED POLICY MIGHT HURT ECONOMY

President Bush said Tuesday he would be unhappy if interest rate increases by the Fed put a damper on economic growth.

Although denying any policy differences with the central bank, Bush seemed to be signaling Fed Chairman Greenspan to go easy on interest rates.

"I don't want to see any actions taken that are going to kill off the growth in our economy," Bush told reporters in a brief question and answer session in the Oval Office.

Asked if he was sending a message to Greenspan...Bush said:

"It's a message to you, a message to the world through your typewriters," he told reporters.

"You're trying to get me in a fight with Alan Greenspan all the time. Look, he's calling the shots his way. And I've said we will be vigilant against inflation, but we want this recovery to keep going. I don't want it killed off by too restrictive a policy."

"I've told you I have no real complaints with Mr. Greenspan. And try as you might I'm not going to get in a fight with Alan Greenspan. That seems to be a great game here and I don't want to play that game."

(Michael Gelb, Reuter)

DESPITE GOOD NEWS, WHITE HOUSE WARY OF ECONOMIC PICTURE

Expectations of continued prosperity helped sweep President Bush into office, but inflation figures released Tuesday and last week have generated fears about the staying power of the economic recovery and warnings by some economists that a recession may be in the offing.

...The recent economic statistics have produced new concern about inflation and uncertainty about the economy, that Bush now shares, as economists warn that such factors as escalating wage settlements and the deadlock over resolution of the budget deficit do not bode well....

In Republican circles, the economic news has provoked fresh concern on several fronts: that an economic downturn would hamstring efforts to reduce the budget deficit, make the GOP vulnerable in next year's midterm elections and quickly diminish Bush's approval ratings and his ability to govern.

"Public opinion is with the President right now because of his personality. But that public support is tenuous, and what has been holding it together is a perception that the economy is in good shape," one influential Republican Party figure said last night, speaking on condition of anonymity. "If the economy goes sour, then that public support will evaporate in a hurry."

(Walter Robinson, Boston Globe)

CONSUMER PRICES UP 0.4%; RISE IS LESS THAN EXPECTED

Markets React Favorably To February Figure

The inflation fears that had gripped the nation's financial markets subsided yesterday when the government reported a 0.4% rise in the consumer price index for February, a figure lower than many economists had expected.

But analysts warned that indications of faster inflation will probably reappear in coming months....

The financial markets reacted favorably to what was regarded as a pleasant surprise, even though the February increase in the CPI is equivalent to a 5.1% annual rate....

The Dow...advanced 3.75 points yesterday to close at 2266.25. Prices of long-term Treasury bonds rose slightly after falling sharply in the two previous days.

(Paul Blustein, Washington Post, F1)

S&LS LOST \$12.1 BILLION LAST YEAR, FHLBB SAYS

The financial condition of the S&L industry continued to deteriorate last year despite a massive infusion of federal aid, with losses reaching a post-Depression high of at least \$12.1 billion, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board announced yesterday.

Separately, the director of OMB, Richard Darman, said rising interest rates since the beginning of the year will further hurt the nation's savings institutions, increasing the urgency for Congress to act quickly to bail out the industry.

Officials in Congress and the industry said the dismal results for the year underscore the difficulty the Bush administration faces in trying to make S&Ls rather than taxpayers shoulder most of the bailout cost....

(Kathleen Day, Washington Post, F1)

CREDITORS GET OK TO SUE S&LS

In a case involving the real estate partnership of former Dallas Mayor A. Starke Taylor Jr., the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that creditors may take insolvent S&L associations to court before exhausting their claims with regulators.

The 9-0 decision by the high court was viewed as a victory for thousands of creditors nationwide who want to pursue billions of dollars of claims in the courts rather than wait for often-lengthy FSLIC regulatory processes.

(Robert Dodge, Dallas Morning News)

BUSH TAKES ANTI-DRUG CRUSADE TO PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE

President Bush is taking his anti-drug campaign to the southeastern Pennsylvanian farmlands and Delaware's industrial hub as his drug czar weighs how to curb narcotics-related violence in the nation's capital.

Bush was traveling by helicopter to Lancaster, Pa., to discuss the drug problem before some 3,500 students, parents, faculty and community leaders....

Besides his appearance at Conestoga Valley High School, nestled in Pennsylvania Dutch country amid communities of Amish and Mennonite people, Bush was meeting in Wilmington, Del., with community organizations involved in the anti-drug abuse campaign.

(Merrill Hartson, AP)

Bush Takes Drug War To Rural America

President Bush shifted the focus of his anti-drug campaign Wednesday to pastoral and pristine Lancaster County, Pa., where people [in the area] were somewhat puzzled by the planned visit.

"There are a lot (who) question why he's coming here," Maribel Kraybill, operator of the county's Mennonite information center, said with a snicker.

"It's not like we have a real big drug problem, you know." ...

Although there were no drug-related homicides in Lancaster County last year and fewer than 100 drug felony arrests, a state crime commission said it had become "the hub of cocaine distribution in central Pennsylvania."

"Our problem isn't unlike a lot of areas of comparable size," said Lancaster County District Attorney Henry Kenderine. "It goes to show, though, that if drugs can be here, they can be anywhere."

(Thomas Ferraro, UPI)

BENNETT WEIGHS FLOATING PRISON BARGES

Floating prison barges in the Potomac River are among the options being considered by Drug Czar Bennett to combat the rampant drug-related violence that has made Washington the nation's murder capital.

Other options under consideration include evicting convicted drug dealers from public housing and creation of a 24-hour drug court similar to one being used in New York, an aide to Bennett said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But about the only decision Bennett's office has made so far on dozens of possibilities is that federal troops most likely won't be taking on police duties.

"It's not something that is in the works," Bennett said Tuesday at a drug conference in Paradise Valley, Ariz. "It's certainly nothing we've considered as a live option."

(Carolyn Skorneck, AP)

Bennett's D.C. Scheme Hits Snag; Thornburgh Wary Of Shifting Agents

Attorney General Thornburgh, in an apparent split with National Drug Policy Director Bennett, has expressed strong reservations about shifting federal law enforcement agents into the District to help reduce the city's soaring murder rate.

The Justice Department's position, expressed by a top Thornburgh aide yesterday, poses a potential threat to one of the central elements of Bennett's plans to aid the city -- the creation of a special federal-local task force that would use the agents to arrest large numbers of drug dealers.

Bennett and other officials yesterday strongly denied a report that the Bush administration, as part of its plan for the city, is considering bringing in the National Guard to control street violence. But as an alternative to using federal troops, Bennett aides have been considering shifting federal manpower, including agents from the FBI and the DEA, to work with city police on controlling drug violence....

David Runkel, a top aide to Thornburgh, said yesterday that FBI and DEA agents were "trained for major drug trafficking and money laundering cases...not for handling street crime."

The attorney general believes "it would be a mistake to take these trained agents working on international drug trafficking cases, which are the prime federal targets in the drug business, and reassign them to go after street junkies," said Runkel.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A1)

SPLIT COURT UPHOLDS 2 DRUG-TESTING PLANS Outlook Unclear For Broader U.S. Programs

The Supreme Court, ruling for the first time on the constitutionality of mandatory drug testing in the workplace, yesterday approved testing programs for workers in jobs involving law enforcement and public safety.

The rulings, hailed by Attorney General Thornburgh as a "momentous" victory for the Bush administration's war on drugs, upheld two testing programs. In one case, the court ruled 7 to 2 that Federal Railroad Administration regulations for testing railroad crews after accidents are constitutional. In the other, the court upheld, 5 to 4, a Customs Service policy of testing applicants for drug enforcement jobs.

But the close vote on the Customs case, which saw Justice Scalia break ranks with other conservatives and issue a spirited dissent, and the general tone of the opinions made it uncertain whether the court would uphold mandatory drug testing programs that do not have a clear connection to law enforcement, national security or public safety concerns....

(Al Kamen, Washington Post, A1)

Rulings Force Agencies To Reevaluate Test Policies; Thornburgh Says Government Will 'Take Full Advantage' Of Latitude Court Allows

Attorney General Thornburgh said yesterday that Supreme Court decisions allowing mandatory testing of employees in law enforcement and public safety for illegal drugs will force federal agencies to reexamine plans to subject more than 400,000 workers to possible random tests.

He declined to say whether the number might be reduced.

Thornburgh said the government would "tailor its programs to fit the rules" laid down by the Supreme Court and would also "take full advantage" of the latitude allowed by the court to require employees to undergo urinalysis.

(Judith Havemann, Washington Post, A14)

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LONGTIME BUSH ALLY TO HEAD RIGHTS UNIT President Aims To Make Commission 'Respectable Again,' Aides Say

President Bush has selected Arthur Fletcher, a moderate Republican who was one of his original black political allies, to head the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, a move that administration officials say signals Bush's intention to rebuild the agency after six years of turbulence and controversy.

Administration sources said the post was offered to Fletcher and he accepted it. Fletcher acknowledged discussing the job with White House aides, but said yesterday he had not "gotten the call from the President yet." Since the post is not a full-time government position, he said he sees "no conflict" between it and his announcement that he is considering another run for mayor of the District of Columbia....

Senior officials said yesterday the White House is examining whether and how to restructure the commission when it faces congressional reauthorization this fall.... (Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A9)

BUSH TO STAY OUT OF WRIGHT CONTROVERSY

Word has been carefully circulated in the White House that President Bush will stay out of the controversy swirling around House Speaker Wright and that he expects his underlings to do the same.

Aides said it would be a "no win" situation if Bush or his staff became enmeshed in any nasty partisan exchanges concerning Wright's struggle with the House ethics committee over his business dealings.

"We have no intention of getting involved in the Jim Wright situation," Bush's spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, declared emphatically at Tuesday's press briefing.

Peter Teeley, a Bush adviser outside the government, agreed with the strategy: "We don't need to throw any more kerosene on that fire. Let the House settle it."

Mitchell Daniels, the White House political director in the Reagan era...said Bush's involvement would be viewed by the public as "piling on." ...

Democrats, too, believe Bush will sit this one out.

Rep. Coelho...pointed out that Bush has visited Wright with cameras in tow and has otherwise shown deep respect for the office of speaker....

"I really don't see him doing anything to hurt the speaker," said Coelho. "That's the best we could hope for."

(John Mashek, Boston Globe)

HOUSE VOTES TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR HEAD START Bush Request Receives Bipartisan Support

The House voted yesterday to increase funding for Head Start, the popular education program for disadvantaged preschool children, agreeing to authorize the amount asked by President Bush....

The bill, which passed by voice vote, would increase authorized fiscal 1990 spending for the program by \$147 million to \$1.552 billion. The Senate must act before the money can be added to the 1990 budget through the regular appropriations process.

(Don Phillips, Washington Post, A4)

NORTH AIDED COVER-UP ON FENCE, WITNESS SAYS

A former CIA electronics specialist testified yesterday that shortly after the Iran-contra affair broke open, Oliver North sent him phony documents to hide the fact that someone other than North had paid for a \$13,873 security system around North's house.

Described by the trial judge at the close of the session as a man with "a CIA-devilish mind," Glenn Robinette said he sent North fake backdated bills for the security system in response to a December 1986 phone call from the beleaguered Marine officer....

(George Lardner, Washington Post, A9)

BAN IS SUGGESTED ON POTATO, BANANA PESTICIDE

The EPA is reviewing a staff recommendation to ban a pesticide used on potatoes and bananas that is said to pose a health risk to children.

Aldicarb, an insecticide applied to about 40% of the U.S. potato crop and to 3% of then bananas imported to this country from Central America, can cause gastrointestinal disturbances, blurred vision and disorientation if consumed in excessive amounts, the EPA staff wrote in a report dated Jan. 12.

(Washington Post, A16)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "Kemp Quarterbacks A Drug Fight," appears in The Washington Post, A17.

"Questioning Lujan's Interior Motives," appears in The Washington Post, A17.

"Skinner, Least Known Among Cabinet Notables, Hits Conservative Mark With Eastern Strike Role," appears in The Wall Street Journal, A16.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

JAPAN SAYS FSX FIGHTER AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED

TOKYO -- Japan's defense minister said Wednesday that an agreement with the U.S. to jointly produce the FSX advanced fighter plane should not be changed.

"I don't have detailed information on President Bush's decision on the FSX, but the agreement should not be changed and we would not like it changed," Kichiro Tazawa, head of the Defense Agency, told reporters....

Tazawa said the two countries had already exchanged memoranda of understanding on the FSX deal and the U.S. should therefore respect it.

(Reuter)

Bush Asks Changes In FSX Deal With Japan

The Bush administration has notified Japan officially that it wants significant changes in the controversial plan for the joint development of the advanced FSX fighter plane before it sends the accord to Congress for its approval, White House officials said Tuesday.

The President's position...seeks two changes in the current [plan involving agreement that a major part of the production work will be done in the U.S. and that the pact spell out the existing technology that will be used in the project so that the U.S. can better claim access to new spinoff advances developed by the joint effort]....

There was no indication Tuesday how the Japanese would respond. Tokyo has said repeatedly that it considers the current terms for the project...as final.

Administration officials said they do not expect to receive an answer from Tokyo for a few days.

(Art Pine & David Lauter, Los Angeles Times, A1)

Bush To Go Ahead With FSX Deal

President Bush, awaiting Japanese review of an administration plan to produce an advanced jet fighter with Japan, said Tuesday he had decided to proceed with the controversial deal "with certain clarifications."

In an Oval Office session with reporters, Bush also said he was not sure whether the Japanese review would scuttle the billion-dollar deal.

"I'm not sure that that's the whole thing that would hold up a formal announcement," he said of the review....

Bush said he still had not heard from the Japanese [after a Monday FSX proposal was extended to Japanese Ambassador Matsunaga], though indicated that word may have come through other channels. "There's been no representations to the Oval Office on this," he said.

"We've pretty much finished our deliberations here inside the administration," the President said. "And we'll be discussing it further, certainly with the Japanese."

"I don't know when there will be an official announcement," he added, "But I've made my decision to go forward with certain clarifications on the (original agreement)."

(UPI)

Bush Decides To Go Forward With A Revised FSX Deal

President Bush said yesterday he has decided to go forward with the proposed FSX fighter plane project with Japan but "with certain clarifications" to safeguard U.S. technology.

"We've pretty much finished our deliberations here inside the administration," Bush told reporters.

Administration and congressional sources said Bush will propose revising the agreement, which was negotiated last year by the Reagan administration, to better protect computer "source codes" that help fly and control the plane and other sensitive U.S. data.

(AP, Washington Post, A8)

BUSH FOREIGN POLICY REVIEW BLAMED FOR DELAYS; END SAID IN SIGHT

Whether it is President Bush, Secretary Baker or a low-level aide, any administration official asked about a foreign policy issue invariably answers: "It's under review." ...

White House failure to take the initiative on major problems as important developments have taken place worldwide, a source of considerable criticism, is laid to the so-called strategic review.

"All that's going to end soon," a senior State Department official said Tuesday. Some parts of the review are to be finished by April 30 and others by mid-May, he said, and then "you'll see us making moves, item by item."

(Adam Pertman, Boston Globe)

AT CEREMONY FOR CHENEY, BUSH CAUTIOUS ON CUTS

President Bush used a swearing-in celebration for new Defense Secretary Cheney yesterday to warn against letting Soviet leader Gorbachev stampede the U.S. and its allies into "unilateral reductions" in military forces.

"I take a very positive view" of the changes in the Soviet Union, Bush told an audience of admirals, generals and Pentagon employees in the Pentagon courtyard, "but there are still more questions than answers about the ultimate outcome of those changes."

The President said that "until these questions are answered, we should continue our successful policy of flexibility combined with strength and firm resolve.... Now is not the time for America and its allies to make unilateral reductions." ...

"I believe caution is in order," Cheney said. He warned against heeding those "who want to declare the Cold War ended.... However real the reform rhetoric coming out of the Kremlin, Moscow's armaments compel caution on our part. To date there has been no reduction in their strategic systems targeted against the United States. Until we see a significantly lessened military capability on the part of the Soviets, we cannot possibly justify major reduction in our own."

(George Wilson, Washington Post, A8)

ALLIED-MADE U.S. ARMS REPORTED SOLD TO UNFRIENDLY COUNTRIES

American arms co-produced by U.S. allies have been sold to countries unfriendly to the U.S., the House Armed Services Committee said Tuesday.

It said the sales had been uncovered by an investigation by the committee and the GAO....

A GAO report on sales is to be issued at a hearing of an Armed Services subcommittee Wednesday, the panel said. According to the committee announcement, the GAO examined 18 agreements involving six countries -- West Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, South Korea and Switzerland.

"The GAO found evidence that the ban on third-country sales had been breached by half of these countries in the case of a third of the 18 agreements," the committee said. "In several instances, the arms were sold to governments that are patently unfriendly to the United States."

It said the agreements covered a variety of arms including tanks, helicopters, Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and ammunition.

The countries making the sales and receiving the arms were not identified. (Reuter)

FIRST UNDERSEA LAUNCH OF TRIDENT II MISSILE FAILS

CAPE CANAVERAL -- A \$23.7 million Trident II missile cartwheeled out of control and exploded today just four seconds after it blasted off on the first undersea test-launch of Navy's newest, most powerful weapon, the Navy reported.

The crew of the nuclear submarine USS Tennessee launched the intercontinental missile at 11:20 a.m. while cruising submerged in the Atlantic Ocean off Cape Canaveral.

The 44-foot Trident II burst to the ocean's surface and its first-stage rocket motor ignited before the malfunction "caused it to veer off course and self-destruct after seconds of flight," a Navy statement said....

The failure could delay Navy plans to have the missile ready in time for the Tennessee to carry 24 of the weapons on patrol late this year.

(Washington Post, A8)

U.S. AMPLIFIES STAND ON ISRAELI-PLO TALKS

Aim Is To Reassure Shamir, Due Here April 6

Secretary Baker reiterated yesterday that it might someday be desirable for Israel to deal directly with the PLO, but he stressed that the U.S. does not necessarily advocate that course and is not trying to force it on Israel.

"We have not made a policy statement that we are going to recommend to Israel that they negotiate with the PLO," Baker told members of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on international operations when they questioned him about comments he made last week.

His testimony was described by informed sources as an attempt to reassure Israeli Prime Minister Shamir that when he visits here on April 6 the Bush administration will not pressure him to follow the U.S. lead and open a dialogue with the PLO. (John Goshko, Washington Post, A22)

U.S. To Seek Talks Between Israelis And Local Arabs

Secretary Baker said Tuesday that the U.S. would ask the PLO to allow Palestinians from the [occupied territories] to begin a discussion with the Israeli government to help pave the way for peace negotiations.

"Our dialogue with the PLO, we intend to use and are using to make clear to them and they must demonstrate through action what they've said rhetorically," Baker told a congressional subcommittee. "And one way to do that, of course, would be not to stand in the way of Palestinians in the occupied territories engaging in a dialogue with Israel." ...

(Thomas Friedman, New York Times, A1)

Palestinian State Opposed, Baker Says

Secretary Baker, attempting to soften the impact of his conclusion that Israel eventually may have to negotiate directly with the PLO, Tuesday reaffirmed the Bush administration's opposition to the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

"It is the policy of the United States that we do not support an independent Palestinian state," Baker told a House panel. His statement was intended to reassure Prime Minister Shamir, who has vowed that his government will never relinquish control over [the occupied territories].

(Norman Kempster, Los Angeles Times, A5)

U.S. TROOPS COULD REPLACE ISRAEL IN TERRITORIES -- PLO AIDE

TUNIS -- An adviser to PLO chairman Arafat has said the PLO would accept the replacement of Israeli soldiers by U.S. troops in the occupied territories as an interim measure.

"We would accept U.S. troops to take the place of Israeli troops. The moment there are no Israeli troops in the territories, the uprising would stop," Bassam Abu Sharif said.

Speaking on the even of talks Wednesday between the U.S. and the PLO, Abu Sharif said the PLO would accept U.S. and Soviet sponsorship of peace talks....

"If the United States and the Soviet Union could guarantee the results [of a peace forum], the PLO would accept that...if both sides accept a two-state solution, then all things are open and the form (of negotiations) becomes unimportant," he said. (Jonathan Wright, Reuter)

SHAMIR DISPUTES REPORTED CALL FOR PLO TALKS

JERUSALEM -- Prime Minister Shamir today denied newspaper reports that Israel's military intelligence chief had told the Cabinet that the government must speak to the PLO if it wants to end the Arab uprising.

"All was a lie, all included in this information was a lie," Shamir told a press conference at the conclusion of a special meeting of world Jewish leaders designed to demonstrate solidarity and rally support for Shamir before he travels to Washington in two weeks.

Shamir also insisted: "I don't know anything about this report." However, other government officials, speaking not for attribution, confirmed the existence of a secret annual intelligence estimate prepared under the direction of Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak but said news accounts had distorted its contents and taken them out of context.

(Glenn Frankel, Washington Post, A21)

Rift In Israeli Cabinet Out In The Open After Meeting

JERUSALEM -- A growing argument in Israel's Cabinet over the peace process spilled into the open Tuesday when Prime Minister Shamir and Deputy Prime Minister Peres spoke to a special meeting of international Jewish leaders.

Shamir and most of the leaders participating in the meeting...had agreed that Jews outside of Israel would not be called upon to endorse any specific Israeli policy.

They were asked only to express general support for the state, its government and its people.

Peres, however, delivered a speech that called forcefully for Israel to "set the agenda" and to pursue negotiations with its neighbors. Shamir watched with his arms clasped tightly across his chest as Peres even appeared to leave the door open to at least indirect participation in negotiations that might include the PLO. (Mary Curtius, Boston Globe)

ASSAD: DIPLOMACY BY OBSTRUCTION

DAMASCUS -- Despite his apparent isolation within the Arab world, Syrian President Assad still retains an uncanny ability to influence events in the region that demonstrates his importance in the quest for a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement.

In recent months, Assad has reminded his opponents of the pivotal role his regime can play by exercising its power to control much of Lebanon, disrupt the PLO, and thwart an Arab consensus on trading land for peace with Israel....

(News Analysis, Patrick Tyler & Nora Boustany, Washington Post, A22)

VINCENNES SKIPPER, WIFE URGE 'RESOLVE AND COURAGE'

SAN DIEGO -- The captain of the USS Vincennes and his wife, in their first public statement since the March 10 bombing of their family van, urged "resolve and courage" Tuesday in the face of "the mindless and cowardly process of terrorism."

"The image of a burning van in the middle of a street of our community must not become a symbol of fear and unreasoned reaction," the Rogerses said in a four-paragraph typewritten letter dated March 19 and sent to three local newspapers without the Navy's knowledge.

"Instead it should represent the resolve and courage of a community and nation to resist and defeat the mindless and cowardly process of terrorism -- whatever the source," said the letter, received Tuesday and published later in the day in the Tribune.

"If we react either individually or collectively without applying rational thought to our actions, we have surrendered the field to those who would invade and attempt to destroy our way of life.

"If on the other hand, we press on with our lives taking appropriate precautions and assist constituted authority in punishing those responsible, we ensure the safety of the community and send the 'RIGHT' signal," the letter said.

(UPI)

OFFICIAL HINTS AT GOVERNMENT ROLE IN FLIGHT 103 BOMBING

Federal officials believe that the fatal bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 required aid from a foreign government because of the complex preparations that had to have been involved, a top State Department official says.

"We don't believe terrorist organizations can pull off a Pan Am 103 without state support from somewhere," Clayton McManaway, the department's associate coordinator for counter-terrorism, told Congress Tuesday.
(Alan Fram, AP)

OFFICIAL DEFENDS HIMSELF ON PAN AM BOMB

Transport Chief's Response In Parliament Gets Thatcher's Backing

LONDON -- Beleaguered Transport Secretary Channon today turned on parliamentary critics in a spirited defense of his handling of events surrounding the terrorist bombing of a Pan Am airliner last Dec. 21.

With Prime Minister Thatcher defending him against "totally unfair accusations made by lesser men" and then sitting at his side in the House of Commons, Channon rejected a call by opposition Labor Party leader Neil Kinnock for an independent inquiry into his performance before the disaster.
(Jonathan Randal, Washington Post, A26)

U.S. DELEGATION TO PRESS IRAQ ON REPARATIONS IN STARK CASE

Frustrated that Iraq has not paid compensation to the families of 37 American sailors killed in the 1987 attack on the guided-missile frigate Stark, the Bush administration is sending a high-level delegation to Baghdad this week to resolve the problem, State and Defense officials said yesterday.

The issue of compensation for the Stark incident has become what a State Department official called "an increasingly urgent priority" in relations between Washington and Baghdad since the U.S. presented its claims for the victims last April....

"Our communications have indicated no movement, even though the Iraqis promised to make good," a Pentagon official said. "They have been stonewalling us."
(Elaine Sciolino, New York Times, A10)

BAKER TO HILL: GIVE CRISTIANI...A FAIR CHANCE

Defending U.S. efforts to promote democracy in El Salvador, Secretary Baker yesterday urged congressional critics to give the country's newly elected president, Alfredo Cristiani, and his Arena Party a chance before condemning them.

At the same time, Baker suggested that subversive elements from neighboring states had sent arms and money to leftist guerrillas to disrupt Sunday's presidential election.

He did not identify those elements, but intelligence sources said that Nicaragua, the Soviet Union and Cuba may have given "some help" to the FMLN guerrillas before the election....

"If we really believe in democracy, we ought to give democracy a chance," Baker said. "We ought to resist the temptation to pick and choose winners -- if we don't like the winner, we don't recognize the government. That's not democracy. So we need to give this government a fair chance. They won an election outright."

(Thomas Breen, Washington Times, A7)

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PERUVIAN COCA FIELDS SPRAYED IN TEST OF CONTROVERSIAL PLAN

A joint Peruvian-U.S. team last week sprayed two herbicides on about 70 acres of Peruvian coca fields in the final test of an ambitious U.S. plan to destroy that country's burgeoning coca crop through aerial eradication.

The plan, which calls for massive aerial spraying of Peru's Upper Huallaga Valley, the principal source of coca for the U.S. cocaine market, has drawn stiff opposition from environmental groups in both the U.S. and Peru who argue that the herbicide being contemplated for the program -- known as tebuthiuron or Spike -- could endanger the region's ecosystem.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A14)

CHINA SEEKS TO REIN IN ECONOMY

BEIJING -- In a dramatic imposition of new controls over free-market reforms, China today unveiled an austerity budget that would reassert central planning over much of the chaotic economy and impose new taxes on thriving private businesses.

Western analysts said that Beijing will effectively attempt through the new budget to regain control over dynamic rural areas that have become able to defy Beijing's authority....

The analysts said Beijing is also attempting with its draft 1989 budget to help China's city residents, more than a third of whom have suffered a drop in real income due to soaring inflation.

(Daniel Southerland, Washington Post, A1)

YELTSIN GETS STRONG SUPPORT IN CAMPAIGN Foe's STRONGHOLD

Kremlin Rebel Seems Headed For Win In Sunday Vote

MOSCOW -- Accompanied by a cavalcade of foreign journalists and television crews, Kremlin rebel Boris Yeltsin took his populist political campaign today to the stronghold of his officially backed rival in Sunday's elections for a revamped Soviet parliament.

The ousted Moscow Communist Party chief was given a warm reception by employees at the Zil automotive plant, which is managed by his opponent, Yevgeny Brakov. The workers broke into applause as he outlined controversial points of his election program, including abolition of special privileges for senior bureaucrats, direct elections for the new office of president and nationwide discussion of a multiparty political system.

(Michael Dobbs, Washington Post, A21)

MCCLOY'S ROLE IN REBUILDING WAR-TORN EUROPE RECOUNTED

Bush's Message Commemorates 'One Of The Giants'

NEW YORK -- John McCloy, an architect of Europe's postwar reconstruction and one of the last of the great diplomats from that era, was remembered in a message from President Bush at a memorial service today as "one of the giants and true heroes in the history of this country."

Speakers at the service for McCloy, who died March 11 at age 93, included for Secretary of State Kissinger, former West German Chancellor Schmidt and former Chase Manhattan Bank chairman David Rockefeller....

Bush [in a message conveyed by Secretary Baker] cited as McCloy's "most lasting contribution" his role in establishing "the democratic tradition of the Federal Republic of Germany and the unbreakable bonds of friendship between the American and the German people."

(Ethan Schwartz, Washington Post, A2)

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Tuesday Evening, March 21)

FSX

ABC's Ted Koppel: At his meeting with reporters this afternoon the President also announced plans to go ahead and develop a fighter plane called the FSX along with the Japanese. Mr. Bush says he wants certain clarifications from the Japanese to protect U.S. technology. Sources say that what that means is a promise from the Japanese not to use computer technology from the FSX in any other airplane. (ABC-?)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: A major decision by President Bush on a hotly controversial deal with the Japanese: the FSX. That's the new fighter plane the Japanese first wanted to build on their own and then agreed to produce jointly with U.S. companies. But critics in this country said we'd be only giving the Japanese our technology. We'd get no trade concessions. Well, today the President said he's confident there are enough safeguards to go ahead with the FSX deal, which will not go over well with some members of Congress. One of those most concerned is Sen. D'Amato. (Sen. D'Amato: "What they're getting is the best technology at a bargain rate. American taxpayers paid \$7 billion to develop it. They're going to pay \$440 million, give us a little bit of the action in development, and 10 years from now we'll be buying FSXs because they'll say, 'We've produced them cheaper and better.'")

Brokaw discusses the joint deal with NBC's Jim Miklaszewski:

Brokaw: How is the President so confident this is going to work out okay?

Miklaszewski: Officials here say that very early in the most recent negotiations an agreement was reached with U.S. officials that the technology would be protected, both by an agreement with the Japanese, but also through some complicated technical means which would prohibit the Japanese from duplicating that technology and having it sold back to us later in commercial airliners, which was the fear of the Commerce Department.

Brokaw: Are there still some concessions to be worked out with the Japanese, however?

Miklaszewski: One of the main selling points for this agreement was that it would provide some jobs here in the U.S., that it was to be co-produced with the U.S. But the agreement called for some 35 to 45% U.S. participation in the production of the fighter jet. What the U.S. wants to do is get firm assurances from the Japanese that that percentage of production participation will be upheld in that \$5 billion production deal. (NBC-4)

CBS's Dan Rather: President Bush announced a controversial decision late today. He says he's giving the green light to the manufacture of an advanced jet fighter with Japan in Japan, a fighter called the FSX. President Bush said his decision involved certain clarifications, and he hasn't heard back from Japan yet. This aircraft would be an updated version of the U.S. F-16 fighter. It will combine U.S. and Japanese technology. (CBS-9)

MINIMUM WAGE

ABC's Ted Koppel: It was late in the afternoon when the White House announced that the President would be holding another of his short-notice, off-the-cuff news conferences. What Mr. Bush had to say set the stage for his first legislative fight with Congress. Topic: the minimum wage.

ABC's Brit Hume: With the House set to take up tomorrow a minimum wage bill far different from his own plan, the President called in reporters and brandished a letter signed by enough Republican senators to sustain a veto should Congress ultimately pass the House bill.

(President Bush: "This letter has 35 signatures from United States senators which affirm that our package is the right way to go.")

The Bush package would raise the minimum wage from the current \$3.35 an hour to \$4.25 an hour over three years. But it would preserve the current \$3.35 level as a so-called training wage for new workers during their first six months on the job. The House bill would only allow the training wage for 30 days, while raising the minimum to \$4.65 over three years. The President said he was pleased with today's consumer price index, showing inflation running at 4/10 of a percent in February. That was lower than many had expected. But the President also tried to use worry about renewed inflation to make the case for his minimum wage plan.

(President Bush: "We've thought out a level of increase on the minimum wage that would help people, and yet would not add gasoline to any inflationary fires that are burning.")

Labor Secretary Dole said afterwards that the President would not compromise with Congress on either the \$4.25 level of the minimum wage, or the six-month duration of the training wage. That doesn't leave the President much room for maneuver for an issue dear to the hearts of Democrats. He apparently can sustain a veto, but that means risking a legislative stalemate for which he and his party could be blamed. (ABC-Lead)

CONSUMER PRICES

Rather: Consumer prices rose 4/10 of one percent last month, less than expected. This could make it harder to figure out how much higher, how much faster interest rates may go up. Here's why: Today's news could indicate that the threat of big, new inflation is cooling. Worries about possible renewed inflation are what have been edging interest rates higher.

CBS's Ray Brady reports that motorists were hit this month with the biggest increase in gasoline prices in months, up 1.7%. And economists say last week's huge jump in wholesale prices could keep hitting consumers in the pocketbook. President Bush called the figures good news.

(President Bush: "The consumer price index was much better than anticipated.")

After 4.4% inflation all of last year, consumer prices this year are rising at an annual rate of 6.1%. Right now the only way to fight inflation is to raise interest rates to cool off the economy. But, as a group of senators recently warned President Bush, if the Federal Reserve raises rates too high, there could be grave risks. Economists warn that unless the economy slows down, inflation could speed up even more. (CBS-Lead, NBC-6)

S&L INDUSTRY

Koppel: No relief for the S&L industry. S&Ls lost a record \$12.1 billion last year. Fewer than 300 of the 3,000 S&Ls accounted for virtually all of that loss. (ABC-7, CBS-2)

NATIONAL GUARD/DRUG WAR

Koppel reports that Administration officials went out of their way today to deny reports that National Guard troops may be deployed to help keep the peace here in Washington, D.C. Drug Czar Bennett said the reports were, in his words, "just nonsense." The federal and city governments are considering a range of options from imprisoning drug dealers on jail barges to a 24-hour court reserved for drug crimes. (ABC-4)

Brokaw: The White House today knocked down published reports that the President now is thinking about using National Guard troops to cope with all the violence from drugs in several Washington, D.C. neighborhoods. The President's spokesman said Bush is willing to look at all the options, but the use of federal troops, he said, that's unlikely. (NBC-2)

DRUG TESTING/SUPREME COURT

Brokaw: People in sensitive government jobs and public transportation such as railroads -- do they have a right to refuse drug tests? Today the U.S. Supreme Court said no, they don't have that right. Two separate rulings and a common reaction from critics who say rights of privacy are in danger now.

NBC's Carl Stern reports that Attorney General Thornburgh said the rulings would spur drug testing.

(Attorney General Thornburgh: "I would think that many more employers will view this decision as a green light toward responsible drug testing programs.") (NBC-Lead, CBS-3)

ABC's Tim O'Brien reports that today's ruling stopped short of authorizing random testing of government workers, and they have no direct application to the private sector. Even so, the rulings are a landmark in the war on drugs. (ABC-3)

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CRACK/SMALL TOWN

Koppel says that drug enforcement officials today say crack has become the single worst drug problem in the nation, with cases reported in virtually every state.

ABC's Mark Potter reports that last summer crack cocaine came to town in Mansfield, La., population 7,000. Last year there were no crack-related cases in this courtroom. Now more than 100 crack cases from Mansfield and the surrounding area fill the dockets. Since the first crack arrest last July, the jail has been filling up. Mansfield doesn't have a drug rehabilitation facility, so more and more addicts end up behind bars. And now crack cocaine is in the schools. By all rights the arrival of crack cocaine should not have been a surprise here in Mansfield. Crack hit nearby Shreveport a couple of years ago, and there was a lot of publicity about how it was spreading. City leaders were slow to act. Crack is predominantly in Mansfield's black neighborhoods. Some residents believe that's why the problem wasn't addressed sooner. Others believed crack was a plague that couldn't break out in such a small town. More and more across the country, wherever there is joblessness and a growing underclass, there is crack, sold as poor man's cocaine. (ABC-11)

TRIP/DELAWARE AND PENNSYLVANIA

Koppel: President Bush will travel tomorrow to visit two small communities in Delaware and Pennsylvania. He'll talk to high school students and their parents about drugs. (ABC-12)

ASSAULT WEAPONS

NBC's Bob Kur reports that only yesterday George Bush, a lifetime NRA member who recently suspended imports of assault rifles, expressed a desire for compromise on further limiting their availability.

(President Bush: "I believe we can find accommodation between the legitimate interests of the sportsmen and the interests of the police chiefs in protecting their people who put their lives on the line every single day.")

The NRA finds itself on the unpopular side of an emotional issue. Lawmakers in other states insist the NRA is vulnerable on this issue. The NRA is fighting back, sending a videotape to every member of Congress. The argument: that banning assault rifles could lead to a ban on semi-automatic hunting rifles. The NRA says this controversy has led to an increase in its membership, already approaching three million. But gun control groups say this issue has brought them thousands of new members and a new public willingness to consider banning some weapons. (NBC-3)

NBC's John Chancellor comments on the President and assault weapons: Most people can't give you a precise definition of assault guns, but they know what they are when they see them, and they don't like them. President Bush seems to reflect this new attitude. Not long ago he was against any restrictions on semi-automatic weapons.

Chancellor continues: But now the President is talking about finding a solution to the problem, and the White House said clearly there's been an evolution in his thinking. Before his thinking evolved, the President had drifted into a dangerous political position: doing nothing against assault guns meant coming out against the cops who want them banned. That's a terrible position for a President in a country that is urban and suburban. And think of the citizens who've been killed, and the schoolchildren. No wonder Mr. Bush changed his stand. Controlling assault rifles makes sense. Now that the President is thinking that way, it may be possible. (NBC-11)

SEN. HATFIELD/D.C. SHOOTING

Brokaw: Oregon Sen. Hatfield says he witnessed a shooting in Washington, D.C. on the way home from a restaurant, but he sped away in his car. He said that he and his wife and son were actually in a crossfire. He said he didn't report the shooting to police because the Washington, D.C. police these days are so overwhelmed. (NBC-10)

HOUSE ETHICS

ABC's Sheilah Kast reports that the Democratic chairman of the ethics committee, Rep. Julian Dixon, said his panel knew about Speaker Wright's Florida land deal but has not interviewed any of those involved. The Speaker denied any wrongdoing. He called his involvement in the land development deal with S&L operator Richard Swann "a totally proper arms-length transaction." Wright insisted he had never intervened on behalf of Swann, who is also a Democratic fundraiser. Meanwhile, Paul Weyrich, the conservative political activist who publicly accused John Tower of womanizing and excessive drinking, has now set his sights on Wright. In a six-page letter to Attorney General Thornburgh, Weyrich accuses Wright of violating at least four federal laws on taxes, financial disclosure and misappropriation of government resources. Weyrich calls for Thornburgh to appoint an independent prosecutor to investigate. (ABC-6)

WHISTLE BLOWERS BILL

Rather: The House gave approval today to a bill that makes another effort to protect government workers who blow the whistle on waste, fraud, or abuse. This bill was passed by the Senate last week and now only needs President Bush's signature, which is expected. (CBS-4)

TRIDENT 2

Koppel: A spectacular failure off the coast of Florida today. The Navy conducted the first test of its new Trident 2 submarine missile from a submarine. But just four seconds into the air the Trident started veering off course and a safety officer blew it up. No word yet on what went wrong. (ABC-10, NBC-5, CBS-10)

FLETCHER/NASA

Brokaw: The head of NASA, James Fletcher, says he's resigning from the agency effective next month. Fletcher, who had served as administrator in the 1970s, returned to the agency after the Challenger disaster in 1986. (NBC-13)

CHOPPER NIGHT GOGGLES

Rather reports that the U.S. Army's chief flight official today rejected the idea of suspending, at least temporarily, the use of night-vision goggles. Those goggles are blamed, in part, for the recent rash of military helicopter crashes. (CBS-11)

AIRLINES/LABOR

Koppel reports that union leaders today called on consumers to boycott both Eastern Airlines and its sister airline, Continental. The strike against Eastern is now in its 18th day with no sign of any movement on either side. (ABC-8)

MIDDLE EAST TALKS

Rather: The White House announced today that President Bush will meet with the leaders of Egypt, Israel, and Jordan separately over the next six weeks, trying to advance the Middle East peace process. A spokesman refused to speculate on whether President Bush will ask Israel to open talks with the PLO as the United States has already done. (CBS-5)

U.S.-PLO TALKS

Brokaw: The United States and the PLO, still a tentative relationship. Tomorrow in Tunisia they'll hold their first formal meeting since President Bush took office. The Americans are expected to pressure the PLO to help cool the uprisings in the Israeli-occupied territories. The PLO has rejected this in advance, however. (NBC-7)

ISRAEL/PLO

Brokaw: Israel, which has long said it will never negotiate with the PLO, today denied that there is a secret government intelligence report in that country, which is said to conclude that Israel will have to talk with the PLO if it is to find a political solution to the West Bank uprising. Prime Minister Shamir called that a lie. (NBC-8)

TEL AVIV/VIOLENCE

Rather reports that in Israel today violence erupted in Tel Aviv, which up to now had been largely left untouched by the Arab uprising.

CBS's Richard Roth reports that Israeli television tonight took special note of what's seen here as new pressure from Secretary Baker, who again today hinted that direct talks between Israel and the PLO may be inevitable. (CBS-6)

LEBANON/U.N. SOLDIERS

Rather reports that in southern Lebanon three Irish soldiers serving with the U.N. peacekeeping force were killed today when their truck ran over a land mine. And in Beirut, eight more people were reported killed as Christian and Moslem forces traded artillery fire for a 14th day. Moslem forces have now blockaded the Christian enclave, cutting off all movement between the two parts of the city. (CBS-7)

MALAWI/INTERNATIONAL AID

Rather reports that the tiny African nation of Malawi appealed for international help today, because it needs so desperately food, clothing and shelter for an estimated 115,000 people. They've been left homeless by earthquakes, a cyclone, and floods, all in the last month. Among the victims are refugees from the civil war in neighboring Mozambique. (CBS-8)

AFRICA/UPRISING

Brokaw reports that this was a day of protest in South Africa, the 29th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre. It was on this day in 1960 that police fired into a crowd of blacks protesting apartheid. Sixty-nine were killed. Today the anniversary was marked by new anti-apartheid protests and violence. Police used tear gas to break up university students demonstrating in Johannesburg. The protesters also demanded the release of several hundred detainees. Since yesterday, four of these political prisoners have been holed up in a West German embassy since escaping from a hospital. (NBC-9)

INSECTICIDE BAN

Rather: The EPA is recommending a ban on the use of the insecticide aldicarb on potatoes and bananas. The EPA says aldicarb presents a health risk to children and infants. The recommendation must be reviewed by a scientific advisory board before it can officially take effect. (CBS-14)

APPLES

Brokaw reports that in New York City apples will be back in the school lunch rooms next week. Now school officials say when the apples return they will be free of the pesticide alar. Chicago will return apples to its schools tomorrow. (NBC-14)

TALKING POINTS: SWEARING-IN OF AMBASSADOR
THOMAS R. PICKERING

Toronto, Israel, Nigeria, El Salvador

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- This is a proud day: for Tom Pickering, for Tom's family, for the foreign service.
 - Ambassador Pickering is a skilled diplomat, a veteran of high priority assignments.
 - Tom is one of only 5 FSOs holding rank of Career Ambassador.
 - Ambassador Pickering's extensive global experience will serve him well -- diplomatic experience that includes the Middle East, Central America, and Africa (as Ambassador to Nigeria).
- THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
7/22/80
- The task Tom is now assuming is important indeed.

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- I take the UN very seriously. I am pleased with changes that have taken place there since my time as Ambassador.
- UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar is doing outstanding work.
- The UN's Nobel Peace Prize for peace-keeping is a sign of the organization's importance and capabilities.
- The UN is on the right track to reform -- it is now a more effective organization.
- That reform momentum, and signs of greater political seriousness, must continue.

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- A case in point: Cuba, and the human rights issue there.
- As a result of the recent UN Commission on Human Rights' meeting in Geneva, Cuba's human rights record will be in the spotlight.
- I count on Ambassador Pickering to make sure the question of human rights in Cuba maintains a high profile -- and stays high on the UN's agenda.
- The UN can be a force for peace, a forum for resolving conflict.
- As proof of this: consider its instrumental role in the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, and the Iran-Iraq war.

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- The UN is an important place in the international arena.
- And my point man there will be Tom Pickering -- an able, and articulate advocate for this Administration's foreign policy.
- Tom, my congratulations and best wishes. (Please proceed with the swearing-in.)

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3-22-89

Larry,

Thanks for the article
on Drew Lewis - good news;
and Drew has been great
on the National Economic
Commission. See you soon, I hope
Cory

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Lawrence E. Bathgate, II
Chairman
Republican National Finance
Committee
310 First Street, Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20003

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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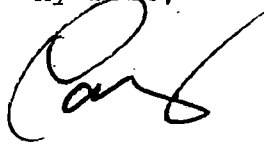
February 27, 1980

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed Philadelphia Inquirer article and note
from John Burkhardt (a loyal supporter) are
self-explanatory.

My best,



LEB:kmr

Enclosure

It's good he's
seen the light!

Laurie
include Larry
in some event
up stairs or
down stairs

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

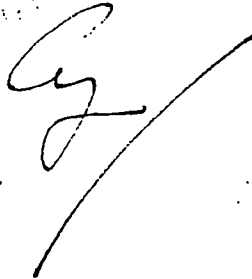
March 22, 1989

Dear Larry:

Thanks for your note about the Tower nomination. Troubled as I am about the unfortunate way things worked out, that matter is behind us now. Let's go on from here.

Give my best to Harriet and, by the way, have a great birthday!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "G. H. W. Bush", with a long, sweeping diagonal stroke extending from the bottom of the signature.

The Honorable Larry Pressler
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510



LARRY PRESSLER
SOUTH DAKOTA



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510
March 17, 1989

Dear George -

In the end I voted
for Tower for you. I just
wanted you to know that -
as I said in my speech
I want George Bush to have
a good start -

George, I had a meeting
a while back with Sumner -
he still remembers the primary
but as far as I'm concerned
that's over.

Harriet says hi. You're her
all-time favorite. - Larry

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WASHINGTON

March 22, 1989

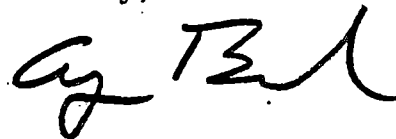
Dear Lynn:

Now that the dust has settled, I want to thank you for all you did over the last month or so in behalf of my nomination of John Tower to be Secretary of Defense. I am convinced we did the right thing by standing behind this nomination. We were fighting to protect a President's right to have his own team, and we were fighting for the honor of a decent man and a friend of all of ours.

Although I am disappointed about the Senate's vote on John Tower, I am thrilled about our new Secretary of Defense, Dick Cheney.

Again, thank you for your diligent efforts. It's nice to know you were there when we needed your support. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Mr. Lynn Bouche
President
Council on Inter-American Security
Suite 710
122 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

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THE PRESIDENT

March 22, 1989

Dear Margaret,

It was so thoughtful of you to send the Good Housekeeping copies. The Bush family has not been used to folks being so interested in our goings on, but, now that it's no secret how much we treasure each other, Barbara and I have decided we don't mind at all.

Best wishes, with thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MARGARET ADAMS
SENIOR EDITOR/NATIONAL AFFAIRS
DIRECTOR, THE WASHINGTON BUREAU

March 14, 1989

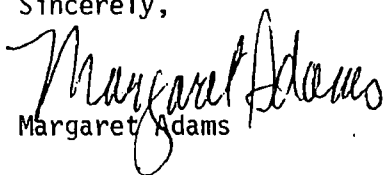
The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
In care of The Honorable John Sununu
Chief of Staff
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Enclosed are six copies of the April issue of Good Housekeeping now on the newsstands. I thought you might like to have a few extra copies for your family as a cover feature presents your "Letters to Doro" to Good Housekeeping's 28 million readers.

The letters are lovely. Good Housekeeping is pleased to have published them.

Sincerely,


Margaret Adams

Encl: six copies/ April issue



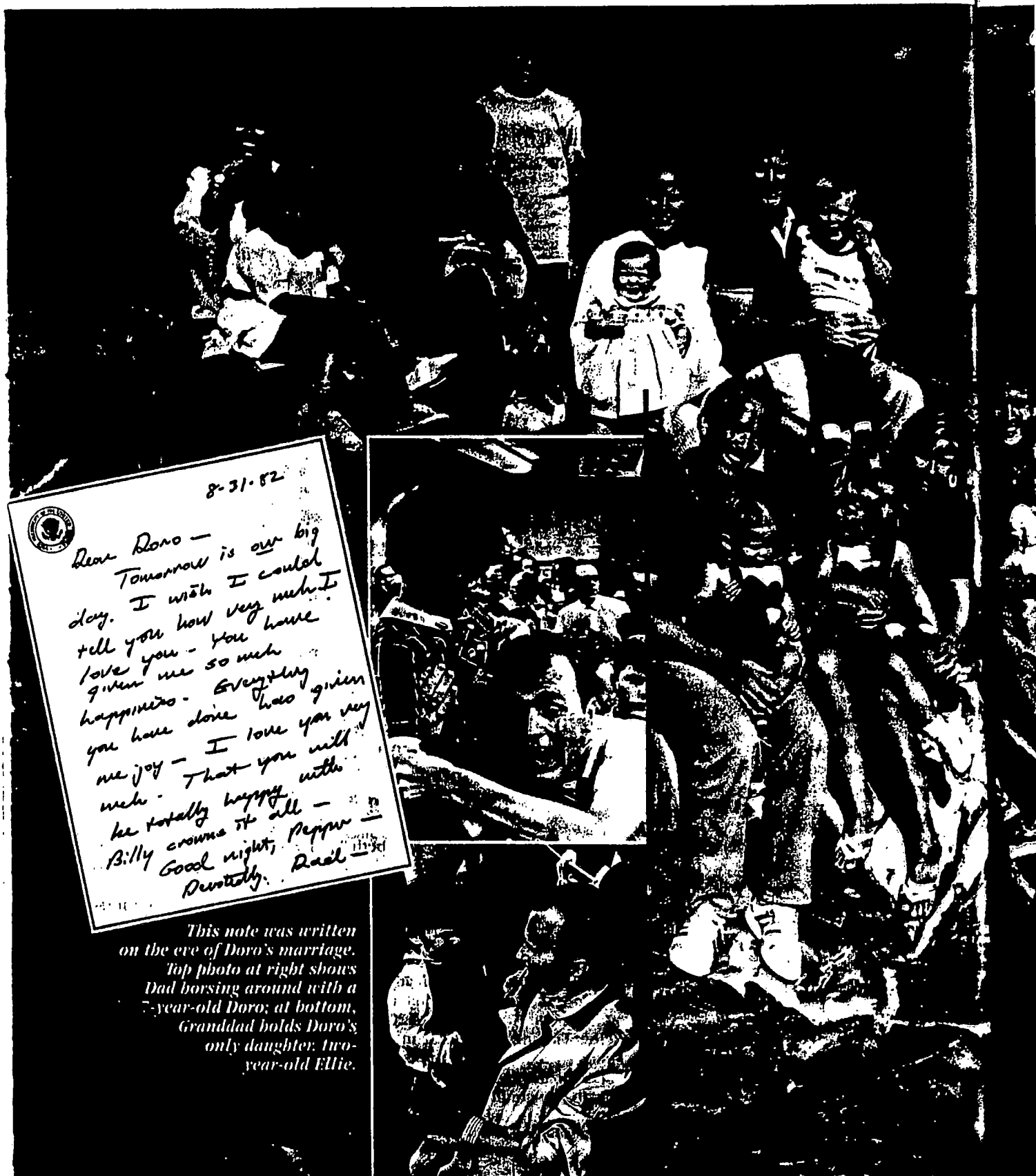
Family, friends, and colleagues of President George Bush will tell you that he's always been a prolific letter writer. Perhaps the most heartfelt notes are the ones he's written to his only daughter, Dorothy ("Doro") Bush LeBlond, over the 29 years of her life.

He typed the letter that follows himself (using the two-finger method) while on a diplomatic assignment to China and sent it after Doro's 16th birthday:

Dearest Doro,

Darn it I don't now know when I'll get there, but I missed ~~the~~ the big birthday. That's the bad news. Now for the good news, yes, you guessed it, a present will be coming with me. It's a combination baptism and birthday- no you're wrong guess again. Yes you can wear it. No it's

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Dear Doro -
Tomorrow is our big
day. I wish I could
tell you how very much I
love you - you have
given me so much
happiness. Everything
you have done has given
me joy - I love you very
much. That you will
be totally happy with
Billy crows it all -
Good night, Pepper -
Devotedly, Dad

This note was written
on the eve of Doro's marriage.
Top photo at right shows
Dad horsing around with a
7-year-old Doro; at bottom,
Granddad holds Doro's
only daughter, two-
year-old Ellie.

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more guesses you have to wish hard that I get
there soon.

Mum will exp ain that Mr Thayer's borther
died and it is important that he go home. He and I
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Photographs from: David Valdez/ The White House (3); AP/Wide World Photos (2).

*A teenage Doro takes a
jogging break with Dad;
below, four generations
of Bushes: George's mother,
Dorothy; George; Barbara;
and Doro holding Ellie.*



"DEAR DORO... DEVOTEDLY, DAD"

*The President
often writes
his daughter—
warm, loving,
very personal
letters. Here
she shares a
few with us...*



*The whole clan, left to right: Jeb and
Columba Bush with Noelle, Jeb Jr., and
George P.; Doro and Billy LeBlond with
Ellie and Sam; (below Doro) Neil and
Sharon Bush with Pierce and Lauren;
Marvin and Margaret Bush with Marshall;
Barbara and George Bush with dog
Millie; George W. and Laura Bush with
twins Barbara and Jenna (standing
behind the President).*

"DEAR DORO . . ."

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should not be gone at the same time. I am hoping he comes back fast.

Be very thoughtful to your mother- we miss each other and she has always been so unselfish, but maybe she will be sad that I am delayed again, so be extra nice to her.

I miss you you little weiner. I don't like to see my own pepper growing so big, but what the heck can I do about it, from there and especially from half way around the world.

Maybe I'll still be able to put you back into school- that would be fun.

Love to the buddies. I hope I don't miss them both but now maybe I will.

8 Peking is OK. and Fred [a dog] is keeping me good company.

I love you very much Birthday lass..... H's & K's #*

Devotedly,

Dad

* hugs and kisses, dummy.

(Editor's note: All letters are reprinted as written.)

Doro says her relationship with her father has always been fun, full of teasing and laughter. She remembers one joke her father pulled on her when she was 10 or 11: "He called me from his office and said, 'Hello, little girl. This is the telephone repairman. I'm testing your phone. Hold the phone away from your ear, because there might be a loud noise.' I held the phone out for a real long time until finally Mom asked what on earth I was doing. She caught on right away!"

Doro admits her father spoiled her. "I hate to say this, but I could get away

Doro and her proud dad today.



David Valdez/The White Horse

with just about anything," she says. "No matter what I asked Dad, he'd let me do it. Mom was the one who always got stuck saying no."

Her father also had "about a hundred" nicknames for her, including "little princess," "pepper," even "little tuna."

"We're very close, probably a little because I am the only girl," Doro adds. (The Bushes lost their first daughter, Robin, to leukemia at age three.)

Once when Doro was attending Miss Porter's Boarding School for Girls in Farmington, Conn., her father called and invited her to come to New York, where he was making a speech.

"I thought I was really hot stuff going there to meet him," Doro recalls. "We were going to spend the night at the Waldorf, and after the speech, he took me to the 21 Club for dinner. I thought that was the neatest thing in the world."

"We were sitting there at dinner, and all of a sudden Dad started to fall asleep because he was so tired. I was so excited and my dad was sleeping. It was funny."

Today Doro is grown up, married, and the mother of two. Like her four brothers, she spent last year campaigning for her father, but since the election she has settled back into normal life. She, husband Billy, four-year-old son Sam, and two-year-old daughter Ellie live in Port Elizabeth, Maine, about a 45-minute drive from the Bush family vacation home in Kennebunkport. Doro works as Billy's bookkeeper (he's in the construction business) while caring for the children.

Despite her own busy family life, Doro's closeness with her father remains undiminished. "I love hearing his advice," she says. "He has such a good perspective on things. I'll be flipping out about something, and he'll calm me down."

Doro proudly tells about the time her father brought to a halt his 1984 campaign (when he was running for reelection as Vice President) so he could visit her in the hospital after she'd had Sam.

"The nurse looked out the window and said, 'Oh, there are police and dogs and all these men in suits—something awful must have happened!'" Doro remembers. "I said, 'Oh, it's my dad!' Then there was a knock at the door, and there he was. We walked down together to see Sam, and it was the greatest day of my life."

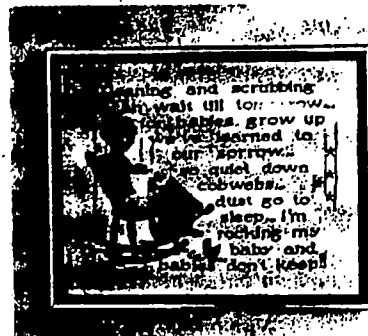
After this visit, Doro received a handwritten letter—to this day, one of her most prized in her collection of correspondence from her father:

Dear Doro:

Monday was a very special day in my life. Sam is beautiful. He has 2 great

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"DEAR DORO . . ."

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parents who will give him love all his life.

Seeing that little guy made many thoughts run through my head. Thank God he's strong and well. Thank God he's born to a family of love and kindness and caring. Then I must confess I thought—I am 60—it doesn't feel old but it is pretty old; and here's Sam, 1 day old, just starting out in life, with much joy and happiness ahead of him and a mother who has given her own Dad nothing but happiness and love; and a father who will be at his side teaching him about decency and honor and the importance of family.

Sleep on fat little Sam—a lot of fun awaits you and when you hurt, your beautiful wonderful Mom will hug you.

Devotedly,
Dad

Two years later, Doro was pregnant with Ellie. Just before the birth, she and Billy received another loving letter, this one typewritten on the stationery of the Vice President of the United States. In it, her father explained how sorry he was that official duties kept him away:

....I'd love to see the first eye open, hear the first cry- and see you two as you see George for the first time or is it Georgette? All I know is the kid is coming on in to a life of great love-oh Maybe Sam will have to level a rock or two at her/his head to give the kid a little leadership; but I'm talking all encompassing love-the kind that makes you want to run and jump into your Dad's arms when you're hurt, or wants you to whisper to Mom, after you've been bad, I love you.

When I hear Sam say hi Ba Ba, Iran seems inconsequential, the White House is blurred, the future seems not to matter; and so it will be tomorrow or the next day when we have someone else to love, to laugh with, to wonder at....

This is life its ownself. This is our very heartbeat, this is what matters most... so good luck my little Tuna, cops my little pepper, good luck Bill, you have given us great happiness in our lives- great true all encompassing happiness. Some day, when all my politics are over, I will try hard, and so will Bar to give you back a little joy. Maybe we can do some sitting, maybe we can wipe away a tear or two when the twins pick on my Sam and my _____.

But whatever we will love them as we do you, and in so doing we will know a true happiness that many are denied.

Devotedly,
Dad

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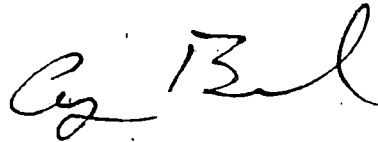
March 22, 1989

Dear Mrs. Nowell:

Thank you for your letter, and I want to reassure you that I appreciate your concern and your frankness. Kennebunkport and the people who live there are very special to me and to my family. The last thing I would want to do is place a real hardship on anyone who owns property there.

I know that the added security during my visits does create an additional expense to the town. I would hope that expense is offset by additional revenue through sales tax, hotel tax and other tourist-inspired income. Hopefully, that will be the case, for I would painfully miss not coming to beautiful Maine for an occasional respite.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Bush", is written below the word "Sincerely,".

Mrs. Arline M. Nowell
Post Office Box 658A
Kennebunkport, Maine 04046

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Arline M. Nowell
P. O. Box 658A
Kennebunkport, Maine 04046

December 19, 1988

JB
Vice President George Bush
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bush,

I write as a concerned Kennebunkport resident and hope that, as a summer resident of our town, you will be given this letter to read personally.

Kennebunkport is pleased for you on your recent election to the presidency. Are you aware, however, that your planning to visit the town as often as you have in the past will cause a financial burden on our little community that many old-time native residents can ill afford? Some of the people whose acquaintance and friendship you most value will be hit the hardest.

Mr. Bush, we have a small police force, the best our small budget will allow. When you come to town, it is necessary for us to put on every man we can, and pay overtime to some of our regular officers. Your visit here over the Thanksgiving weekend cost us roughly \$2,000 in manpower alone, and that's straight out of our real estate taxes. If you plan to visit here "as often as you can" during your presidency, you must realize that we will have to increase our tax rate in order to cover this extra expense.

There are people in this town, Mr. Bush, who can barely afford to live in their homes now. And it's out of the question that these people's children can afford to live here. They're being driven away by the high cost of growth our little community is experiencing. I am sure you would not knowingly add to our tax burden by causing us further expense.

There are a few people who will profit from frequent presidential visits - the merchants, innkeepers, and real estate people. But they are a very small (though very vocal) portion of our community and many of them are from away. Not a cent of their increased profits comes back to the town to defray the cost of servicing the people they attract.

If you could find it in your heart to severely limit your visits to Kennebunkport during your presidency, thus saving the town extra tax expense, I am sure your consideration for your neighbors would be greatly appreciated.

There are not many people in town who would say to you what I have just said. But I come from a long line of New Englanders, which prompts me to believe in frank and honest communication to resolve problems.

I hope you will not be offended by my frankness and, again, I do hope you will read this letter personally.

My best wishes for your success in the presidency.

Sincerely yours,

Arline Nowell

(Mrs.) Arline M. Nowell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 22, 1989

Dear Judd:

Many thanks for your letter expressing deep concern over the issue of acid rain. I share that concern.

I believe that my budget demonstrates a commitment to resolving the acid rain problem. In addition, the positive talks that I had with Prime Minister Mulroney during my recent visit to Canada give me encouragement that we can find proper solutions.

I appreciate the NESCAUM resolution which you sent, and I have asked EPA Administrator Reilly to give your ideas further review and to report to me on how they might fit into our Clean Air Program.

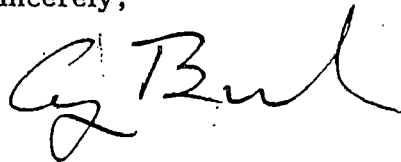
Let me mention that we are moving ahead to review all the options in an effort to find environmentally and economically sound solutions to clean air issues. As you may know, I will be submitting legislation to the Congress which will reauthorize the Clean Air Act, and in doing so, call for a specific contract of SO₂ reduction on a specific timetable.

My Administration will forge ahead in the near future to listen to the conflicting interests and urge a concerted effort toward real solutions.

Thank you for the leadership you are providing on this issue. Working together, I know we can tackle it. As you know, I intend to turn to you often to draw on your experience and expertise.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



The Honorable Judd Gregg
Governor of New Hampshire
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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THE PRESIDENT

March 22, 1989

Dear Charlie,

Thanks for your great letter. Sounds like your political career has gotten off to a very early start!

Here is the picture you requested, which comes with greetings to the fan club. Please tell them their support means a lot to me.

Sincerely,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Charlie Patten

850 Everhart Drive

Cleveland, Tennessee 37311

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bc: Victor Ashe
(envelope encl)

George W.

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autographed to:

Charlie Patten



THE PRESIDENT

March 22, 1989

Dear Edie,

Sorry to be so long in answering your warm note. It was great having the very special representation from St. Martin's with us, and Bar and I look forward to seeing you soon at our "home" church.

Best wishes to all the staff, too.

Sincerely,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Edith S. Haldeman
4902 Post Oak Timber
Houston, Texas 77056



THE PRESIDENT

March 22, 1989

Dear David,

Many thanks for that Safari coat, shirt and cap, and the honorary membership. Though club activities are out for me these ensuing years, you can be sure such sporting garb will be put to good use in the Bush family.

Best wishes for a great July tournament, with appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

FROM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

WHbc: Jeb Bush

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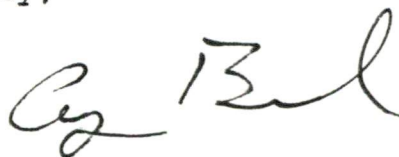
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Mrs. Arline M. Nowell
Post Office Box 658A
Kennebunkport, Maine 04046

March 22, 1989

Dear Mrs. Noel:

Thank you for your warm and thoughtful message. I enjoyed learning how you came to be friends with my parents and about your time spent campaigning with Mother. I certainly will remember you to her.

Barbara and I appreciate your kind words of support, and they will continue to mean a great deal to us as we face the many challenges and opportunities before our country.

Best wishes to you, with appreciation for your hand of friendship.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH

Mrs. Dorothy Noel
43 Mills Street
Bristol, Connecticut 06010

GB:TH:KC:CH:jt (3PMN)

bcc: Mrs. Prescott Bush Sr.
(route thru Jan Burmeister, Rm 19)

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March 22, 1989

Dear Clyde:

Barbara and I have learned about your illness and wanted you to know that we are thinking of you.

These are difficult days for you, but we hope that you will find them eased somewhat by thoughts of how much your family and friends care about you and wish you well. We will be keeping you in our prayers.

Take care and God bless you.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH

Mr. Clyde Griffin
Timberwood Nursing Home
Livingston, Texas 77351

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cc: Jan Burmeister 94

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THE PRESIDENT

March 22, 1989

Dear Ruby,

Sorry I missed you by phone, but wanted you to know how much I appreciated the flowers at the Broadmoor.

Please convey my thanks to your Colorado Federation of Republican Women, both for the lovely gesture and for their faithful support.

Sincerely,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ms. Ruby Joy Doria

3430 Club View Terrace

Colorado Springs, Colorado

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

March 22, 1989

STATEMENT BY MARLIN FITZWATER
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President Bush spoke earlier today with Alfredo Cristiani, the winner of the Salvadoran Presidential election, to congratulate him on his victory. The President assured Mr. Cristiani that the United States would continue to work closely with El Salvador to help the Salvadorans create and protect a durable democracy there. Mr. Cristiani affirmed his recent public statements that he and his administration will be committed to respect for human rights. President Bush invited Mr. Cristiani to visit Washington at an early date.

On Sunday, March 19, hundreds of thousands of Salvadoran peasants, working people, businessmen and women, and citizens from every walk of life defied threats of death and terror from Marxist guerrillas to vote in that country's presidential election. This was the sixth national election El Salvador has held under international supervision in the last seven years.

What we witnessed last Sunday should leave no doubt: the people of El Salvador are passionately committed to the democratic rights and liberties they have fought for and won with U.S. support in recent years.

Our policy in El Salvador, forged through bipartisan consensus and with bipartisan support, is clear: we are committed to continued democratic progress and the defense of human rights. There must be no turning back to the dark and terrible past. We expect and the Salvadoran people clearly desire continued steady progress toward establishing the rule of law, an effective judicial system, and security against political violence from either the right or the left. There is also a message for the FMLN guerrillas in Sunday's election: the Salvadoran people clearly yearn for an end to the terrible violence to which they have been subjected.

The time has come to end the violence and secure an honorable peace that will protect the rights and security of all Salvadorans, regardless of their political views, to participate in a safe and fair political process. If the FMLN would embrace that goal, we are confident that this tragic war can come to an end. The President welcomes Mr. Cristiani's stated commitment to continue the dialogue with the FMLN guerrillas and hope the guerrillas accept his offer.

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Moreover, the guerrillas will not succeed in obtaining the political victory in the United States that they cannot win among the people of El Salvador. The United States is committed to the defense of democracy and human rights in El Salvador. So long as El Salvador continues on that path, the United States will remain a firm and steady ally.

A final note: last Sunday's election heralds the final months of the presidency of Jose Napoleon Duarte, a great patriot and champion of democracy. The President salutes President Duarte for his courage, his patriotism, his steadfast commitment to democracy, and for his enormous and lasting contribution to building an authentic democratic process in his country.

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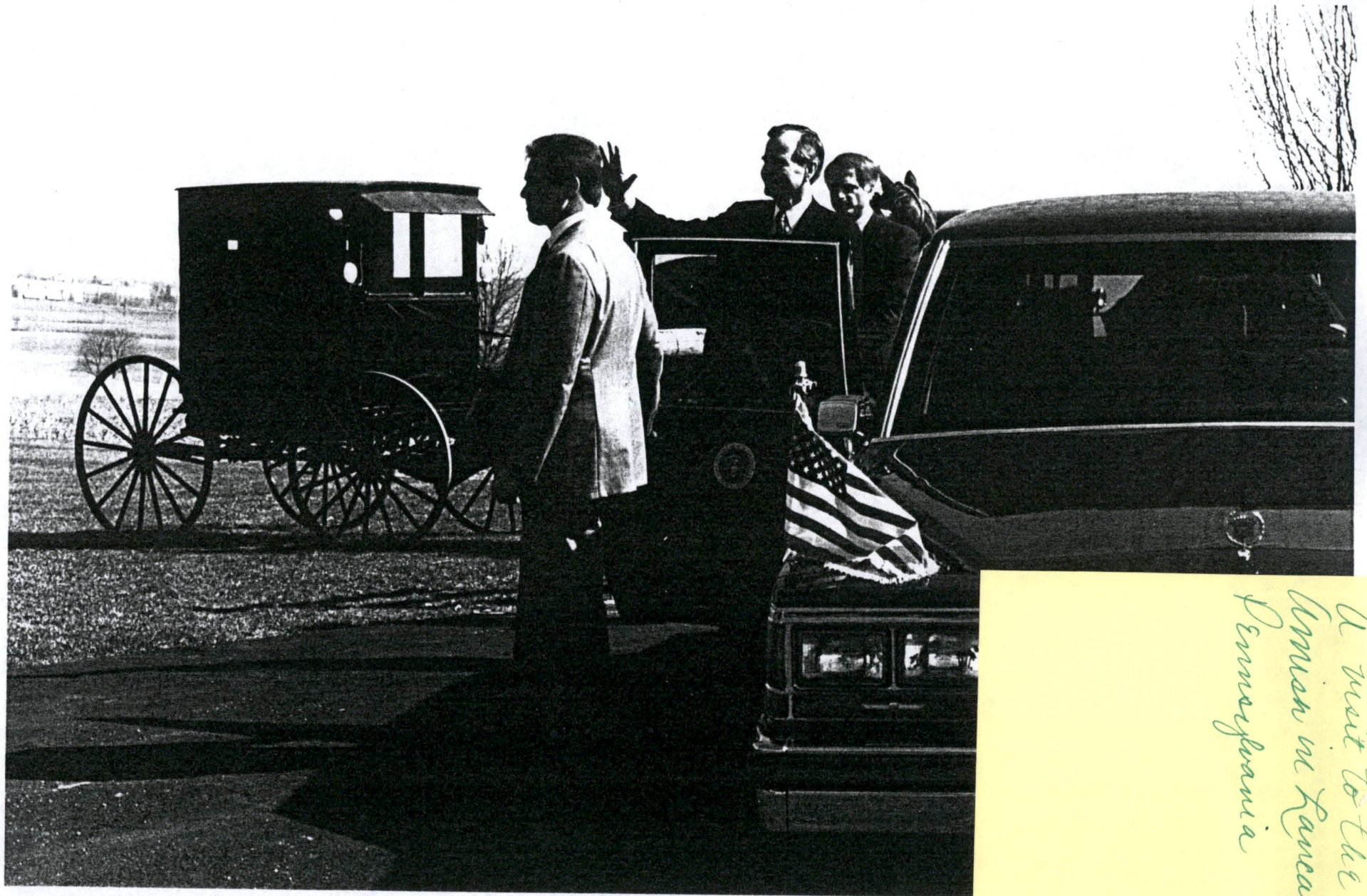
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