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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Friday, April 14, 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 Congressional Leadership</u> (McClure)	Cabinet Room (TAB A)
10:30 am (60 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
11:30 am (5 min)	<u>Proclamation Signing</u> "Education Day USA" (Demarest)	Oval Office (TAB B)
11:35 am (25 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
12:00 noon (60 min)	<u>Lunch with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
1:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
1:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Secretary Baker</u>	Oval Office
2:00 pm (60 min)	<u>NSC Meeting</u> (Scowcroft)	Cabinet Room (Distributed Separately)
3:00 pm (2 hrs)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office

UNP 04/13/89
4:00 pm

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7:15 Potter arr Oval 7:29 add Fitzwater 7:39 Fitzwater out
 7:51 add Jim Wray 8:02 Jim Wray out 8:04 Sumner + Dorman into Oval
 8:13 Dorman out 8:13 Scowcroft Bates (b)(3) [50 USC 403g Sec 6] into Oval 8:23 add VP
 8:43 (b)(3) [50 USC 403g Sec 6] out 8:56 Bates Scowcroft out 9:20 VP out 9:28 Sumner out
 9:33 Potter to Cabinet Room 10:18 Mtg concludes 10:19 Potter + Cong. leaders to Rose Garden
 10:33 Potter, others to Cabinet Room 10:39 Potter + Sen. Simpson to Horseahoe Pit
 10:48 Potter, Simpson to 2nd Fl Res. 10:50 arr Res. 10:52 Dep Res w/ Mrs. Bush + Sen Simpson
 11:54 arr Rose Garden of Mrs. Bush, Sen. Simpson + puppies.
 11:24 arr Oval w/ Sen Simpson 11:27 Simpson out 11:29 Rabbis et al into Oval
 11:34 Rabbis out
 11:42 add Sumner 11:43 Sumner out 11:45 add Sumner, + Sen Seaborg and Admiral Watkins
 11:53 Sumner ~~out~~ et al out 12:03 Sumner in 12:09 add Fitzwater - out @ 12:13
 1:01 Sumner out 1:30 add Sect. Baker 1:31 Bates in 1:32 Bates out
 1:33 add Scowcroft ~~Don~~ 1:56 - 1:57 Mrs. Bush, George P Bush + 2 friends into Oval
 2:01 Potter, Baker Scowcroft to Cabinet Room. 2:30 Potter to Oval
 2:32 add Scowcroft 2:40 Scowcroft out 3:05 add Boyden Gray
 3:14 Gray out 3:15 Potter to Cabana

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR LAURIE FIRESTONE

SUBJECT: Event - Friday, April 14, 1989
(informal - dress: Sports coats -- no tie)

1. Supper: Betsy Hemenway and daughter Alex (Mrs. Bush will invite)
Antony and Jenny Acland
Burt and Ann Lee

2. Dessert and Coffee - 7:30 p.m. (Laurie to invite)
GUESTS FOR DESSERT:

Jim Wray (Mr. and Mrs.)
Dave Carney (single)
Lanny Griffith
Mary Matalin (single)
Janet Mullins (single) (DOS)
Phill Phillips (Education)
Bill Harris
Deb Anderson (single)
Jeane Austin (single)
Norm Cummings (single)
Judy Hughes (single)
Margaret Alexander (single)
Tom Collamore (single)
Bobbie Kilberg (and husband)
Roman Popadiuk (Mr. and Mrs.)
Rep. Bill Schuette
Rita Bemish (single)
Terry Hunt
Norm Sadler
Helen Thomas
Craig Hines (single)
Gene Gibbons
Maureen Doud (single)
Merrill Hartson (Mr. and Mrs.) (AP)

(Everyone will attend the movie at 8:15 p.m.)

Patty

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: For Friday Evening
Upstairs-Residence followed by Movie

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: Coffeee and Dessert at 7.30

Movie at 8.15

Dress- Sports coats-no tie.

supper { Betsy Hemenway and daughter Alex **
Anthony and Jenny Acland **
Burt and Ann Lee **

(5) * Jim Wray
Dave Carney
Lanny Griffith

(5) Mary Matalin

(5) DSS - Janet Mullins

educ. Bill Phillips

priv. (5) - Bill Harris
- *Deb. Anderson*
- *Lanny Griffith*

(5) Jeane Austin
(5) *Norm Cummings*

(5) Judy Hughes
(5) *Mary Alexander*

(5) Tom Collamore
Kilburgs

Roman Popadink - 2

Rep. Bill Schmette

Mend. Harkson merrill
✓ Rita Bemish S
✓ Terry Hunt *Harkson*

✓ Norm Sadler
✓ *Helen Thomas*
✓ Craig hines S

Kilburgs

Gene Gibbons
Maureen David S

PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 14 April 1989

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0716	South Grounds
0717	Oval Office
0753	South Grounds
0754	Oval Office
0937	Cabinet Room
1020	Rose Garden
1034	Oval Office
1036	Cabinet Room
1040	Oval Office
1041	South Grounds
1050	Residence
1053	Doctor's Office
1055	Rose Garden
1127	Oval Office
1258	South Grounds
1301	Oval Office
1403	Cabinet Room
1432	Oval Office
1520	South Grounds
1815	Oval Office
1830	Residence
2105	Family Theater
2205	South Grounds
2212	Residence

Friday, April 14

6:00 Breakfast for President and Mrs. Bush
6:02 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
6:14 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
7:10 Mrs. Bush to the Swimming Pool
7:15 The President to the Oval Office
8:35 Breakfast for George P., Michael, and Jason
10:00 Mrs. Bush to the Dentist Office
10:50 The President to the Second Floor
10:55 The President and Mrs. Bush to the Rose Garden
11:27 The President to the Oval Office
11:35 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
12:45 Lunch for Mrs. Bush, George P., Michael, and Jason
2:05 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
2:10 Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
3:20 The President to the Tennis court
3:45 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
3:50 Mrs. Bush to the Horse Shoe Pit
3:54 The President to the Horse shoe Pit
5:50 Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
6:31 The President to the Second Floor
6:35 Ambassador and Lady Acland, Dr. and Mrs. Lee to the Second Floor
6:37 Mrs. & Miss. Heminway to the Second Floor
6:40 Jeb, Columba, Jebbie, Noel and friend to the Second Floor
6:50 Jeb and Columba out locally
7:00 dinner for the President and Mrs. Bush and guests
7:30 after dinner guests to the Second Floor (33)
8:15 The President and Mrs. Bush and guests to the Family Theater
10:05 Movie concludes, guests depart
10:08 The President and Mrs. Bush to the South Grounds
10:16 The President and Mrs. Bush to the Second Floor
10:20 Retired
10:39 Jeb and Columba to the Second Floor

Tennis w/ : SEN. HEINZ
David Bates
John Dorrance Smith

Houseguest

Jeb and Columba Bush - Lincoln Bedroom
Noelle Bush & friend - Room 214
Jebby Bush - Room 213

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

EASTERN DAYLIGHT-TIME
PRESIDENT-BUSH

APRIL 14th, 1989

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	7:28 AM	7:33	SECY. JAMES BAKER RES: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE SIGNAL EXT. 103	TLKD-OK 7:29AM
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	8:08 AM	8:09	MRS. BARBARA BUSH RES: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 527	TLKD-OK
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	8:19 AM	8:22	SECY. JAMES BAKER OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 420	TLKD-OK
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	9:07 AM		MRS. BABRBARA BUSH RES: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 551	IN MEETING TLKD-OK TO PATTY PRESOCK
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	9:22 AM	9:28	SEN. JOHN TOWER RES: DALLAS, TEXAS 214-521-9494	TOLD PATTY PRESOCK TLKD-OK
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	11:45 AM	11:57	CONG. ROBERT H. MICHEL OFC: PEORIA, IL. 309-671-7027	TOLD PATTY PRE- SOCK TLKD-OK 11:55AM
INC	PM			

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

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PRESIDENT-BUSH

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	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM XXX		MR. ANDY CARD OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 680	TLKD-OK
XXX OUT	12:01 PM AM	12:03		
INC OUT	PM AM		SECY. SAMUEL SKINNER OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 428	IN CHICAGO PRESIDENT CA
XXX INC OUT	1:25 PM AM			
INC OUT	PM AM		MR. C. BOYDEN GRAY OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 764	AT LUNCH LW TOLD PATTY PRESOCK RETN'D CALL TLKD TO PATTY PRESOCK
XXX OUT	1:26 PM AM			
INC OUT	PM AM		LT. GOV. WALTER DALE MILLER NASHILLE, TENN. 615-889-8600	TLKD-OK
XXX INC OUT	1:28 PM AM	1:29		
INC OUT	PM AM		SECY. SAMUEL SKINNER CHICAGO, IL. 312-924-1000 EXT. 221	TOLD PATTY PRESOCK
INC OUT	1:42 PM AM	2:59		
INC OUT	PM AM			
INC	PM			

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PRESIDENT-BUSH

	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
	PLACED				
OUT		XX		ADM. PAUL YOST	
XXX	1:43	PM	3:04	(b)(6)	HOLD CALL PER PATTY PRESOCK TLKD-OK 3:01PM
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT		XX		MR. GEORGE BUSH JR.	
XXX	2:48	PM	3:08	(b)(6)	TLKD-OK 3:05PM
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
XXX		XX		CONG. JOHN CONYERS JR. OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. 225-5126	
INC	4:09	PM			TLKD TO PATTY PRESOCK
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
XXX		XX		SECY. JAMES A. BAKER OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 420	
INC	5:32	PM			TLKD-OK TO PATTY PRESOCK
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
XXX		XX		MR. JEB BUSH	
INC	6:15	PM	6:17	(b)(6)	TLKD-OK
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			
OUT		AM			
INC		PM			

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WASHINGTON

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OUT		AM	MR. CHASE UNTERMEYER OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 689	TLKD-OK
XXY INC	6:17	PM		
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		
OUT		AM	MR. JACK FITCH (b)(6)	TLKD-OK
XXY INC	6:20	PM		
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		
OUT		AM	MR. CHASE UNTERMEYER OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 689	TLKD-OK
XXY INC	6:25	PM		
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

April 14, 1989

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM		Conference Call:	Tlkd-ok
INC	4:54 PM	4:59	President Vargas Virgilio Barco	4:55 PM
OUT	AM		Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland	
INC	PM		White House Signal 2-2771	
OUT	AM		Mr. David Pacielly	
INC	PM		White House Situation Room	
OUT	AM		White House Signal 2-2264	
INC	PM		Ms. Barbara Phillips	
OUT	AM		White House Situation Room	
INC	PM		White House Signal 2-2264	
OUT	AM		General Brent Scowcroft	Added to Conference
INC	PM		Office, Washington, D.C.	4:56 PM
OUT	AM		White House Signal 2-2260	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
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INC	PM			

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 4-14-89

*late
phone call*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: John Tower

*Sherry Marshall →
FCC. told him all OK*

very high.

*Geo. should not
run - will
talk to "W" -*

*John, are you interested?
Didn't say - NO*

PHONE CALL WITH ADMIRAL YOST
4/14/89

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE:

4-14

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

Yost

3 PM

re: spill

spill not go well at all

Exxon nurse bowel

shuns in hatcheries
area (no oil there)

need spotters (air) to
see shun

beach clean up 'behind'

Bill Evans, Noah,

agree need steam

(over) out of waste on Kodiak

your call worth
1/2 million



News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EDT EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

TRIP NEWS

Schools Need Will to Excel, Not Open Wallet, Bush Says -- President Bush said the nation's new manifest destiny is to develop America's young minds, setting goals for education as ambitiously as was done for space exploration, but not by spending more money. (Elizabeth Daily Journal, New York Post, New York Times, Newark Star-Ledger, Washington Times)

NATIONAL NEWS

Budget Negotiators Worked Into Night For Agreement -- White House and congressional budget negotiators reached a tentative agreement Thursday night on a framework for the fiscal 1990 budget that sidesteps political pain for members of both parties. (AP, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Congress Overwhelmingly Approves Bipartisan Contra Aid Package -- Congress overwhelmingly approved on Thursday a compromise \$49.7 million package of non-military aid for the Nicaraguan contras, giving President Bush a chance to forge a bipartisan policy on Central America. (Washington Post, AP, UPI)

NETWORK NEWS (Thursday evening)

PRESIDENT BUSH/EDUCATION -- President Bush proposed that poorer school districts have more of a say in spending their federal education money.

CONTRA AID -- The House passed a bill authorizing nearly \$50 million in non-military aid for the contras.

WRIGHT -- Speaker Wright made a public defense of his private behavior.

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TRIP NEWS

BUSH VISITS JERSEY, PUSHES 'FREER SCHOOLS'

UNION -- President Bush came to New Jersey to extoll the virtues of Gov. Kean's educational leadership, the state's "alternative route " to teacher licensing and operation of schools with less regulation and less money.

"We seek alternative certification for good people who want to teach, but are now kept out of the classroom by needless regulation," the President told some 4,000 educators and students jammed into the Union Township High School Gymnasium.

He called Kean "a great inspiration" and added, "No one has a greater claim on doing more for education."

(Robert J. Braun, Newark Star-Ledger, A1)

Bush Calls For Decentralization Of Education In Visit To Union

UNION -- For ninety glorious minutes Thursday, the Township became the capital of the nation. President Bush swept into town with a speech in his pocket and the eyes of America focused upon him, creating a glare that is not likely to fade for a long, long time.

Bush selected Union as the place to tell educators of his pledge to use his influence to decentralize public education. Flanked by First Lady Barbara Bush, New Jersey Gov. Kean, and school superintendents from around the nation, he said the burden of attaining quality learning environments should rest on the local level....

"We don't need to set curriculum in Washington, D.C.," said Bush, "it is better done right here." (Bill Reynolds, Elizabeth Daily Journal, A1)

Kiss From Bush For The Asking

UNION -- President Bush made a special stop on a visit to New Jersey to hug a sixth grader who wrote him because she felt bad about not being one of the "smart kids" invited to hear him speak at school.

"I have a learning disability. There are many kids just like me and we all have to work harder," said Gina Marie Sisco, 11, of Union, New Jersey wrote the President in her neat school-girl hand....

Gina's mom told her to write the letter when the spunky kid with the million-dollar smile complained that it was unfair that only prize pupils could hear Bush speak.

(Deborah Morin, New York Post, A2)

Bush Asks Backing For School Plans

UNION -- "President Bush. Read my lips. Don't nickel-and-dime education."

The sign, held aloft by a woman on the route to Union High School, was the only discordant symbol as President Bush came to this New Jersey township today to raise support for his proposed \$441 million in new school programs for the fiscal year that starts on Oct. 1.

In a packed gymnasium at a meeting of federal education officials, school authorities from eight states, as well as local students. Bush reiterated his campaign pledge to serve as "the education president." He outlined a plan intended to reward good teachers, direct federal resources to poor communities and promote parents' right to choose which schools their children will attend.

(Bernard Weinraub, New York Times, A21)

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Schools Need Will to Excel, Not Open Wallet, Bush Says

UNION -- President Bush said the nation's new manifest destiny is to develop America's young minds, setting goals for education as ambitiously as was done for space exploration, but not by spending more money.

"A society that worships money, or sees money as a cure for all that ails it, is a society in peril," Bush told about 1,000 students at Union High School yesterday. "We must do more than wish we had more to spend because the challenge of education reform suggests something much more fundamental than money. We need to rely less on the collective wallet and more on our collective will."

"Somebody once asked Mae West what she wanted to be remembered for. She allegedly said, 'Everything.' My goal is a little more modest," he said. "I want to be remembered as the 'education president' -- someone who used the bully pulpit of the presidency to improve American schools."

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Times, A6)

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NATIONAL NEWS

WRIGHT BEGINS COUNTERATTACK

Speaker Emotionally Rebuts Allegations Of Ethical Lapses

House Speaker Wright launched a vigorous and impassioned counterattack yesterday against impending charges that he may have broken House rules in his financial dealings, and vowed to "fight to the last ounce of conviction and energy that I possess" to prove that he is not guilty.

In a carefully scripted afternoon appearance before the news media in the Capitol -- with dozens of House Democratic leaders and rank and file Democrats arrayed behind him -- Wright offered a point-by-point rebuttal of the allegations against him, tearfully defended his wife, Betty, and asked for an opportunity soon to appear before the House ethics committee to plead his case....

While describing his 27 months as speaker as "the greatest honor I've ever had," Wright said that "whether I am speaker of the House...is not important." What really counts, he said, is that the House put "distractive matters" behind it and begin solving the nation's problems....

There was no official response from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct...to Wright's request to appear.

(Tom Kenworthy, Washington Post, A1)

Fighting Tears, Wright Claims Innocence; But Panel's Tentative Choice Is Reprimand

Speaker Wright mounted an emotional defense yesterday against expected charges by the House ethics committee, but an official close to the panel said a majority of its members have tentatively agreed to a reprimand of the Democratic leader.

A reprimand would be the least serious penalty, and one that, in political terms, the speaker could be expected to survive....

In addition, the official said, the 12-person bipartisan panel...will issue on Monday a lengthy written report critical of Wright's use of staff and office to help constituents gain access to top-level government offices.

(Paul Rodriguez, Washington Times, A1)

Wright Mounts Emotional Defense Against Ethics Charges

With his position as the nation's highest elected Democrat in jeopardy, Speaker Wright mounted an emotional defense Thursday against serious ethics charges and declared he would "fight to the last ounce of conviction and energy that I possess."

Wright's supporters called the appearance persuasive, but other Democrats were agonizing over the prospect that their most visible official might become a political liability and have to be deposed.

And a member of the ethics panel, Rep. Myers (R-Ind.), said the speech would have no effect on the committee's conclusions. "We have a task to do, and I don't think we'll be influenced at this point," he said.

(AP)

Wright Vows To Fight To Defend Reputation

An embattled but battling Speaker Wright, in an emotional point-by-point rebuttal, vowed Thursday to fight ethics charges expected to be leveled against him concerning his financial dealings.

"I am very confident that in the 34 years I've served in the Congress I have not violated any of those basic (House) rules, nor any commonly accepted standard of ethical conduct," Wright said, facing a crowd of reporters and backed up by scores of Democrats....

Wright, in a 27-minute long statement, said that during his years in Congress he had earned a reputation of decency and honor, and, "I will fight to the last ounce of conviction and energy I possess." ...

He also delivered an emotional defense of his wife, Betty, who worked for an investment company set up by the Wrights and Fort Worth businessman George Mallick....

Choking back tears and speaking to the applause of supporters, Wright said, "My wife is...a good, decent, caring, thoroughly honorable person and I'll damn well fight to protect her honor and her integrity against any challenge, by any source, whatever the cost."

(Robert Shepard, UPI)

Wright Mounts Emotional Defense Against Ethics Charges

With his position as the nation's highest elected Democrat in jeopardy, Speaker Wright mounted an emotional defense Thursday against serious ethics charges and declared he would "fight to the last ounce of conviction and energy that I possess."

Wright's supporters called the appearance persuasive, but other Democrats were agonizing over the prospect that their most visible official might become a political liability and have to be deposed.

And a member of the ethics panel, Rep. Myers (R-Ind.), said the speech would have no effect on the committee's conclusions. "We have a task to do, and I don't think we'll be influenced at this point," he said.

(AP)

BUDGET NEGOTIATORS 'ALMOST CERTAIN' ON BUDGET PACT

Congressional and administration budget negotiators said Thursday night they were "almost certain" they had reached agreement on a fiscal 1990 spending plan they can present to President Bush at the White House on Friday.

"We have an interesting offer that people want to think about (overnight)," Rep. Frenzel said as budget talks broke up about 11:15 p.m. EDT after a six-hour negotiating session.

"I think it is likely there will be an agreement sometime prior to 9:30 a.m. (Friday)," he said. "In fact, I would say it's almost certain."

(Bud Newman, UPI)

Budget Negotiators Worked Into Night For Agreement

White House and congressional budget negotiators reached a tentative agreement Thursday night on a framework for the fiscal 1990 budget that sidesteps political pain for members of both parties.

Bargainers worked until after 11 p.m. alternatively thrashing out the final details behind closed doors in a Capitol office, and shopping around parts of the tentative deal to their colleagues.

Sources said the participants had reached a consensus, but did not completely rule out a last-minute snag before presenting it to President Bush at a White House meeting set for Friday morning.

House Majority Leader Foley told reporters as Thursday's session ended that the negotiators would reconvene in the morning shortly before the session with Bush.

"I'm fairly optimistic we'll have something," he said.

(AP)

BUSH'S S&L PLAN CLEARS HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

President Bush's \$90 billion plan to bail out the S&L industry cleared its second major congressional hurdle Thursday, passing a House subcommittee one day after receiving the unanimous endorsement of the Senate Banking Committee....

The key reform -- requiring S&L owners to back their lending with more of their own capital -- was watered down somewhat in both the House and Senate versions, but administration supporters said the capital standards are a big improvement over existing standards and survived in much better shape than they expected.

"It's now pretty clear that a bill will pass with enough money to take care of the problem in the next several years and it will have fairly tough capital standards," said Rep. Schumer, who was supporting Bush's proposal. "It's better than I ever expected."

The administration is still unhappy, however, with House and Senate provisions that would permit capital-deficient thrifts to continue growing. The administration sought to force weak institutions to shrink their operations or find a merger partner.

[FDIC Chairman] Seidman...said the growth loophole undermines what are otherwise generally sound changes in the capital standard.

"We certainly see it as something that erodes the basic theme of the administration's bill," he said. "It's really building the skyscraper on quicksand."

(AP)

BUSH AND RANGEL REVIEW BENNETT'S PERFORMANCE

The head of a House narcotics committee said he complained to President Bush that national drug policy chief Bennett is acting like some sort of "super cop" for the city of Washington.

Rep. Rangel said he told Bush that Bennett should be concentrating on developing a national and international drug policy, "not running around the streets of Southeast Washington behind police cars." ...

Rangel, chairman of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, said Bush, in a surprise telephone call Thursday, was supportive of his drug chief, saying "Bennett is doing an outstanding job." ...

"I don't see how Bill Bennett can develop a national strategy when he is spending so much time running around," Rangel said. "No one had more hope for Bill Bennett than Charlie Rangel, but the honeymoon is coming to an end."

(Thomas Ferraro, UPI)

WHITE HOUSE DELAYS CHENEY APPOINTMENTS

Defense Secretary Cheney's plan to quickly install his management team is being held up as the White House, still suffering aftershocks of the John Tower nomination, searches the background of potential nominees for any taint of improprieties.

Anxious to avoid a prolonged and embarrassing squabble in the Senate over the background of Cheney's choices, the White House and FBI are carefully combing the personal and financial backgrounds of the Pentagon chief's top picks to make sure "they are clean," said one official knowledgeable with the process.

"They are just trying to make sure there isn't something lurking out there," said the official, who requested anonymity.

Even Cheney has asked his picks for the top Pentagon posts about their background, posing questions on "sex, booze and rock 'n' roll," said the official.
(Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A4)

BATTLE BREWING OVER CIVIL RIGHTS POST

William Lucas, named by Attorney General Thornburgh to the sensitive job of heading the Justice Department's civil rights division, could become the first Bush administration appointee to provoke a full-scale ideological battle.

The Detroit chapter of the NAACP, which represents Lucas' home state of Michigan, voted this week to oppose his nomination, which has not been formally made by the White House....

On the conservative side, representatives of some key organizations have been pressing the White House to hurry up and formally nominate Lucas...and not, as one activist put it, "leave him dangling in the wind while the liberals suit up for the fight."

(Ann Devroy & Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A10)

SENATE PANEL FREEZES ACTION ON THREE JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

The failure of three candidates for federal judge to answer whether the White House screened them on how they would rule on cases has frozen Senate committee action on the nominations for at least a week.

"We have a responsibility to advise and consent to the selection of judges and to know what the process was in that selection," Sen. Kennedy said Thursday after calling for a halt in Judiciary Committee action....

Some lawmakers also were critical of a letter on the subject sent by the Justice Department on Wednesday. "It is one of the most dramatically inept letters I have ever seen come before this committee," said Sen. Leahy.
(Mike Robinson, AP)

JUSTICE'S ANTI-MOBSTER TEAM MAY SOON BE HISTORY

...[A] committee of U.S. attorneys has once again recommended that strike forces be merged into their offices....

"He [Attorney General Thornburgh] has described himself as leaning toward that position (merging the strike forces)," said Thornburgh spokesman David Runkel. "The feeling is that the federal government will be in a stronger position to go after organized crime with this authority put back in the hands of U.S. attorneys across the country."

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A25)

EXXON AGREES TO PAY FOR SPILL STUDY
U.S. To Receive \$15 Million To Cover Initial Costs

Exxon Corp. agreed yesterday to pay the federal government \$15 million to cover the initial costs of assessing environmental damage caused by the Alaskan oil spill.

The agreement, worked out with the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture and Commerce and the state of Alaska, represents the first concrete offer by Exxon to pay for long-term effects of the 240,000 barrel spill....

"I am pleased that Exxon has acknowledged its long-term responsibility to provide not only for the cleanup but for the far-reaching effort that is essential if we are to make a thorough assessment of just how much damage was done," Interior Secretary Lujan said in announcing the agreement.
(Michael Weisskopf, Washington Post, A3)

TWO TELEDYNE OFFICIALS GUILTY IN PENTAGON CASE

A federal jury convicted two Teledyne Electronics executives of conspiracy and wire fraud yesterday but acquitted them of bribery, handing prosecutors a victory in the first trial of charges stemming from the Defense Department procurement fraud probe.

"These are significant verdicts," Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Aronica said of the convictions.... "We believe they send a message to corporate officials that they cannot set these things in motion and expect to wash their hands of guilt," Aronica said.

(Caryle Murphy, Washington Post, A4)

VETO URGED OF HATCH ACT REVISION BILL
Officials See Harm To Civil Service

Changing the Hatch Act to allow federal workers to participate actively in partisan political campaigns would repoliticize the Civil Service and jeopardize public confidence in the impartial administration of government, Bush administration officials said yesterday.

Justice Department and OPM officials said they would recommend that President Bush veto the Federal Political Activities Act of 1989, if passed by the House and Senate....

"Two principles central to the operation of the executive branch -- the nonpartisan administration and enforcement of federal laws and the advancement in federal service based solely on merit -- would certainly be threatened and could well be extinguished," the [Justice] Department said.

(Washington Post, A20)

ADMINISTRATION BY BUSH; MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVE

...The Bush administration is dusting off an approach that President Nixon brought to Washington: "management by objectives" or MBO. President Bush sent a memo this week to Cabinet secretaries and chiefs of major agencies asking them to "give this MBO effort your personal attention." ...

The idea is that executives should set goals and frequently check that progress is being made toward them....

But actually making it work, well, that's another matter.

The Nixon experiment with MBO, for example, didn't exactly revolutionize the way Washington functions....

(Paul Blustein, Washington Post, A25)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

HILL APPROVES NON-MILITARY CONTRA AID Both Houses Reject Expansion Of Plan

Congress gave its blessing yesterday to an agreement with President Bush to provide \$66.6 million to keep Nicaragua's contra rebels fed and housed -- but not armed -- through next February when the Sandinista government has promised to hold free elections....

"Let's get this painful era behind us," said Speaker Wright, asserting that the plan could bring back the days of bipartisan cooperation in foreign policy. (Don Phillips & Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A1)

Congress Overwhelmingly Approves Bipartisan Contra Aid Package

Congress overwhelmingly approved on Thursday a compromise \$49.7 million package of non-military aid for the Nicaraguan contras, giving President Bush a chance to forge a bipartisan policy on Central America.

The Senate completed congressional action on the measure, approving the aid package on an 89-9 roll call vote.

The House earlier endorsed the plan, 309-110. Voting yes were 152 Democrats and 157 Republicans. Voting no were 99 Democrats and 11 Republicans....

"This bill tries to set in motion a united, single-voice policy," said Speaker Wright moments before the chamber voted.

"It ends military involvement and covert efforts to overthrow governments in our hemisphere," Wright said.

At the same time, he added, "It says to Nicaragua that we are very earnest about you fulfilling these commitments that you made to internal democratization." ...

[In the Senate, Sen. Leahy, Democratic floor manager of the package, said,] "If this accord is circumvented or exploited, it would be an enormous blow to the chances for bipartisan cooperation in a broad range of areas."

Sen. Hatfield, who has voted against all other proposals to aid the contras, said he decided to vote for the compromise plan after concluding that "simply abandoning them because they have become a political embarrassment would be as immoral as the policy we were pursuing." (AP)

Congress Approves Non-Lethal Aid For Contras

Congress overwhelmingly approved Thursday a deal with President Bush that provides nearly \$50 million in non-lethal aid to the contra guerrillas and pressures Nicaragua to deliver on promised democratic reforms.

The votes, coming three days after the bill was introduced, meant the formal end of President Reagan's efforts to overthrow the Soviet-supported Nicaraguan government by force....

"What suckers we are," Sen. Helms told the Senate. "Gorbachev sends billions to his side and we quibble over peanuts." ...

Sen. Armstrong said the U.S. has followed a "wavering, weak, pusillanimous policy of which this is just the latest, sorriest, saddest example. We've sold them down the river." (E. Michael Myers, UPI)

SANDINISTA LEADERS CONDEMN U.S. AID TO CONTRAS

MANAGUA -- Sandinista leaders condemned a U.S. decision to grant more aid to contra rebels Thursday and vowed to strengthen plans to defend Nicaragua....

[A communique] said the Sandinista Front "repudiated the decision by the U.S. executive and Congress to approve new funds for the mercenary forces, since this policy violates international law and mocks the will of the Central American presidents...." (Reuter)

CONTRAS LOSING PATIENCE WITH U.S. AFTER A YEAR WITHOUT MILITARY AID

YMALES, Honduras -- Nicaraguan contra rebels are losing patience with their U.S. backers after more than a year without military funding.

"They are always trying to impose their strategy," said one senior military commander interviewed after a meeting with State Department officials in the contra command base known as El Estrategico, 100 miles southeast of the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa.

"Their strategy is to be like a crab hiding under its shell to avoid bloodshed. Our strategy is to let blood flow and walk on through it."

(David Adams, Baltimore Sun, A2)

U.S. RESERVISTS FIRED UPON IN HONDURAS

TEGUCIGALPA -- U.S. Army troops engaged in a firefight Tuesday with unknown attackers, who ambushed a convoy carrying U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard troops to a remote exercise site....

It was the first incident involving the thousands of U.S. guard or reserve troops...but the third attack on the U.S. military in Honduras since early February.

"There is a certain bad feeling toward the U.S. military," said one Honduran political analyst. (Washington Post, A23)

HONDURAN CONGRESS RATIFIES LAW ON WAR GAMES WITH U.S.

TEGUCIGALPA -- The Honduran congress on Thursday ratified a law allowing war games with U.S. troops, who have been the target of at least three armed attacks here this year....

Joint military exercises are a "demonstration of mutual support between the governments of Honduras and the United States, in benefit of the security of both countries and to fulfill their responsibilities in bilateral security," the law states. (Reuter)

ARMACOST DENIES ROLE IN CONTRA-AID MEETING

President Bush's nominee to be ambassador to Japan yesterday [in a Senate Foreign Relations confirmation hearing] denied assertions contained in documents submitted as evidence in the trial of Oliver North that he participated in a high-level meeting in which the Reagan administration decided to reward Honduras for helping the Nicaraguan contra rebels....

New information disclosed at the North trial is causing problems for two other ambassadorial nominees -- Donald Gregg, Bush's national security adviser while vice president, and John Negroponte, former U.S. envoy to Honduras -- because of their roles in the Reagan administration's Central American policies.

(Joe Pichirallo & Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, A6)

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NORTH: I TOLD THE TRUTH ON 'DIVERSION'

Calling the diversion of arms-sales profits "the secret within the secret" of the Iran-contra scandal, Oliver North swore yesterday that "by golly, when it was raised, I told the truth."

In his last day on the witness stand at his trial in federal court here, North gave an account of his final days at the White House that sharply differed with the criminal charge that he lied to then-Attorney General Meese about who controlled the money.

North insisted that Meese, not he, was responsible for mangling the facts at a Nov. 25, 1986 news conference at which Meese made several misstatements in announcing that a criminal investigation was being considered.
(George Lardner, Washington Post, A4)

PERU SAID TO BE NEGOTIATING TO BUY SOVIET HELICOPTERS

LIMA -- Peru is negotiating with the Soviet Union to buy 18 Mi-17 helicopters to step up its stalled fight against leftist guerrillas, a Defense Ministry source said Thursday.

The source said purchase terms for the helicopters were not yet decided but they could involve Peru trading in its aging fleet of Soviet-built Mi-8 transport helicopters.
(Reuter)

NATO OFFICIAL PROMOTES SHORT-RANGE MISSILE PLAN Woerner Seeks Compromise Before Summit

NATO Secretary General Manfred Woerner said yesterday he is promoting a compromise statement calling for keeping short-range nuclear weapons in Europe "up to date" so as to defuse a controversy that threatens to disrupt next month's NATO summit.

Woerner presented the approach as his idea in an interview with Washington Post editors and reporters, but added that he is "working with the allies to get such a compromise agreed upon." ...

Woerner's method of resolving the dispute would not require a NATO commitment at this time to procure or deploy a new short-range nuclear missile system, nor would it appear to involve any declaration that NATO is committed to "modernize" the Lance missile.

Instead, Woerner proposes that NATO leaders agree on "a general assessment and a general affirmation to keep them up to date."

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A24)

MOSCOW SAID AIMING TO EXPLOIT NATO BICKERING ON NUCLEAR FORCES

BRUSSELS -- The Soviet Union aims to exploit NATO bickering over nuclear policy and spoil the alliance's 40th birthday party, diplomats say....

Warsaw Pact foreign ministers who met in East Berlin called on Wednesday for talks to scrap tactical weapons in phases, including the nuclear components of dual-capable systems which would affect some of NATO's air-launched nuclear arms and its stock of nuclear artillery.

A final communique re-asserted the Pact's goal of a global elimination of nuclear weapons -- an unpalatable vision for NATO which credits these weapons with keeping the peace for 40 years. (Richard Balmforth, Reuter)

U.S. MOVES TO LIMIT PLO'S U.N. LINKS

The Bush administration has mounted a diplomatic campaign to block a bid by the PLO for full membership in the World Health Organization and other affiliated bodies of the U.N., administration officials said yesterday.

They said the State Department has told a number of U.S. allies that the administration is "firmly opposed" to the PLO's current efforts to gain wider international diplomatic support for its self-proclaimed "Palestinian state," which has already been recognized by 98 countries....

"In our view the self-declared Palestinian 'state' which we do not recognize does not meet the generally accepted international law criteria for statehood and thus does not qualify for membership in U.N. agencies," [a State Department statement] added.

(David Ottaway & John Goshko, Washington Post, A22)

SENATORS URGE BAKER TO BLOCK PLO ROLE IN U.N.

Thirty-eight U.S. senators are urging Secretary Baker to oppose U.N. recognition of the PLO as a member state, an upgrading of its current status.

"Any successful move by the U.N. or related agencies to recognize the 'state of Palestine' would force us to seriously consider a range of punitive action, including withholding U.S. financial participation from those agencies," said the letter Thursday....

Sen. Kasten and the 37 Senators who joined him said the PLO was engaged in "a public relations ploy to make headlines" rather than "confidence-building measures to make progress."

The senators said Arafat's group should not be treated as a state because it does not control territory or any population and is not a government.

(Barry Schweid, AP)

PERES CASTS DOUBT ON SERIOUSNESS OF SHAMIR'S PEACE PLAN

JERUSALEM -- Israel's Vice Prime Minister Peres...cast doubt Thursday on the new peace plan of his boss and rival, Prime Minister Shamir....

Peres told Israel Radio:

"If it is a step designed to make things easier for us with the United States then it will just buy a certain amount of time, but in the end, it will not answer the central question, which...is the solution to the Palestinian question." ...

Also on Thursday, a senior Israeli Foreign Ministry official went to Cairo to tout the peace plan, Foreign Minister Arens said. (Reuter)

ISRAELI PLAN DRAWS PALESTINIAN INTEREST

Centrists Would Couple Proposed Election With 2 Years Of Talks

CAIRO -- Some leaders of the Palestinian uprising have decided to recommend to PLO Chairman Arafat that he accept an Israeli call for elections, followed by two years of confidence-building negotiations aimed at preparing Israelis to live alongside a Palestinian state, according to Palestinian sources [here]....

Asked to respond to the recommendations, Arafat's adviser, Bassam Abu Sharif, said in an interview, "That sound's like [Israeli Prime Minister] Shamir's ideas." He reiterated the official PLO position that Palestinians will not compromise on their demands for self-determination and an end to the occupation.

(Patrick Tyler, Washington Post, A22)

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ISRAELI TROOPS RAID VILLAGE; AT LEAST 4 PALESTINIANS KILLED
Clash Most Severe In West Bank This Year

NAHALIN, West Bank -- Israeli troops carrying out a dawn raid on this militant Arab village near Bethlehem shot and killed at least four Palestinian youths and wounded a dozen others in the worst clash this year in the occupied West Bank.

The shootings appeared to deal a severe blow to the Bush administration's appeal for confidence-building measures and reduced violence in the West Bank and Gaza as a way to encourage Palestinians and Israelis to enter peace negotiations.

(Edward Cody, Washington Post, A1)

PAN AM BOMB PROBERS DIFFER ON COURIER REPORT

Government sources disagreed yesterday over a report that named a college student as the passenger who unwittingly carried a bomb onto Pan Am Flight 103....

U.S. anti-terrorist officials said Khalid Jaafar, a Lebanese-American college student returning to Detroit from Frankfurt for the holidays, is on the list of suspected dupes, but added that several other passengers with Middle East "connections" are being studied as well....

The U.S. intelligence sources said they believe the prime suspect...is a relative of an official in the Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

(David Ottaway & Laura Parker, Washington Post, A13)

\$10 MILLION IN FOOD FOR PEACE SLOTTED TO SUDAN

The Agriculture Department revised its allocations under the Food for Peace program Thursday to make \$10 million in food aid available to famine-and-strife stricken Sudan.

The department also nearly doubled the allocation for Sri Lanka and made Uganda eligible for assistance.

(UPI)

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Thursday Evening, April 13)

TRIPS

ABC's Peter Jennings: Two items about President Bush: The President is going to visit Lockerbie, Scotland, the site of the Pan Am 103 crash, on his way back from a NATO summit meeting in Brussels in May. And Mr. Bush went to an education conference in New Jersey today. He proposed again that poorer school districts have more of a say in spending their federal education money. (ABC-9)

BUDGET

NBC's John Cochran: If the White House and congressional Democrats are right, the winners in all this will be the Americans who are concerned about rising interest rates, about inflation, and about financial markets. Under these guidelines, to be announced at the White House tomorrow, the 1990 budget deficit will be kept below \$100 billion. These guidelines would also permit George Bush to say he's keeping "my read my lips pledge" of no new taxes. But they would allow some room for maneuver in increasing taxes already now being imposed, and also in these user fees charged by the federal government for some of the services it provides.... Indeed, there will be some new limits on the medicare fees paid to doctors and hospitals, but no new cuts on medicare fees to the actual recipients.... There would be a \$2 billion reduction in agricultural support programs. That will not please farmers, and there would be a tiny cut in defense spending. This would enable the Democrats to say they're keeping their pledge to reduce defense spending. So there's a little in this for both the President and the congressional Democrats. (NBC-2)

DRUG STUDY

Jennings: The government has been getting in the way of its own war against drugs. That is the conclusion of a two-year Senate study on narcotics, which found that foreign policy agencies trying to support the Contras in Nicaragua failed to help law enforcement officials in keeping the Contras and others from smuggling drugs into the U.S. (ABC-3)

CONTRA AID

CBS's Dan Rather: The House late today passed a bill authorizing nearly \$50 million in non-military aid for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels. This is a compromise between President Bush and the Congress designed to keep the Contras in existence through next February, when Nicaragua has promised to hold free elections. (CBS-3)

HOUSE ETHICS/WRIGHT

Jennings: House Speaker Wright felt obliged today to make a public defense of his private behavior, and his political life, and the relationship between the two. Jim Wright's burden has been getting heavier over a period of many weeks. The basic issue is this: Has the Speaker violated the ethics rules of the institution over which he presides?

ABC's Sheilah Kast reports that today Speaker Wright surrounded himself with supporters, including most of the Democratic leadership, and vowed to defend himself against anticipated charges of violating House rules. He grew emotional as he rebutted the charge that benefits he and his wife, Betty, had received from Fort Worth developer George Mallick were gifts, including her salary from a Mallick-Wright investment firm. Wright said she earned her salary. The Speaker wants to argue his case before the ethics committee personally.

(Speaker Wright: "I will fight to the last ounce of conviction and energy that I possess.")

Jennings reports that while Mallick was actually advising Wright on the S&L industry, Mallick and his wife owed more than \$840,000 to an S&L which was suing to collect its money.

ABC's Allan Frank reports that at the same time Mallick wrote an S&L report for Wright saying that federal regulators were acting too harshly, and recommending that they show more leniency toward S&L owners and ease pressure on their borrowers, Mallick and his family had outstanding debts of more than \$3 million with S&Ls. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: House Speaker Wright battled back today, and this is a fight rich with the trappings of drama, emotion, and that most-cherished of Washington perquisites, political power. Jim Wright is in big trouble for his ethics, and a House committee is expected to file serious charges against him. So today he counterattacked.

NBC's Andrea Mitchell reports that tonight ethics committee leaders said they would not give Wright a chance to respond to the charges before they issued them. And while the Speaker was able to marshal public support today, many of his colleagues could defect if the committee recommends disciplinary action. (NBC-Lead)

Rather: Speaker Wright, one of the most powerful men in government, second in line for succession to the presidency, took his do-or-die, fight-back campaign for his honor and office directly to the public today. Wright is trying to fight off what he sees as a Republican political attack on him and his ethics and his wife. Wright is also defending himself in private, calling for a quick hearing before the House Ethics Committee. Some members of the committee have been leaking information that indicates the committee may be ready to cite Wright for dozens of violations. All this comes amid increasing talk of escalating revenge and counter-avenge on Capitol Hill and debate over shifting standards for the private lives of public officials.

CBS's Deborah Potter reports that there is growing concern on Capitol Hill that the Wright case could be just the first shot in a new partisan war with ethics charges as the ammunition. Supporters of Speaker Wright say that if he's punished because his wife had a paying job and he took favors from a friend, everyone is now vulnerable.

(Rep. Wilson: "And I would suggest that all of my colleagues who are thinking of voting for that sanction had better think about where they spent the night for the last six months or who paid the greenfees where they played golf.")

But some Republicans say it's about time that Congress cleaned up its act. Both parties are keeping lists of potential violators. The Democrats would go after Republicans like Buz Lukens, accused of having sex with a teenage girl, and Joseph McDade, under investigation for taking gifts from a scandal-ridden defense contractor. The Republicans have their sights on Democrats like Harold Ford, under indictment for tax fraud, and Robert Garcia, implicated in the WEDTECH scandal. But a tit-for-tat strategy could be risky. As one Democrat put it, "The danger is that in the next election the voters will just decide to throw all the rascals out."

(CBS-Lead)

PRISON SPACE/DRUGS

NBC's Lisa Myers reports that the new Drug Czar said that if this country is serious about stopping drugs, it has to pay the price.

(Director Bennett: "People say lock up the bad guys. We should lock up the bad guys. So that means the willingness in communities to see that prisons are built and supported.")

By one estimate, it would cost as much as \$120 billion to build enough prisons to really get tough with drug offenders. But many argue that the cost of not building prisons may be even higher. (NBC-10)

OIL SPILL

Brokaw reports that Coast Guard Commandant Yost flew to Valdez, Alaska, today to begin supervising the cleanup of the nation's worst oil spill, and he was greeted with some bad news. Oil that spilled from the Exxon Valdez now is threatening beaches 250 miles away. It's moving toward Cook Inlet and the rich fishing grounds around Kodiak Island. Beaches closer to where the spill happened are being cleaned now with a new technique called flush and float -- scrubbing the oil loose with cold water under pressure, pushing that oil back into the water, and then scooping it up for removal. (NBC-7, CBS-5)

PENTAGON

Brokaw reports that there were guilty verdicts today for two former Teledyne defense company executives in the first trial from that Pentagon corruption scandal. Both men were convicted of conspiracy and fraud, but acquitted of bribery. Prosecutors claim the defendants were getting inside information from a Navy engineer who has pleaded guilty to receiving bribes. (NBC-4, CBS-4)

SHAMIR/PALESTINIANS

Jennings reports that Israeli Prime Minister Shamir wound up his trip to the U.S. today by defending the use of force against Palestinians in the occupied territories. His comments come at a particularly bloody time on the West Bank. At least four, and perhaps as many as six Palestinians were killed and 20 others wounded overnight in an Israeli raid on a West Bank village.

ABC's Dean Reynolds says that it's been one week since Prime Minister Shamir proposed elections for Palestinian peace negotiators. And while Shamir says the uprising must stop before those elections can start, the Palestinians have been saying all week their uprising will go on until the Israelis get out. (ABC-6, NBC-5, CBS-8)

SYRIA/MOSCOW

Brokaw reports that two days ago Syrian helicopters fired rockets at two Soviet ships in the Mediterranean. At least seven sailors were injured. In Moscow, the foreign ministry said today that Syria now has officially apologized. It didn't say, however, who the Syrians thought they were firing on in the first place. (NBC-6)

HOFFMAN DEATH

Jennings: Abbie Hoffman was only 52 when he died last night in rural Pennsylvania. The police believe it was of natural causes. During the 1960's he was one of the most outspoken, most outrageous, and to many, most charismatic opponents of the war in Vietnam and of government that he thought was oppressive. His younger brother, Jack, said today that maybe Abbie just gave up -- maybe he was tired. (ABC-11, NBC-11, CBS-11)

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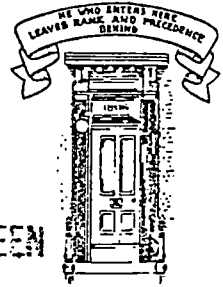
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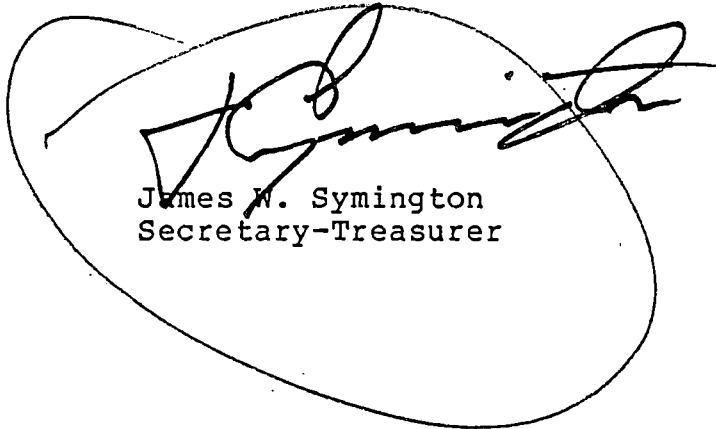
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: GOVERNOR JOHN SUNUNU

FROM: MARLIN FITZWATER *Marlin*

SUBJECT: PRESS STRATEGY

As we approach the end of the first three months of the Administration, I believe the press strategy laid out in January has been successful. But, it appears to be time to add a couple of dimensions to our press plan. We have established your accessibility. The demeanor of the press corps has changed for the better. You have established your own presence and personal style. I believe it is now time to present a Presidential posture that shows you directing the decision-making process, and laying out new directions for the Nation. These objectives will require more use of television and radio appearances in which you are allowed to make a full and direct presentation to the American people.

We, therefore, recommend you consider the following activities in the next two to three months.

1. A prime-time evening press conference on May 9 to discuss the conclusions of your foreign policy review and your ambitions for the NATO Summit. By this time, you will have achieved a budget agreement, Central American aid, an S&L bill, and several other important pieces of legislation will be under consideration.

There is one important difference between this press conference and all others, even those you had during the campaign. The difference is that at least 20 questions will be asked of you, most of them representing televised attacks of one kind or another on your Administration. The debates are your closest experience. It will be tougher than any of your press conferences so far, but I believe that now is the time to hold this event.

2. We are working with Gerald Boyd, New York Times, to spend a day or two with you to write a story about the decision-making process. While this will require some tricky ground rules, it can be done. The benefit will be to show the strong, methodical approach to decisions that you conduct.

3. All of the networks have requested interviews with you of one kind or another. They represent talk show appearances, interviews by anchors and special feature interviews. In the network news business, competitive advantage is their number one priority; and in my discussions with the networks, it is clear that each cares about having the "first Bush interview" more than they care about substance or format. The corollary is that no matter who we make happy by putting first, we make the others angry. And, all four of them have made initial representations at some point in the distant past to you, me and the Governor. Thus, I believe the only rule to follow is: What's best for us at this time? I, therefore, recommend that you do a half hour interview for showing before the NATO Summit with Peter Jennings or Brit Hume, or both. Their coverage has been the fairest, and they are the most reliable to deal with.

4. David Burke of CBS News has asked if you would do a satellite interview on June 6 at their affiliate meeting in Los Angeles. The audience would be nearly a thousand station owners and managers. This has questionable direct mass audience value, but it would send a signal to the television industry that you are interested in their media and that you feel comfortable with televised appearances.

5. I believe it's important for America to see you as their President in the Oval Office as soon as possible. I recommend that we schedule a televised speech to the Nation from the Oval Office, following your return from the NATO Summit. This speech would discuss the solidarity of the Alliance, your views on US-Soviet relations, and the "vision thing" as it relates to foreign policy.

6. Another idea would be a radio roundtable from Camp David. This could be a group of five or six independent radio correspondents interviewing you on Saturday morning at Laurel for approximately a half hour. We would ask the independent networks to broadcast the show in its entirety. Thus, you would achieve a kind of national radio dialogue, through the six correspondents, with the American people. The Camp David angle just gives it a showbiz twist, and allows you to do it in a relaxed setting. Also, it would not violate our rules on "no cameras or pictures" from Camp David.

In summary, I believe we have received very good press in the first three months of your Administration. The press will never admit to positive news coverage, because it offends their sense of purpose as a government watchdog. It also draws peer criticism for being co-optive. Thus, we are now seeing some articles that say our press coverage isn't massive enough, or well-staged.

We can mitigate this problem by broadening the kind of media events in which you participate. Thus, the above recommendations have a variety of different television opportunities. If you approve of this strategy, I will work with the Long-Range Scheduling Committee to schedule these events.



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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your very kind letter welcoming us to the grandparents' club. You were quite right. Little Jeffrey does bring us inexpressible joy. We recognize of course that you and Barbara are 10 ahead of us, but as you also know, our Jeffrey is clearly the most wonderful grandbaby there ever was. You can be sure we will start to encourage our kids so that we eventually have at least 11.

On another note, there's a little story I want to tell you. Several weeks ago when I was in California, I dropped in to visit President Reagan just to see how he was doing. A young Army sergeant was my driver. As we pulled up to the house, President Reagan came to the door and I introduced him to the sergeant who got the thrill of his life. The President, of course, shot the sergeant a very sharp salute, which the Sergeant returned. After the President and I walked back into the house, he remarked to me, "Colin, it was alright for me to salute, wasn't it?" I, of course, assured him that it was. He then said, "You know there was only one thing that I really asked George to keep doing, and that was to keep saluting soldiers." I told him that I had been watching you on television, and it looked like advice that you were certainly following.

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Thank you again for your thoughtfulness, Mr. President. Alma sends regards to Barbara. We are comforted to hear that her tussle with Graves disease is a minor one and nothing for any of us to be concerned about.

With very best wishes and utmost respect,

Sincerely,



Colin L. Powell
General, U.S. Army

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC

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WASHINGTON**

Tennis - April 14, 1989

4pm.- South Grounds, White House

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: April 14, 1989

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JOE HAGIN

Former Congressman and Cabinet Member,
Tom Kleppe of North Dakota called regarding
a 4th of July event North Dakota is having --
100th year celebration. They want me in
Bismarck for July 4, but they will accept
alternate dates.

I said no on July 4th but this would be a good
environmental event. The State has set a
goal to plant 100 million trees in 10 years!!!

North Dakota got going under soil conservation
Act years ago, now with global warming et al
they have set this worthy goal. Kleppe will
be in touch with you directly.

It it fit on the way to or from the Coast, I'd
like to try to do it, taking Secretary Kleppe
with me to Bismarck. He assures me they are
very flexible on "when".

cc: John Sununu
Steve Studdert

Done



THE PRESIDENT

4-14-89

Dear Gina,

I'm glad we met
yesterday. I loved meet-
ing your teacher and
principal and classmates.

Keep working hard.
You'll do well. I
feel it in my heart.

Love +

G. Bush

cc: Tim McBride
(incoming & outgoing)

Jan B

Miss Gina Marie Sisco
1126 Cranbury Road
Union, New Jersey 07083

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From the desk of
George Bush

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President George Bush
The Whitehouse
Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington D.C.

4-4-89

Dear Mr. President,

I hope you get this letter in time. I am a 6th grade student in the Union, New Jersey School. How lucky we are that you are coming to visit us next week!

There is just one thing that bothers me about your visit - students in each school were picked to go to the High School to meet you. These kids were picked because they won the Presidents Academic Fitness Award. I am proud of them but I feel it's unfair to ~~show~~ you just the smart kids.

You see, I am a resource room student for ~~math and english~~. I have a learning disability. There are many kids just like me and we all have to work harder than most kids. Union is showing you their best in intelligence, but Union also has the best in

trying the hardest like we did in resource
 room - only no one recognizes us.
 So, Mr. President, while you are in
 Union maybe you should stop by a
 resource room and visit like we
 refer aren't the best in grades but we
 are try the hardest. Union helps us
 too.

I don't know,
 Mine Marie Diaz
 Home room #4
 Central Six

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1989

Dear Strom:

Thanks for sending me a copy of the editorial from The State. I can guarantee you I will stick to my pledge to use the veto, and I appreciate knowing I can count on you to support me if I do.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Strom Thurmond
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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STROM THURMOND
SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMITTEES

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS
LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 10, 1989

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed please find an editorial which appeared in The State,
the largest newspaper in South Carolina.

This editorial supports your position on the minimum wage and I
thought you might be interested in seeing it.

With warmest personal regards and best wishes,

Respectfully,

Strom Thurmond
Strom Thurmond

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we will support you
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THE PRESIDENT

Dear Michael -

Just what I

needed - a Left Handed
note-book. Many my thanks

By Bill

Advice to a fellow lefty - keep your hand out
of the ink!!!

GEORGE BUSH
WASHINGTON

Mr. Michael McCleary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1989

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stethem:

Thank you for your letter of January 31, and the congratulatory note. I also sincerely appreciate your views on terrorism and how the United States should respond.

First, let me assure you that my views on terrorism have remained unchanged since I led the Vice Presidential Task Force for Combatting Terrorism. The results of that effort reinforced our resolve to respond to terrorist acts, and to make every legal effort to extradite and prosecute those who commit such acts.

The heinous acts committed by the hijackers of TWA Flight 847 remain constantly in our thoughts. Like you, we clearly preferred that Mohammed Ali Hammadei be extradited to the United States; however, we are encouraged by the fact that he has been brought to trial. We are further encouraged by the recent conviction of Fawaz Younis in U.S. courts for his hijacking of a Jordanian aircraft.

However, we do not consider these positive steps as any basis for relaxing our efforts to apprehend and prosecute those terrorists who remain at large. Our pursuit is relentless and

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our resolve undiminished. I assure you that no resources are being spared in tracking down those responsible for your son's death, nor are resources being diverted for other counterterrorist endeavors.

Barbara and I thank you for your prayers and make ours for you as we all pray for the end of terrorism worldwide.

Sincerely,

Cy Bunk

As long as I live I
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Cy Bunk

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Stethem
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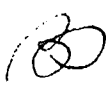
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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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April 13, 1989

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT 
SUBJECT: Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stethem

Purpose

To obtain your signature on the attached response to the letter of Mr. and Mrs. Stethem, parents of Robert Stethem who was killed by terrorists during the hijacking of TWA Flight 847 in 1985.

Background

On January 31, 1989, Mr. and Mrs. Stethem wrote to you in order to congratulate you on being elected President and to express their concerns over the U.S. efforts in locating and bringing to justice those who killed their son (Tab B). Specifically they are asking for "...assurance from you, that continuing money and efforts will be made available to accomplish these goals."

The Department of Justice and the entire intelligence community diligently continue to pursue the apprehension of these terrorists who remain at large. The National Security Council staff and interagency working groups continually monitor the progress. We are particularly interested in bringing these terrorists to justice in the U.S. courts where we anticipate the toughest sentences.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stethem at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stethem
Tab B	Incoming from the Stethems

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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cc 5B

Mr. and Mrs. Stethem
P.O. Box 331
Port Tobacco, Maryland 20677

January 31, 1984

Dear Mr. President:

First of all, we want to congratulate you on successfully being elected our 41st President and compliment you, too, on the selection of your cabinet members.

We are aware, as you accept your new office, that one of the problems that still plagues, not only our country, but the world at large, is terrorism.

While we are aware nine American hostages still remain captives in Lebanon, we would hope you and your administration do not let this fact shield any efforts toward the apprehension of the remaining principals of the TWA Flight 847 hijacking, namely Imad Mugniyah, Hasan Izz-Al-Din, and Ali Atwa. We also would not expect the release of the nine American captives to be conditional whereas promises would be made that the aforementioned hijackers would not be apprehended and brought to justice.

We are presently attending the trial of Mohammed Ali Hamadei in the Federal Republic of West Germany. While we do not believe this trial is being carried out in the proper country, we can only pray that a just conviction and sentence will be forthcoming. While we are totally involved with these trial proceedings, there remains a great deal of concern on our part as to whether our government is actively engaged in apprehending the aforementioned criminals and to what extent available sources are being utilized. We would appreciate knowing that you are actively supporting the capture of those responsible for the murder of our son Robert Dean Stethem. We know that much investigative work has been done in this area, however, we would appreciate assurances from you that continuing money and efforts will be made available to accomplish these goals.

We are aware of the intense interest of the news media and pressure exerted from the hostage families upon the previous administration. We fear that those pressures have driven the previous administration to undertake actions which may have been counterproductive to the aggressive pursuit of those responsible for the TWA Flight 847 hijacking and the murder of our son. We are well aware that those responsible are members of the radical Shiite Hezbollah faction in Lebanon who unfortunately are the same individuals currently holding the nine American captives. If

Hezbollah terrorists can avoid apprehension by holding American hostages, our efforts to combat terrorism are meaningless. While we have compassion for the hostages held against their will, we do not believe our country should be restricted in its actions by a few who refused to leave the dangerous environment in Beirut after repeated warnings from their government. Our son was on active duty with the United States Navy and was murdered enroute from their job site. He was murdered solely because of being an American serviceman. We feel it is essential that the United States Government aggressively pursue the terrorists responsible for the hijacking and murder no matter where they hide. We have been told that hundreds of Government employees and millions of dollars are dedicated to the release of the hostages, yet precious few resources are actively devoted to the apprehension of the TWA Flight 847 fugitives. We would like to see this changed.

While we feel sympathy for the nine Americans still held captive in Lebanon, we do not feel their situation should be an "overriding" consideration in determining the extent of the efforts to be afforded the apprehension of these criminals. We would hope that "true and sincere" efforts will be made through all sources available to the United States Government to insure the apprehension and prosecution of these criminals.

It was important to us when you and your wife appeared at Andrews Air Force Base when our son was brought home to us. Your sympathy and kindness was appreciated by our whole family. As you begin your presidency and assume the awesome responsibilities of that office, our prayers are with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Stethem
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DX:



THE PRESIDENT

April 14, 1989

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Dear Kristopher,

I heard you've not been well; so I wanted to send you this note and this tie bar.

Let's say that this tie bar is a "good luck" piece. You

hold it and I'll pray hard for you to get well quick -

Good Luck -

Love

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✓ bcc: Jan Burmeister

Mr. Kristopher Kostyal
c/o Office of the Commander
Walter Reed Army Hospital
Ward #51
6900 Georgia Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20307-5000

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WALTER REED ARMY HOS.
KRISTOPHER KOSTYAL
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get
name of boy.

C/O OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER
20307-5000

5 years 10 mos.

Parents: MSGT + MRS DON KOSTYAL
6724 MINK COURT
WALDORF MD 20601



THE PRESIDENT

April 14, 1989

Dear Kevin -

Now our duck collection
in Maine will have a new
"star" duck. May we
thank you for that beautifully
crafted keepsake - Liz Bush



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1989

I am pleased and proud to offer my warmest greetings to my former shipmates on the USS **SAN JACINTO** and your guests, as you reunite in Philadelphia. My only regret is that, due to the demands of my schedule, I can't be with you in person.

As each of you knows, the liberty we enjoy as citizens of our great Republic has been won at immense cost. All Americans owe a lasting debt of gratitude to those who fought and died to defend our precious freedom. The crew of the SAN JACINTO is certainly part of this august group.

From the "Marianas Turkey Shoot" to Iwo Jima, Leyte Gulf, and missions against the Japanese home islands, we proved our mettle time and again in battles that played a pivotal role in our Nation's eventual victory in the Pacific. We can take great pride in being among those who courageously bore the responsibility of defending our American way of life.

As a fellow SAN JACINTO veteran, I know firsthand the many sacrifices each of you made for our country. Now, as Commander in Chief, I have the honor of formally saluting each of you for your gallant service during World War II. You made America proud.

Today, let us pause to honor our brothers who gave "the last full measure of devotion" so that others might live in freedom. May they rest in peace.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a most enjoyable reunion. God bless you, and God bless America.

Ray Bush

*It is fitting you meet in
Phila. where the San Jac was
commissioned -*



THE PRESIDENT

April 14, 1989

Dear Paul,

Thanks for your good note. All of my carrier landing training was on the east coast before I was assigned to the carrier, USS San Jacinto. So, I was not at Santa Rosa Naval Air Station during World War II.

Best wishes to you and yours, with appreciation for your interest.

Sincerely,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Paul L. Larson

4209 West 99th Street

Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1989

Dear Ms. Berlin:

Many thanks for your letter. I appreciate your thoughtful comments, and I'm grateful for your kind words of support.

I was sorry to hear of the misery and suffering illegal drugs have brought to your family. Believe me, every time I hear a story like yours, it makes me even more determined to do all I can to help end the scourge of drug abuse. It is an evil and it must be stopped.

Thank you for taking the time to write. You and your family have my best wishes,

Sincerely,



Ms. Genna Berlin
Apartment 416
265 Northpoint
San Francisco, California 94133

bcc: Jan B