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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Tuesday, August 8, 1989

7:55 am (5 min)	<u>Photo with Vernon Midgley</u> (Hagin)	(TAB A)	Oval Office
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 (45 min)	<u>Administrative Time</u>		Oval Office
10:00 am (15 min)	<u>Meeting with Egyptian Defense</u> <u>Minister Abu Taleb</u> (Scowcroft) <i>epwp</i>	(Distributed Separately)	Oval Office
10:15 am (45 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>		Oval Office
11:00 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Jewish Leaders</u> (Demarest)	(TAB B)	Oval Office
11:30 am (10 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> (Fitzwater)	(TAB C)	Oval Office
11:40 am (20 min)	<u>Media Interview</u> (Fitzwater)	(TAB D)	Oval Office
12:00 pm (60 min)	<u>Lunch</u>		Oval Office
1:00 pm (60 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>		Oval Office
2:00 pm	The President departs to address the National Urban League Conference at the <u>Washington Convention Center</u> (Demarest)	(TAB E -- Trip Schedule)	South Lawn

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7:11 add Sununu + Fitzwater 7:16 Sununu out 7:35 Fitzwater out

UNP 08/07/89

6:00 pm

7:57 add Vern Midgley, Joan Salmonson + Kathleen Super 8:01 Midgley et al out

8:02 add DCI, Gates, Scowcroft, (b)(3) 8:14 (b)(3) out 8:15 add V.P.

8:16 DCI out 8:17 Gov. Sununu in 8:45 Gates & Scowcroft out

9:03 VP out 9:04 Sununu out 9:13 add Governor Sununu

9:30 Sununu out 9:37 add Scowcroft

4:24 Peter lpt Oval to Barberhop via Fitzwater office

4:27 ar Barberhop 5:06 lpt Barberhop 5:07 ar Oval

5:10 add Susan to lpt 5:26 Susan out

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

AUGUST 8th

, 19⁸⁹

E.D.T. PRESIDENT BUSH

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM		MR. TOM CROMPTON OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 659	TLKD OK
INXX 5:54	PMX 5:56			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MRS. BARBARA BUSH (b)(6)	TLKD OK
INXX 7:44	PM 7:47			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MR. CHARLES G. UNTERMEYER OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 689	TLKD OK
INXX 9:04	PM 9:08			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MR. WILLIAM BUSH BOONE, KY 606-371-4400 ROOM 511	TLKD OK
INXX 9:13	PMX 9:15			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MRS. ALISON LELAND (b)(6)	TLKD OK
INXX 9:24	PMX 9:27			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MRS. NANCY ELLIS (b)(6)	BUSY TLKD OK 9:32
INXX 9:31	PMX 9:34			

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	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
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OUT	AM			SECRETARY RICHARD B. CHENEY OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 422	ENROUTE TO WHITE HOUSE, CAR PHONE DA TOLD MS. PRESOCK CA 9:45AM
INC	9:43	PM			
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	XXAM			JUAVIER PEREZ DECUELLAR NEW YORK, NY 212-963-1234	OUT OF OFC, TOLD MS. PRESOCK, LW TLKD 3:44PM
INC	3:28	PM	3:49		
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	XAM			SECRETARY NICHOLAS BRADY OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN, EXT. 422	TLKD OK
INC	5:42	PM	5:43		
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	XAM			LAURIE FIRESTONE OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 672	TLKD OK 6:27PM
INC	6:25	PM	6:28		
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	XAM			SECRETARY JAMES BAKER (b)(6)	TLKD TO MS. PRESOCK MR. BAKER OUT TILL 9:30PM
INC	8:49	PM	10:50		
OUT	AM			SECURE LINE (b)(2)	TLKD OK 10:44PM
INC	PM				
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				

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OUT	XAM		GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT RES: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE SIGNAL	TLKD OK
INCXX	10:51 PM	10:54		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XAM		SECRETARY JAMES BAKER (b)(6)	TLKD OK
INCXX	10:55 PM	10:59		
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**TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD**

August 8, 1989

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
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OUT	9:39 AM	10:01	Conference Call: Secretary James A. Baker III (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 9:47 AM via Secure Voice
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		General Brent Scowcroft The Oval Office Secure Voice x2604	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Ms. Patty Presock Office, Washington, D.C. 456-6508	Tlkd-ok 2:08 PM via YANKEE ZULU
INC	2:07 PM	2:10		
OUT	AM		Ms. Patty Presock Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 2-2199	Tlkd-ok 2:17 PM
INC	2:16 PM	2:17		
OUT	AM		Secretary James A. Baker III (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 11:19 PM via Secure Voice
INC	11:15 PM	11:25		
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INC	PM			
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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 8 August 1989

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0709	South Grounds
0710	Oval Office
1214	South Grounds
1220	Depart South Grounds via Motorcade (Low Key)
1226	Arrive Hains Point (Low Key)
1301	Depart Hains Point via Motorcade (Low Key)
1304	Arrive South Grounds (Low Key)
1348	Oval Office
1404	South Grounds
1406	Depart South Grounds via Motorcade
1410	Arrive Washington Convention Center
1447	Depart Washington Convention Center via Motorcade
1455	Arrive South Grounds
1457	Oval Office
1600	Press Office
1601	Oval Office
1627	Barber Shop
1706	Oval Office
1759	Residence
1905	South Grounds
1959	Residence
2013	Family Theater
2235	Residence

Tuesday, August 8

5:45 Breakfast for the President
7:07 The President to the Oval Office
7:45 Breakfast for Prescott Bush
8:50 Prescott Bush departed the White House
12:20 The President to Hanes Point
1:04 The President to the Oval Office
2:05 The President departed the White House for the
Washington Convention Center
2:53 The President arrives South Grounds, to the Oval Office
6:00 The President to the Second Floor
6:15 Secretary Brady to the Second Floor
6:30 Laurie Firestone and three guests to the Second Floor
down - 7:03
6:35 Secretary Brady down
6:45 Guests arrive East Garden for Private Reception and Dinner
7:03 The President to the East Garden
7:15 Reception in the East Garden
7:56 The President and Guests to the Second Floor for Tour
8:12 The President and Guests to the Theatre for Movie
10:34 Guests depart, The President to the Second Floor
11:00 Retired



News Summary

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EDT EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.N. Envoy Holds Talks On Crisis Over Hostages -- A senior U.N. envoy said Monday after meetings with top Moslem leaders that a solution to the Lebanese hostage crisis would require patient diplomacy but he noted that "circumstances may be more conducive" to a settlement than in the past.

(Washington Post)

Iran Broke CIA Spy Ring, U.S. Says -- Earlier this year, government officials say, Iran ended what was thought to be one of the CIA's rare successes in that country: a network of agents who provided intimate details and documents about Iranian military planning.

(New York Times)

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush Applauds Scouts; Youths' Aid Sought In War On Drugs -- President Bush praised the Boy Scouts of America on Monday for its volunteerism and urged Scouts to work harder to help their friends stay away from drugs.

(Dallas Morning News, Washington Post, Washington Times)

NETWORK NEWS (Monday evening)

HIGGINS -- The death of Lt. Col. Higgins was all but confirmed by the FBI.

CONTRAS -- The governments of Central America announced their agreement to disband the Contras.

REP. LELAND -- A small plane carrying Rep. Leland failed to arrive at a refugee camp in Ethiopia.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.N. ENVOY HOLDS TALKS ON CRISIS OVER HOSTAGES

BEIRUT -- A senior U.N. envoy said Monday after meetings with top Moslem leaders that a solution to the Lebanese hostage crisis would require patient diplomacy but he noted that "circumstances may be more conducive" to a settlement than in the past.

U.N. Undersecretary General Marrack Goulding concluded his five-day inquiry into the fate of Western hostages by holding a second round of talks with Ayatollah Fadlallah, the spiritual guide of Lebanon's Shiite fundamentalists, and a separate meeting with acting Moslem Prime Minister Selim Hoss....

After his meetings Monday, Goulding told reporters, "The hostage crisis is a very difficult and complicated problem in which there are a large number of elements and a large number of players involved." But he added without elaboration that "there are certain trends in the international climate which suggest that circumstances may be more conducive to a settlement for this problem now."

Asked whether he was optimistic about the possible release of the eight American and seven other foreign hostages here, Goulding said he had learned not to use the word "optimistic" in reference to the hostage issue.
(Nora Boustany, Washington Post, A1)

Kelly Meets With Jordan Officials

AMMAN -- Assistant Secretary of State Kelly met Monday with King Hussein and other senior Jordanian officials to discuss the Middle East peace process and the hostages in Lebanon.

A royal palace source said Kelly, who arrived in Jordan Sunday for a two-day visit, met with Hussein for two hours and held a separate brief meeting with Prince Hassan, but there was no immediate official announcement of the meetings....

Kelly described the talks as "a productive and fruitful and educational series of meetings."

"I leave Jordan with confidence in the capable hands that control the destinies of this country," he said.
(UPI)

Man In Beirut Videotape Probably Was Higgins, FBI Experts Say

The FBI said Monday it has concluded that the man depicted hanging in a videotape released by a pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem group in Beirut last week was probably American hostage Lt. Col. Higgins, and the bureau considers "within a reasonable degree of medical certainty" that the person was dead.

In a statement, the FBI said a "positive identification could not be made," but reported that "numerous observable characteristics were noted indicating that the person depicted in the videotape is Higgins."

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A12)

Bush: Higgins 'Symbol Of Courage'

President Bush, seeking to cool the hostage crisis, made no comments on the situation Monday apart from paying tribute to Lt. Col. Higgins as "the symbol of the courage" of the U.S. military....

Bush called Higgins' widow, and broke down at a bicentennial celebration for the Department of War, Defense forerunner, talking about "one Marine who has been very much in our thoughts."

(Johanna Neuman, USA Today, A1)

Hostage Crisis Offers Bush Big Opportunities
For Political Triumph, But Risks Are Enormous

George Bush's presidency has entered a period of extraordinary opportunity -- but equally great peril -- with the latest twist in the hostage crisis.

The Bush Administration has become a tacit player in the bargaining that has begun between Israel and the Shiite terrorists holding U.S. hostages in Lebanon. The hostage-holders' willingness to dicker over a prisoner swap, and Iranian President Rafsanjani's offer to help, mean President Bush faces the clearest opportunity yet to oversee an end to the long hostage agony -- and to reap the enormous benefits the triumph would bring. Such a coup would put a substantial foundation under Bush's high approval ratings in the polls.

But Bush runs enormous risks that could just as easily bring down those approval ratings, which are broad but not deeply rooted. The rapid movement of recent days could easily give way to prolonged dickering in which the U.S. appears powerless and the agenda is controlled by Israel and Iran. By giving Israel the green light to propose deals for the release of hostages, the Administration runs the risk of raising the price of captives -- precisely the trap the President has repeatedly said the U.S. should avoid.

(Gerald Seib, Wall Street Journal, A12)

IRAN BROKE CIA SPY RING, U.S. SAYS

Earlier this year, government officials say, Iran ended what was thought to be one of the CIA's rare successes in that country: a network of agents who provided intimate details and documents about Iranian military planning.

As the operation collapsed, American analysts learned that the Iranians had detected the network months earlier and were using it to pass on false information, the officials say. But several of them insist that before it was compromised, the effort yielded a valuable harvest of military intelligence, particularly about Iranian operators in the Persian Gulf at a time when American naval forces were confronting the Iranians.

The American officials, for the first time confirming Iranian claims this year about the arrest of spies, said the episode illustrated the difficulty the CIA has had in collecting intelligence in Iran.

(Stephen Engelberg & Bernard Trainor, New York Times, A6)

ARAFAT EYES U.N. VISIT, PUTS BUSH IN DILEMMA

Initiating what could pose a policy dilemma for the Bush Administration, PLO Chairman Arafat wants to attend next month's U.N. General Assembly session in New York.

PLO officials in Tunis said Monday Arafat would soon apply for a U.S. visa.

The impending application has sparked a sharp debate within the Bush Administration, according to U.S. officials.

Stressing that Arafat has yet to apply for a visa, the officials said his application would be reviewed on its merits.

"We'll review the situation at the time of the application," one official said.
(James Dorsey, Washington Times, A7)

5 PRESIDENTS AGREE TO DISBAND CONTRAS

TELA -- In a sharp rebuff to the U.S., the presidents of five Central American countries agreed Monday on a plan to disband Nicaragua's Contra rebels by Dec. 5, and left implementation of the plan up to an international commission.

Approval of the plan by the presidents of Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Costa Rica disappointed the Bush Administration, which had urged the leaders to delay a starting date for Contra demobilization until after Nicaragua's Feb. 25 elections to ensure that Nicaragua would comply with commitments to democratic and electoral changes.

In an indication of the depth of U.S. concern, Secretary of State Baker and Deputy Assistant Secretary Aronson telephoned Costa Rican President Arias Monday morning to express displeasure with the emerging agreement. Informed sources said Baker told Arias the accord would spark an outcry in the U.S. among right-wing Republicans who believe the Administration has a responsibility to sustain and protect the Contras.

The agreement also called for negotiations and a cease-fire between El Salvador's Marxist rebels and the U.S.-backed Salvadoran government.

(William Branigin & Lee Hockstader, Washington Post, A1)

Some Contras Leaders Reject Demobilization Plan

MIAMI -- Some Nicaraguan Contra leaders Monday rejected a plan by Central American presidents to disarm and disband their rebel army and vowed to keep their forces intact at least until after elections are held in their homeland.

Jose Medina Cuadra, president of the political assembly of the Nicaraguan Resistance umbrella group, said the estimated 12,000 rebel troops now living in base camps in Honduras would resist any efforts to force them to surrender their weapons....

The Contra leaders in Miami said rebel troops would likely comply if Honduras asked them to dismantle their base camps. The rebels would then cross the border into Nicaragua but keep their weapons, they said.

(Matt Spetalnick, Reuter)

Baker Gives Cautious Reaction To Tela Accord

MEXICO CITY -- U.S. Secretary of State Baker said here the success of an accord reached Monday by Central American presidents to disband the Contra rebels would depend on Nicaragua keeping its democratic promises.

"It's important that (Nicaragua's) words should be followed by action," Baker told a news conference at the end of a one-day meeting with Mexican officials here.

However, he said Washington was encouraged by Managua's recent agreement to talk with the political opposition, ahead of planned elections there next February.

"We are very pleased with the steps the Nicaraguan government has taken on dialogue," he said, adding however the Contra rebels must be given guarantees if they disarm.

"It is a premise of Esquipulas that demobilization must be in the framework of safe and democratic conditions and should be voluntary," Baker said, referring to the accord reached in the Guatemalan town two years ago. (Reuter)

5 FROM BUSH'S CABINET LAUD MEXICAN POLICIES

MEXICO CITY -- A high-powered U.S. delegation, including five Cabinet-level officials, signaled a more conciliatory policy by the Bush Administration toward Mexico Monday by praising the government of President Salinas for pursuing policies of closer cooperation between the two countries.

With language usually reserved for Washington's most loyal allies, Secretary of State Baker quoted Bush as believing that "the United States has no more important relationship than that with its neighbor and friend, the Republic of Mexico."

Baker and other Administration officials played down contentious issues, including that of drug trafficking. "Some defined the old U.S.-Mexico relations as 'managing irritants'," Baker said. "We are committed to a new relationship: creating common opportunities."

Despite the atmosphere of harmony and good will, there was little of substance reported from the day-long meeting. Senior Administration officials described the purpose of the session as building foundations for future accords, some to be reached in October when Salinas is expected to visit Washington....

Baker described the representation here as "practically half the Cabinet" -- larger than at the six previous commission meetings.

The weight of the U.S. delegation was not lost on the Mexican authorities. Foreign Secretary Fernando Solana said, "The number, level and position of the distinguished members" shows that the Administration of President Bush "attaches equal significance to this meeting" to that of Mexico. (Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, A10)

U.S. Pledges Cooperation With Mexico On Trade, Drug, Immigration Issues

MEXICO CITY -- Amid back-patting and vows of friendship, U.S. Secretary of State Baker and an American delegation pledged Monday to work with Mexican leaders to solve trade, drug, pollution, immigration and border issues.

"From now on, we will define the U.S.-Mexican relationship not by the narrow differences which divide us, but by the growing agenda of common opportunities that unite us as never before," Baker told Mexican officials gathered at the Foreign Relations Ministry office tower....

The emphasis on joint solutions was markedly different from the bickering over narcotics, immigration and Central America policy that took place between Mexico and the U.S. only a few years ago.

Emphasizing the positive, Baker said, "We have long since stopped pointing fingers of blame, arguing whether drugs are a problem of demand or supply."

(David Marcus, Dallas Morning News)

Baker-Mexico

MEXICO CITY -- Secretary of State Baker said Monday that Mexico, after years of stagnation, has become an economic model for other debtor nations because of the "bold, far-sighted policies" of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

He also said that Mexico's record over the past six months in cracking down on drug trafficking has made clear the government's commitment that "it wants to tear the roots of the opium poppy and marijuana plant from its soil."

Baker spoke at the ceremonial opening of daylong talks that featured the presence of an unusually large array of senior Bush Administration officials.

(AP)

BUSH PHONES PANAMANIAN OPPOSITION LEADER

President Bush telephoned Panama's opposition leader Monday saying he hoped talks with the government would solve the country's prolonged political crisis, the opposition said.

Bush and Guillermo Endara discussed last week's inconclusive talks between the opposition, the government and military, it said in a communique.

Bush said the U.S. did not wish to interfere with the will of the Panamanian people or with the military.

(Reuter)

WASHINGTON DENOUNCES ARREST OF CUBAN RIGHTS LEADERS

The U.S. Monday denounced the arrest of four Cuban human rights activists, saying the detentions were part of a broader Cuban crackdown on rights activists.

State Department spokesman Boucher said Cuban security forces had arrested Elizardo Sanchez, head of the Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation, and three associates.

"These arrests come as yet another flagrant human rights violation in the Cuban government's renewed crackdown against human rights activists," Boucher said. "We hope concerned members of the international community, including the U.N., will join us in condemning not only Sanchez's arrest, but also the continued imprisonment of other prominent human rights leaders," he said.

(John Reichertz, Reuter)

PLANE CARRYING REP. LELAND MISSING IN AFRICA
Delegation Was Refugee Camp Near Border Of Ethiopia, Sudan

A small plane carrying Rep. Leland and as many as 13 other people failed to arrive Monday at its destination, a refugee camp near the Ethiopian-Sudanese border, State Department officials said.

State Department spokesman Adam Shub said, "We are concerned about the welfare of Mr. Leland and his group," but aides to Leland said that because of a lack of communication systems and a ban on night flying in the rugged area, the congressman might simply have been unable to inform the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa of his location.

Shub said last night that the "whereabouts of the plane and the party are unknown."
(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A1)

NEW ZEALAND'S NEW PREMIER VOWS ANTI-NUCLEAR POLICY WON'T END

WELLINGTON -- New Zealand's new prime minister Tuesday flatly rejected a U.S. suggestion that Wellington may change the anti-nuclear policy that brought it into confrontation with Washington.

"Our nuclear policy will not be changed," former deputy premier Geoffrey Palmer told a news conference minutes after he was chosen to replace David Lange, author of New Zealand's anti-nuclear stand.

"We want to have dialogue with the Americans. We want to have discussions, but I would not want to suggest that there is going to be any immediate prospect of change in that respect at all," Palmer said....

"Our policy has not changed and will not change," said Palmer. "I think it is a matter which is in the hearts and minds of New Zealanders now."
(Simon Louisson, Reuter)

KAIFU SLATED TO BE NEW JAPANESE LEADER

TOKYO -- Toshiki Kaifu, an unheralded politician plucked from obscurity by powerful but scandal-tainted party bosses, was elected Tuesday president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and is assured of becoming Japan's next prime minister.

Kaifu, 58, whose only major credential for the job was serving as education minister under two administrations, was chosen by an overwhelming vote of party members during an extraordinary LDP election that included two other lesser-backed candidates....

Kaifu is certain to be confirmed as Japan's 48th prime minister Wednesday by the powerful 512-seat lower house of the Diet...in which the LDP commands an overwhelming majority.
(Stewart Slavin, UPI)

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED TO LET
WORLD COURT SETTLE TERRORISM CASES

The U.S. and the Soviet Union have reached a "preliminary understanding" aimed at settling international disputes over terrorism and drug smuggling in the International Court of Justice, the State Department said Monday.

Spokesman Richard Boucher said disputes in other fields might be added later to the tentative accord, which was completed last week by legal advisers Abraham Sofaer, of the State Department, and Yuri Rybakov, of the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

The next step, State Department officials said, is formal acceptance of the agreement by the two governments involved. (Washington Post, A14)

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WALESA OFFERS COALITION WITH COMMUNISTS' ALLIES

WARSAW -- Solidarity chairman Walesa appealed publicly Monday to two small political parties long allied with Poland's ruling Communists to break away and join the opposition in forming a new coalition government.

In a statement issued from his headquarters in the Baltic port of Gdansk, Walesa reaffirmed his opposition to Premier Kiszczak's efforts to form another Communist-led government and declared that "the only political solution" to the country's "crisis of confidence" would be a cabinet based on a coalition of Solidarity, the Peasant Party and the Democratic Party.

"For 45 years, power in Poland has been monopolized" by the Communists, and "this is the cause of the country's deep economic, political and moral crisis," Walesa said in a declaration that seemed at least a partial response to repeated government charges that the opposition was putting its own interests ahead of the nation's by refusing to join a Communist-led "grand coalition" government.

(A.D. Horne, Washington Post, A10)

IOWA TESTS GUNS IN CASE BUSH CALLS

The USS Iowa's 16-inch guns, dormant since an April 19 explosion killed 47 sailors, were test-fired Friday in the Mediterranean as the battleship prepared for a possible presidential order to bombard terrorist positions in Lebanon.

Sixth Fleet Commander Vice Adm. James Williams issued a special order to test the warship's remaining operational guns, the first firings since the battleship's No. 2 turret exploded, a Navy spokesman said Monday.

The test came as Bush weighed military options as a response to the reported hanging of Lt. Col. Higgins and threatened execution of hostage Joseph Cicippio.

(Rowan Scarborough, Washington Times, A1)

FUND'S REPRESENTATIVES ARRESTED IN CHINA

The Chinese government has arrested and interrogated Chinese representatives of a private American organization in Beijing in what some knowledgeable exiled Chinese sources say is an effort to link ousted General Secretary Zhao Ziyang to "foreign subversive forces."

New York financier and philanthropist George Soros, who founded the Fund for the Reform and Opening of China (China Fund) in Beijing, said the Public Security Ministry has detained and interrogated his personal representative, Liang Congjie. Other connected to the fund have been charged with counter-revolutionary activities, he said.

Zhao supporters in exile have expressed concern that the government attempting to link the China Fund to the CIA in an effort to stage a "secret show trial" showing that Zhao and his deputy, Bao Tong, colluded with foreign elements to mount a counter-revolutionary movement. If found guilty, Zhao and Bao could be executed.

(Marianne Yen, Washington Post, A4)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Despite Crisis, President Presses On," by Johanna Neuman, appears in USA Today, A4)

"White House Suggests Talks On Captives May Go Slowly," by Maureen Dowd, appears in the New York Times, A6.

NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH URGES SCOUTS TO LEAD IN DRUG EFFORT AND SPACE

FORT A.P. HILL, Va. -- More than 35,000 participants in the 1989 National Boy Scout Jamboree turned out Monday to cheer President Bush and hear him urge them to fight drug abuse and prepare to settle outer space.

During his 45-minute visit, Bush praised the Boy Scouts' food drive that yielded 65 million cans of food and their "Drugs: a Deadly Game" campaign, saying, "You are leading America by example."

Drawing on the 12th National Jamboree's theme of space exploration, Bush noted that half of the nation's astronauts were scouts, and said: "The first spacefarers were unique, the lucky few. Your generation will have the broader, greater opportunity to live in space, to travel to establish an outpost on the moon and explore the mysteries of Mars.

"When we aim for the stars, it will be to stay," Bush said.

Scouts called the President's visit one of the high points of the week-long quadrennial jamboree....

"He's a fresh dude," said Brad Phelps, 12, of Mansfield, N.Y.

Bush also impressed the scouts with his anti-drug message. "I am especially looking to you to encourage friends to refuse drugs," he said. "I don't want any young American starting down the road to cocaine and crack." ...

Mike Bendorf, 17, of Omaha, said he liked the fact that Bush talked about his love for fishing. "It made him seem more human, not just a president," Bendorf said.

Scouts said they were pleased that Bush had joined them in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, but were disappointed that he did not try on the official jamboree jacket they gave him.

(Brooke Masters, Washington Post, D1)

Bush Applauds Scouts; Youths' Aid Sought In War On Drugs

BOWLING GREEN, Va. -- President Bush praised the Boy Scouts of America on Monday for its volunteerism and urged Scouts to work harder to help their friends stay away from drugs.

"Perhaps the greatest challenge of our times, I'm sorry to say, is...the continuing struggle to keep drugs out of our high schools -- a form of pollution, a poisoning of the mind, a corruption of the very soul of young America," Bush told 35,000 Boy Scouts at the group's 12th national Jamboree.

"I am especially looking to you to encourage friends to refuse drugs -- any illegal drug," he added. "I don't want any young American starting down the path to cocaine and crack."

Although the President himself was not a Boy Scout, he brought along three former Eagle Scouts who are serving in his Administration: Transportation Secretary Skinner, Deputy National Security Adviser Gates and Deputy White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card.

Bush lauded the Boy Scouts for its volunteer goal to defeat what the Scouts call "the five unacceptables" -- illiteracy, unemployment, hunger, child abuse and drug abuse.

(Kevin Merida, Dallas Morning News)

Scouts Get Salute, Advice From Bush

FORT A.P. HILL -- President Bush, flanked by the three former Eagle Scouts who now serve as his top advisers, Monday saluted the Boy Scouts for producing world leaders and asked for their help in crushing drug use.

"The Boy Scouts of America has assumed a leadership role in confronting this problem...you are leading the youth by example," said Bush, surrounded by dozens of Scouts on a huge platform decorated by three massive American flags and yards of red, white and blue bunting.

Bush, the first President to address the Boy Scout Jamboree since Lyndon Johnson in 1964, said, "By actively engaging in the lives of others, you are demonstrating a central theme, a central idea of this Administration -- that from now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include service others."

Bush also encouraged the youths, most of whom wore Jamboree patches featuring the space shuttle, to join in space exploration. "You are privileged to be the generation that will witness the first large movement of men and women into space," he said.

(Paul Bedard & Matt Neufeld, Washington Times, B1)

PUSH FOR DRUG TESTING MOBILIZES

Bennett Asks Intensive Program At All Levels In Executive Branch

The Bush Administration plans to re-emphasize random drug testing of hundreds of thousands of federal workers even though recent court decisions have limited the government's right to order the tests, officials said Monday.

National drug czar Bennett will include the call for greater drug testing at all levels of the executive branch in his forthcoming report on the drug crisis to President Bush, Bennett's spokesman Don Hamilton said.

Bennett's approach to drug testing is not a change in federal policy, and is only a "slight" change in the drug policy director's thinking, Hamilton said. The former education secretary previously believed a more limited testing approach was the best alternative, Hamilton said.

"It is a relatively small, if not insignificant, part of a report that typeset will be 120 to 150 pages," Hamilton said of the drug testing recommendations.

The report, which is expected to offer a variety of proposals to combat drug trafficking as well as the casual use of drugs, is scheduled to be presented to Bush by the end of the year.

(Jennings Moss, Washington Times, B5)

S&L LEGISLATION

President Bush intends to sign historic S&L legislation on Wednesday and the Treasury will borrow the first \$5 billion installment for the bailout a day later.

Bush will sign the bill in a White House ceremony, almost exactly two years after the last bailout of the S&L insurance fund, said congressional and Administration sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity....

"It's a very good bill. We're very happy with it," said Richard Breeden, Bush's chief adviser on S&Ls. "There are compromises built into it, but on the whole it gives us the tools to begin reducing this problem that has gnawed away at the financial structure for years." (AP)

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CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATES PRAISE BUSH'S
RHETORIC, CRITICIZE HIS ACTIONS

President Bush may not be living up to his promise to settle for "nothing less than equality of opportunity for all Americans," say civil advocates attending the National Urban League convention.

Most of the civil rights movement's agenda "is George Bush's agenda," says White House spokesman Frederick McClure. But civil rights leaders say the President's record thus far in office is marred.

Critics list his silence on Supreme Court rulings limiting affirmative action, his veto of minimum wage legislation and the Senate furor over his choice of William Lucas....

McClure, Bush's congressional liaison and the highest ranking black member of the White House staff, said such episodes "have in no way diminished the President's commitment on the civil rights front."

(Tom Raum, AP)

STUDY SEES BLACK PROGRESS 'STALLING OUT'

Black Americans are making such slow progress in employment and economic development that there appears to be little chance of their catching up with whites before the middle of the 22nd century, the National Urban League said Monday.

The prospects for blacks are slightly better in the areas of education and health, a league study said. But in some areas, including infant mortality, the researchers said gains are coming so slowly that they are unable to estimate when equality might be reached....

"The impressive long-term progress of African Americans has in more recent years stalled and, in some cases, even reversed," the league said in issuing the report.

The report was based on projections drawn from Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census Bureau findings, according to Urban League researchers. The same data were used in a recent publication, "The State of Black America 1989," which found that blacks are three times as likely as whites to be poor and twice as likely to be unemployed.

(Amy Stevens, Washington Post, A5)

DEMOCRATS LOOKING FOR ROLE AS BUSH PROVES POPULAR ACT

Democrats are having trouble settling on an agenda and a role in opposing President Bush, according to House Democrats who span the political spectrum of their party.

"I have found that the most difficult thing for Democrats to overcome is a likable President," said Rep. Rangel, who noted that "we have not defined our role" as the opposition party.

Five House Democrats discussed the future of their party Friday at a Washington Times Forum on Capitol Hill. Besides Rangel, the panelists were Reps. Penny, McCurdy, Stenholm and Jenkins.

McCurdy...noted "a searching going on" among Democrats, who are "trying to understand the direction in which the country is going and where we should be going."

(Donald Lambro, Washington Times, A4)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "Bush, Resisting The Answers," by Mary McGrory, appears in the Washington Post, A2.

"THE NEW REGIME; Bush's Florida Trip May Help Son Shine," by Maralee Schwartz & Ann Devroy, appears in the Washington Post, A15.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Monday Evening, August 7)

HOSTAGES

ABC's Sam Donaldson: The death of Lt. Col. William Higgins, first claimed a week ago by his captors in Lebanon, was all but confirmed today by the FBI. Higgins captors, have still not produced his body, but FBI analysis of the videotape they delivered, which shows a man hanging from a rope, supports their assertion that Higgins is dead, although not their claim as to when he died.

ABC's Bob Zelnick reports that at a ceremony commemorating the 200th anniversary of the War Department, now the Department of Defense, President Bush this morning paid tribute to Higgins.

(President Bush: "We cannot leave here today without pausing to salute one who stands as a symbol of the courage that burns in the breast of every American in uniform; one Marine who has been very much in our thoughts, Lt. Col. Higgins, William Richard Higgins.")

The President later telephoned Maj. Robin Higgins, the Colonel's wife, to offer his support and encouragement after he had been officially notified by FBI experts who concluded within a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the person on the tape was dead and that it was Higgins. The FBI did not determine when or how Higgins died. Intelligence sources have told ABC that he was probably killed during the weeks immediately following his February 1988 kidnapping. Analysts point to Higgins' lack of weight loss, clean shaven face, closely cropped hair and the new, heavy U.N. uniform he wore as evidence that he was killed long ago. Analysts also say he was probably not killed by hanging. So it's highly unlikely that Higgins was killed in retaliation for the abduction of Sheik Obeid. But the release of the Higgins footage and the threat to other hostages has set in motion a train of events that may yet have weeks to run.

ABC's Jerry King reports that U.N. Undersecretary Marrack Goulding has seen all the major players in Lebanon and Syria except for the Shiite kidnappers themselves. He says the climate may now be more conducive for a resolution, but don't expect any quick results.

(U.N. Undersecretary Goulding: "If the hostage problem is to be resolved, as it must be resolved, it will be through a long process of quiet and patient diplomacy.")

Goulding meet again today with the Algerian ambassador in Beirut. Reportedly Algeria will help mediate for the hostages, as it did successfully 10 years ago. Today, Algiers Radio warned that any hostage talks would be delicate, difficult and long. The Algerian ambassador told reporters that until now there have no negotiations, only what he called contacts. There's another potential mediator here in Damascus; President Assad is willing to help. But as Syrian diplomatic source told ABC, in return Syria wants the U.S. to stop the flow of Iraqi arms to Lebanese Christians who are fighting Syrian troops in Lebanon. And then there's Iran: how much leverage does President Rafsanjani have over the kidnappers and is he in sufficient control of his own government to help the U.S. if he wants to. His hardline Interior Minister has called for an anti-American offensive to bring down the superpower.

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King continues: How much power Rafsanjani really has may become clearer in about 10 days when he names his new cabinet. Will the radicals be in it?

ABC's Don Kladstrup reports from Israel that while Israeli politicians were listening, they weren't talking much. This was after Prime Minister Shamir and his two top ministers called for a blanket of silence to end unauthorized comments about a possible hostage exchange. This evening, Shamir limited himself to optimistic platitudes.

(Prime Minister Shamir: "We are expecting messages from everyone, but good messages.")

Defense Minister Rabin, one of the few officials permitted to speak out, said on "ABC's Good Morning America" today that it's time for the kidnappers to stop threatening and start talking.

(Defense Minister Rabin: If they want a solution, an overall solution to the problem, they have to turn to the right, proper channels of the International Red Cross and then we'll start negotiations.")

While officials here await proposals, Palestinians in Israeli detention camps are getting a start on things, drawing up lists of prisoners they think should be included in any exchange. Israel, meanwhile, is sticking to its original offer: all Shiite prisoners including Obeid for all Israeli and Western hostages in Lebanon. Officials stress the need for patience. After earlier optimism, the tone is now one of caution and belief that months of tough negotiating lie ahead.

ABC's Jim Hickey reports that the fighting in Beirut has never been heavier. At times in the past two days, shells were falling on Beirut at a rate of five a minute as Lebanese Christians and Syrian-backed Moslems bombarded each other. It seemed nowhere in the city was safe. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: After an extensive analysis of last week's 37-second videotape, the FBI now has concluded that the dead man hanging from the gallows was American Marine Col. William Rich Higgins.

NBC's John Cochran reports that before calling Higgins' wife with news of the FBI's finding, President Bush took part in a military ceremony this morning. The President already knew the results of the FBI report, including a secret conclusion that Higgins was probably not hanged. The FBI's public report makes no mention of the cause of death. Whatever happened to Higgins, Bush did not want the man himself to be forgotten.

(President: "We cannot leave here today without pausing to salute one who stands as a symbol of the courage that burns in the breast of every American in uniform; one Marine who has been very much in our thoughts, Lt. Col. Higgins, William Richard Higgins.")

Bush's aides say the brief show of emotion was unintentional, that the President wants to send no signals that might be interpreted by Hezbollah extremists as either weakness or excessive eagerness to win the release of other hostages. Nor does the President want to rely solely on saber rattling, the emphasis now is on cool diplomacy.

(State Department spokesman Richard Boucher: "And we're actively pursuing diplomacy with states in the region, with friendly countries and with international organizations.")

Cochran continues: U.S. officials privately hope Israel is able to work out a swap that would free American hostages. But aides say President Bush will put no pressure on Israel, since Bush himself refuses to deal for hostages. Intermediaries have privately contacted the White House, saying that Iran will definitely have the hostages freed if Bush releases frozen Iranian assets. But aides say Bush has flatly ruled out the immediate release by New York banks of Iran's \$4 billion. Still, Bush's aides say he's using both the carrot and the stick. The stick being the dispatch of American ships. The carrot is the promise that Iran's help now, might some day persuade Bush to lift economic sanctions.

NBC's Rick Davis reports from Syria that there was a lot of movement today in Beirut but no obvious progress. Goulding meet with Hezbollah leader Sheik Fadlallah for the second time. And with the Prime Minister of the Moslem half of Lebanon. Goulding spoke of complexity.

(Goulding: "If the hostage problem is to be resolved, as it must be resolved, it will be through a long process of quiet and patient diplomacy in which there will have to take part not just the United Nations, but a number of different governments, a number of different organizations, a number of different movements. It will be a cooperative effort.")

One government involved in that effort is Algeria. Its ambassador meet with a Hezbollah Sheik thought by many to be linked to the bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in 1983. Hezbollah denies any involvement in kidnapping. But in Islam, there is a permitted practice which allows people to lie to defend the faith. Asked if he remained optimistic about freedom for the hostages, the Algerian Ambassador said "it may take one year, two years, three years." Diplomatic and Shiite sources say Iran has told the U.S. it must help to stop the Christian guns as part of any deal for Iranian cooperation in freeing Western hostages. In Iran, President Rafsanjani denied a report that he had sent a letter to President George Bush about the hostage crisis. But in Beirut, an Iranian diplomat said all such reports would be denied, true or not. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: The FBI said today that the body shown hanging from a rope in last week's terrorist videotape from Lebanon is almost certainly that of U.S. Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins. Still undetermined, exactly when and exactly how the American hostage was killed. Nobody is saying for certain that he was actually murdered by hanging.

CBS's David Martin reports from the Pentagon that the FBI concluded "within a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the person depicted in the videotape is dead." The Bureau could not make a positive identification, but said "numerous observable characteristics were noted, indicating that the person depicted in the videotape is Lt. Col. Higgins." President Bush called Higgins' wife Robin, and earlier in the day payed tribute to Higgins in an emotional tone that suggested that he had already heard the report.

(President: "One Marine, who has been very much in our thoughts, Lt. Col. Higgins, William Richard Higgins.")

Later, the White House released a statement saying the President will press for a full accounting of what happened to Higgins.

Martin continues: Over the 17 months Higgins was a hostage, U.S. intelligence received seven different reports he was dead, including one that his body was being kept for later display. The FBI's finding has not slowed the flurry of behind-the-scenes diplomatic activity aimed at gaining the release of the eight remaining American hostages. President Bush is described as cautiously optimistic. But the U.S. continues to prepare for possible military action. The battleship Iowa, now off the coast of Lebanon, has tested its 16-inch guns. The aircraft carrier America is due to arrive off the coast of Iran tomorrow.

CBS's Allen Pizzey reports that the Middle East odyssey of Murrack Goulding starkly illustrates the complexity of the hostage dilemma. After five days of meetings and motorcades, through one of the most dangerous places in the world, the U.N. Undersecretary could not retrieve the body of Col. Higgins.

(Goulding: "Anybody who has dealt with the hostage problem knows that it's a very difficult, very complicated problem in which there are a large number of elements and a large number of players involved." Goulding saw people who count: Hezbollah's spiritual guide, Sheik Fadlallah; Syria's foreign minister and the Algerian ambassador. He even saw Lebanese politicians whose lack of influence is part of the hostage problem. An apparent truce in the word of words between Iran and Washington is cited as a reason for guarded optimism. President Rafsanjani is being seen by insiders to the hostage negotiations as a serious player who, with help from the West, can solve the problem eventually. He first has to solidify his hold on Iran's turbulent politics. And there will be a price. Some analysts think Rafsanjani's price will include the return of Iranian money still frozen in the U.S. and Western help for Iran's case in the deadlocked Gulf war peace talks. As Goulding's quest illustrates, it won't come easy.

CBS's Bob Simon reports from Israel that the Israelis tried to turn down the temperature today and prove to all concerned that one of the games they're good at playing is the waiting game. Prime Minister Shamir meet with some Zionists this morning, this evening he went to a concert.

(Shamir: "We are still waiting from some good news.") Israeli officials, though generally upbeat, said they knew they were playing a dangerous game which could backfire. "We're not negotiating tariffs with the Japanese," one said, "we're trading lives with a bunch of fanatics." The crisis team at the Foreign Ministry wasn't meeting very often today, there was not much to meet about.

(Deputy Foreign Minister Netanyahu: "Israel has offered to release all the Shiite prisoners it holds, including Sheik Obeid, for the Western hostages and our POWs. That's the offer that's on the table. That's what we are waiting for a reply to.")

Jerusalem's top officials agreed today to end Israel's television campaign which they believe has been effective in turning around world opinion on the kidnapping of Obeid. New policy: no comment. Israeli officials said today that they were concerned that expectations were outpacing negotiations; reality simply can't deliver, said one official, the Middle East moves a lot slower than the American media. What we need now, he said, is a lot less in the way of public pronouncements, and a lot more Western pressure on Syria and Iran.

(CBS-Lead)

CONTRAS

ABC's John Quinones reports from Honduras that the governments of Central America announced their agreement to disband the Contras. Some of the rebels are still training in camps in Honduras, but under the new agreement they would have to: give up their armed struggle against the Sandinistas, surrender their weapons to a special U.N. security force and they would be allowed to return to Nicaragua where the Sandinista government would help in resettling them or they could settle in a third country. The plan to demobilize the Contras was adopted despite last minute efforts by the U.S. to keep the rebels intact. The Bush Administration wanted to use the Contras as a bargaining chip, to pressure Nicaragua to make good on its promises of democratization. American observers have tried to keep a low profile here, but this morning after talking to U.S. officials, the President of El Salvador announced that if the Contras have to disband, so should the leftist rebels fighting his government. At that point, President Ortega stormed out of the meeting and accused U.S. officials of trying to sabotage the peace effort. Eventually, the five leaders called for a new round of negotiations in El Salvador, and the declaration of peace and democracy was finally signed. Whether the U.S. agrees with them or not, the Central American president say that by agreeing to disband the Contras, they have taken a few steps in the right direction.

(ABC-6, NBC-9, CBS-2)

AMBASSADORS

NBC's Lisa Myers reports that rewarding a political supporter by naming him ambassador to a desirable foreign capital is a tradition almost as old as the Republic. It's no surprise that the new ambassador to Great Britain is Henry Catto. Although well qualified, he's also one of President Bush's oldest and wealthiest friends. But over the years, some of these political appointees have come with dubious qualifications. Still, the Bush Administration is carrying tradition to an extreme. Evidence shows that, so far, Bush's ambassadorial appointees are more political, and in many cases less qualified, than any in recent memory.

(Sen. Sarbanes: "When you look at the quality of the political people that they're appointing, many of them are without any redeeming virtues.")

The nominee who created the biggest international stir is Peter Secchia, a Michigan lumber tycoon who engineered a crucial Bush campaign victory and is now ambassador to Italy. Although tact and careful speech are hallmarks of a successful diplomat, Secchia is better known for profanity and sexist remarks. These appointments have angered many career, and non-career diplomats.

(Theodore Wilkinson, American Foreign Service Association: "There is this sense of outrage that some of these recent appointments don't appear to show much in terms of accomplishment beyond political contribution.")

Seven of Bush's appointees are members of Team 100, meaning they contributed more than \$100,000 to help him get elected. Six have been declared unqualified by the American Academy of Diplomacy. None has any foreign policy experience. Among them, Joyce Silverman, nominated as ambassador to Barbados.

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Myers continues: She has no college degree and little job history beyond hosting functions for her husband's business. She did give \$180,000 to Republican causes in the last election. Melvin Sembler, a Florida real estate developer, has been nominated as ambassador to Australia. His only international experience was as president of the International Council of Shopping Centers. He gave \$127,000 to Republicans. And Joseph Zappala, another Florida real estate developer, has been nominated as ambassador to Spain. He gave \$126,000, and served as national co-chairman of Bush's fundraising committee.

(State Department Spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler: "This President decided in January that his policy for his tenure as President concerning ambassadorial appointments would be: one-third political, two-thirds career Foreign Service officer.")

But so far, 68% of his ambassadorial appointments have been political, that's much higher than any other President at this stage of his administration.

(Malcolm Toon, former Ambassador to the Soviet Union: "The Democrats have done the same sort of thing. And we've been doing this sort of thing for the past 100 years. I think it's high time we quit.")

It has gotten so out of hand that one frustrated Democrat said, only half in jest, the solution may be ambassadorial auctions. All those interested in a certain country would assemble at the State Department, with the title Ambassador awarded to the highest bidder.

(NBC-10)

LELAND

Brokaw reports that a small plane carrying Congressman Mickey Leland failed to arrive at a refugee camp in Ethiopia. Also on board, a dozen other U.S. and Ethiopian officials. (NBC-2, CBS-3)

SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA

NBC's Robert Bazell reports that military payloads, like the one Columbia is scheduled to carry into orbit tomorrow, were supposed to be a big part of the shuttle program. But the Pentagon has decided to stop using the shuttle as quickly as possible. That decision is costing the taxpayers a lot of money. The Air Force is spending \$10 billion for a fleet of new rockets. When the Air Force was planning to rely on the shuttle, it built its own launch facility at Vandenberg Air Force Base. At a cost of \$3.5 billion, it was the most expensive military installation the U.S. ever built. It has now been abandoned.

(Sen. Sasser: "This is simply \$3.5 billion I think that went down the drain. It's as result of poor planning, poor decisions on the part of a number of people.")

Also, the Air Force built its own \$400 million mission control at its space command in Colorado Springs. It is now being used for SDI simulations. Pentagon officials say they agreed to use the shuttle in the first place for political reasons, but in fact it has little military value. Even though NASA has proved that it can capture and repair satellites, few military satellites fly in the same orbit as the shuttle. Even though the government spent billions for military applications of the shuttle, Pentagon officials don't like the hazards and uncertainties of putting people into space. So this flight of the Columbia is likely to be one of the last military missions of the shuttle. (NBC-7, CBS-5)

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SOVIET FIGHTER PLANES

Donaldson reports that Soviet jet fighters, on their way to a Canadian air show, landed yesterday at an American Air Base in Alaska for refueling. It's the first time since World War II that any Soviet fighter has even been allowed to fly in American airspace. (ABC-7)

PHONE STRIKE

Donaldson reports that although millions of telephone customers in 15 states may not notice it, there's a strike under way against three of the big regional telephone companies. The phone systems are highly automated, but calls requiring operator assistance or directory information are likely to be effected. The main issue is who pays for medical insurance. (ABC-3, NBC-6, CBS-5)

WEST POINT

Brokaw reports that the U.S. Military Academy at West Point today named a woman as a brigade commander, the top cadet post. (NBC-8)

WALL STREET

Donaldson reports that the Dow Jones average closed sharply, gaining more than 41 points in heavy trading. (ABC-4)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

HOSTAGES

Superpower Impotence Self-Inflicted -- "For too many years the civilized world has been wringing its hands over the awful irony that the strongest of military powers are impotent against terrorist fanatics who fear no consequence.... It is a self-inflicted condition. The United States and the Soviet Union, the only two certified superpowers, can change that game any time they want. Now would be a good time. And the home turf of the pro-Iranian freak show calling itself the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth would be a good place to start.... For too long terrorists have been able to play off the paranoia of one superpower against the other. Searching as he is for practical options for retaliation in the Higgins case or to win the release of the eight other American hostages, George Bush should turn for help to Mikhail Gorbachev. If George and Mikhail let the word out that they were putting together a king-hell Soviet-American SWAT force to go terrorist-hunting and hostage-freeing, you'd see some scrambling in the Middle East like nothing since Moses got the Red Sea parted. Even the Iranians, who've had a pass on their Hezbollah proteges way too long, would take notice. Believe it. And Americans would feel a whole lot warmer about cutting back arms in Europe. Not to mention selling the Soviet Union technology it needs to build a new economy. United superpowers aren't impotent."

(Chicago Tribune, 8/2)

Post-Crisis Thoughts -- "So far, so good. President Bush's prudent management of his first Mideast crisis -- the apparent execution of Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins and the threatened killing of other U.S. hostages in Beirut -- appears to have opened the door to a possible resolution of the whole hostage mess. But to take full advantage of the opportunity, the Administration should focus on trying to end Mideast state sponsorship of terror, not just on rescuing hostages or taking revenge against the thugs who seize them. The major development of a tense week -- during which a dangling death threat against hostage Joseph Cicippio was called off -- has been the success of the Administration's broad campaign of diplomatic pressure on Iran. The timing was just right.... The Bush Administration should make clear just how it would welcome an Iran that has abandoned the tactics of terror. Economic assets in America could be unfrozen. Washington should press Lebanon's Christians to provide details of what happened to several Iranians, missing in Beirut for years, whose fate has long been of concern to Tehran. It could offer a sympathetic ear in Iran's peace negotiations with Iraq. And the U.S. should be willing to play a part in the economic development of a new, sober, Iran.... Any threat of force should be made privately and reserved for the larger goal -- halting state terror -- not for individual reprisals for hostage deaths. The Administration's plan to bomb terrorist bases in eastern Lebanon, had Mr. Cicippio been killed, might have provided a catharsis but wouldn't have stopped the captors or their Iranian backers.... If force is to be used, then the target should be inside Iran itself, if it can be proved that Tehran is still backing terrorist. But that should be a last resort, and the Administration must make it clear to Iran it doesn't want to take this path."

(The Philadelphia Inquirer, 8/7)

Holding Iran to Account -- "Americans, as a whole, might be less inclined to butter up Rafsanjani. Their gut belief is that as long as [Iran] is ruled by clerics, [it] will remain a fanatical, medieval nation capable of inflicting great harm in the region and abroad. Nor do they feel that Iran has been adequately punished for attacks it has launched or sponsored against Americans and others considered to be in league with the "Great Satan".... Of course, improved relations with Iran would be in this country's long-term best interests. Meanwhile, holding Iran accountable for the misdeeds of its puppets in Lebanon was an overdue step. While it might be impossible to find the hostages-takers or their captives -- and risky to the prisoners to make the effort -- Iran itself makes an inviting target. That fact ought to be forcibly impressed on Rafsanjani and his associates. Perhaps the message has already been received."

(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 8/4)

Roots Of Mideast Terror -- "The people who killed Col. Higgins and threatened to kill other hostages in Lebanon are guilty of heinous acts and should be punished. Murder and terrorism cannot be condoned under any circumstances. It must be responded to.... The roots of hostage-taking and of the indiscriminate killing of civilians in Lebanon and of the denial of political rights to millions in the Middle East need to be kept in focus as a proper response is sought.... For the U.S., it means continued pressure on Israel to reach a political settlement with Palestinians, continued pressure on Yasser Arafat and other Arab leaders to seek political resolution to the Palestinian uprising in the context of Israeli security, and alertness to signs of moderation by President Rafsanjani. This is the only way to get at the roots of Mideast terror."

(The Christian Science Monitor, 8/3)

An Opening On Hostages -- "Israel should stand fast in its offer to swap its prisoner for all hostages. The United States certainly mustn't allow this diplomatic opening to fade. The Bush Administration credits Iran and Syria for influencing Mr. Cicippio's captors in their decision not to execute him. It helped that U.S. warships were dispatched toward the Mideast, for any nation that can take credit for easing a threat against a hostage necessarily must share the blame for his captivity.... With Israel's bold stroke and the changes in Iran and Moscow, the initiative to release the hostages has new force. Washington now must exploit these windows of opportunity with courage, skill and tenacity."

(Miami Herald, 8/5)

Intelligence Ignorance -- "Hundreds of billions [of dollars] are each year devoted to defense and billions more to the intelligence services, but for all this mighty endeavor the United States still finds itself baffled and frustrated as it tries to respond to the barbarism of a handful of fanatics. Those who remember the Iran hostage crisis of a decade ago will recognize the bleak familiarity of those feelings.... For decades, the focus of U.S. intelligence efforts has been on technical information-gathering, especially with regard to the Soviet Union and its allies. The results have been impressive, in some cases remarkable. But one consequence of this heavy emphasis -- which disturbed many intelligence specialists even as it was occurring -- has been that human intelligence efforts in areas of lesser importance, like Lebanon, have been slighted.... What is still lacking, as the President conceded this week, are the essential facts to decide what should be done. Ignorance adds to the frustration. It also points up the need to fill existing political intelligence gaps -- and by no means in Lebanon only -- as quickly and to the fullest extent possible."

(Los Angeles Times, 8/4)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

"This less than gung-ho attitude by George Bush is not risk-free. It may be taken by tinpot gangsters and tyrants as a sign of superpower weakness. But not allowing yourself to be provoked into overreaction can also be a sign of strength. And, on his showing so far, that is how this newspaper prefers to view the measured restraint of Mr. Bush. He merits a subdued round of applause for cultivating the role of the quiet American."
(Daily Mail, England)

"Hope has returned in the West after [President] Rafsanjani's spectacular offer to help the U.S.... Patience will, however, be necessary and, first of all, evidence that Rafsanjani is indeed trying to help and that he will get rid of the extremists who surround him in Tehran and who are threatening his regime."
(Les Echos, France)

"Rightly, George Bush can see the postponement of the killing of Joseph Cicippio as a first success in an extensive and goal-oriented negotiation diplomacy as carried out by the U.S.... However, the favorable interim results should not divert the attention from the facts: A Solution to the hostage drama is still pending.... Whether the hostages will eventually be released depends largely on the authority that Rafsanjani has within the Iranian leadership and also with respect to Hezbollah."
(General-Anzeiger, West Germany)

"Washington, not Jerusalem, is in control of the negotiations with Tehran.... The Bush Administration has thus abandoned its original attitude not to negotiate with Tehran (a result of the 'Irangate' experience).... Tehran's direct intervention gives reasons for hope."
(Die Welt, West Germany)

"What decision makers and the public at large now need is strong nerve and the capacity to hang on tight in the psychological warfare over the hostage crisis.... Readiness for a prisoner exchange coupled with adamant refusal to cave in to any ultimatum is the only way to win this contest of wills."
(Yediot, Israel)

"Sheik Obeid has emerged as a valuable bargaining chip, which means that hostage-taking is an effective countermeasure when dealing with terrorists. The American threat of massive retaliation against countries closely linked with terrorist organizations has again proved effective."
(Maariv, Israel)

"The sole aim of Sheik Obeid's abduction was to obtain the release of Israeli hostages, and the cabinet must not agree to any deal which excludes even a single one of them."
(Haaretz, Israel)

"Why is all this happening in Lebanon? The violence practiced by Israel through its policy of aggression against the people's and countries of the region is the cause. Washington's threat to resort to force will only lead to further violence and counter-violence in the area. It will not, furthermore, secure the safety of American and Western hostages in Lebanon. Therefore, (the parties) at this point have to concentrate on supporting diplomatic efforts and pressuring the Zionist entity into stopping its provocative and aggressive practices."
(Arrayah, Qatar)

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"Most Americans now hold the view that Israel is not a reliable ally of the U.S. This represents an important shift in public opinion. The American public is clearly fed up with continuing Israeli duplicity. They have been burdened with Israeli crimes for too long.... Perhaps now the Israelis will be seen for what they really are -- a liability to the U.S.' interests in the Mideast, not an asset. (Saudi Gazette, Saudi Arabia)

"Even if an explosion is avoided by the release of the Shiite leader and his companions, kidnapped by Israeli pirates from their home in Lebanon, peace and security will not return to the region so long as Israeli leaders think they can commit their dirty deeds anywhere. The anxiety and tension experienced by President George Bush and his Administration last week...will be repeated time and time again as long as Washington is incapable of stopping its foster child Israel and convincing it that it is not above international law.... Perhaps the current situation is sufficient to convince U.S. officials that Israel's thuggery endangers American lives and interests, and that Israel's leaders do not care about American lives and interests as long as they are achieving their own goals." (al-Akhbar Egypt)

"The Administration is busy these days with the aftermath of the Higgins abduction.... Israel should promise the whole world that it will renounce terrorism in order to stop counterterrorism. The U.S. Administration should not only concentrate its efforts on treating the outcome of terrorists acts...it should treat the Israeli terrorist mentality which is still derailing the peace process." (ar-Ray, Jordan)

"It is natural that views and opinions vary when it comes to the kidnapping of people and then using them as cards when negotiating with the opponent or eliminating them in response to a particular action by the opponent. This happens not only in Lebanon but in many parts of the world. In the last 10 years Israel has carried out many kidnappings. The U.S. has also used this method on many occasions. Therefore, if countries such as the U.S. and Israel do not respect international law, what should they expect from underground organizations?"

(Akhbar al-Khaleei, Bahrain)

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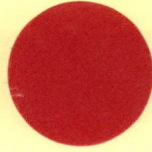
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Presidential Phone Calls



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DATE: 8-8-89

TIME: 9 45
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WITH: Cheney

SUBJECT: Yes, C. Powell for
Chairman TCS

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Colin to consider 2 more
years in field (avoid
politicizing TCS etc.)

FOLLOW UP: _____

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passed to the President that "King Faisal
audi Arabia was assassinated." He said
President was in disagreement with him
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Presidential Phone Calls



DATE: 8-8 TIME: 9:32
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wife of Cong. Mickey Leland

WITH: Allison Leland

SUBJECT: Mickey - missing Ethiopia

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FOLLOW UP: _____

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Presidential Phone Calls



DATE: 8-8 TIME:
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WITH: Chase - Untermeyer

SUBJECT: Mickey LeLand

asked about ML's wife

" for update on Ambassadors

wife = Allison -

son named Terrell -

4:20 in PM
FOLLOW UP: Back cloud cover

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Wash. Times 8/8/89 TO MRS. BUSH

Marilyn Quayle^{P.} has rescue role in quake simulation

By Frank J. Murray
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The nation's second lady, Marilyn Quayle, serves as President Bush's second-in-command today as part of a simulation of emergency efforts for the long-awaited catastrophic earthquake in California.

Mrs. Quayle flew to Sacramento yesterday to take part in a two-day response to a mock earthquake with 125,000 casualties.

Mrs. Quayle was dramatizing her adoption of disaster relief as a cause during her husband's term as vice president. Her interest was kindled by her personal experience as a 14-year-old of rescue efforts after a gas explosion.

She's helping to plan for California's anticipated "Big One" by participating in the simulation of an earthquake measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale that ripped 62 miles along the heavily populated Hayward Fault in East Bay, from San Jose north through Hayward and Berkeley.

"Response '89" — the first major exercise of the federal government's plan to respond to a catastrophic earthquake — counts more than 5,000 people dead, 20,000 injured seriously enough to require hospital care and another 100,000 with lesser injuries.

But a plot twist delayed help by assuming that the quake knocked out the government's regional office at The Presidio in San Francisco, requiring early direction from Seattle until an emergency office began operating in Sacramento today, 17½ hours after the earthquake.

In a speech yesterday to the "players" — about 450 federal and state officials who would coordinate rescue and recovery after such a disaster — the vice president's wife stressed efforts to reduce the human disasters that follow a natural disaster.

"The bottom line is the saving of lives and the reduction of human suffering. What more challenging or rewarding a way to serve, what more American approach to helping others by involving ourselves?" she told them.

Today, Mrs. Quayle will serve as special assistant to Paul Hall, federal coordination director and the on-site representative of the president, "to make sure the federal government is pulling in the same direction." Her skills in analysis and diplomacy help in that assignment, one California official said.

"She'll be called on to make decisions or recommend decisions," said a spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

She then goes to Travis Air Force Base, where she will watch volun-



Marilyn Quayle took part in a mock earthquake.

teers being made up with realistic-looking molds of ghastly wounds, called moulages, and later work at a California National Guard field hospital set up at the air base.

Mrs. Quayle will join with the 175th Medical Brigade in sorting out victims arriving by ambulance and helicopter, helping to identify those needing air evacuation to hospitals outside the earthquake area.

"She's planning to be involved in actually triaging those people," Major Mike Ritz, deputy information officer for the California National Guard, said in a telephone interview.

"She will be a participant in that — not an observer, a participant," Mrs. Quayle's chief of staff, Denise Balzano, said in Washington.

Among officials at FEMA, Mrs. Quayle has developed a reputation of being knowledgeable and interested in the work.

"The question I've been asking is why is she making this her issue, but we're glad to have it," said one official involved in the California exercise. "She gives it visibility."

On June 28, as keynote speaker for a Denver meeting of federal emergency officials, the 40-year-old Mrs. Quayle told how her family was thrust into a disaster without planning after gas tanks exploded at the Indianapolis Coliseum. The 1963 Halloween disaster killed 74 persons.

Her parents, both physicians, were pressed into service, and her brother, Jim, a college student whose car was a hearse, drove victims to hospitals.

She told that group: "It showed me as a 14-year-old child that you need some kind of plan. You have to be prepared."

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PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

This weekend, millions of Americans will enjoy another summer Sunday, another day for tossing a baseball or cooking out in the backyard. And, of course, this will also be another weekend to go to church and temple.

As we worship, let us not forget in our prayers those American hostages who are kept from their loved ones at home; who have been held in a cruel and purposeless captivity.

There are many religions, denominations and beliefs in the wide arc of nations between Lebanon and America. But there is only one God over all . . . a God of "tender mercies" in Psalms; a Most Merciful God in the Koran. This weekend, I ask every American to join me in praying for a peaceful resolution to this hostage tragedy.

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August 8, 1989

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE INTERVIEW

1. Is it true that Iran has said they will definitely have the hostages released if you release their frozen assets in the U.S? Did you reject such an offer?
2. Why haven't you personally called Prime Minister Shamir or President Assad to try to resolve the stalemate over the hostage crisis?
3. The Central American summit called for the demobilization of the Contras before Nicaragua election. Is that acceptable to the U.S?
4. Are you considering other jobs for William Lucas, or do you plan a recess appointment for him?
5. Do you share the view of many conservatives that your kinder and gentler approach to Congress has resulted the dissolution of Presidential powers?
6. Isn't the S&L bill simply a bailout for Texas thrifts and aren't you concerned about the costs to the taxpayers?
7. Are you prepared to accept Rostenkowski's indexing plan for Capital Gains?
8. How do you grade your Presidency in its first six months?

PRESS GUIDANCE: Central American Summit Agreement

We are in the process of analyzing the agreement reached by the Central American presidents yesterday in Tela, Honduras.

There have been some misleading interpretations of the Tela agreement already reported in the press, such as a fixed deadline for the demobilizing of the Resistance without reference to the need to create adequate conditions for their return. It seems to us that the heart of the agreement for the demobilization, repatriation, and relocation of the Nicaraguan Resistance is its voluntary character.

It is important to understand correctly the elements of the Tela agreement:

- ✓ -- The Resistance is to be consulted, and have direct talks with the Sandinistas, so it can participate directly in the political process inside Nicaragua. The U.S. has long called for such direct contacts between the Sandinistas and the Resistance.
- Responsibility for the voluntary demobilization, repatriation or relocation of the Resistance will rest with an international verification commission to be established within 30 days.
- ✓ ✓ -- Within 90 days of the commission's creation, the Resistance will be asked to accept what the commission worked out--in consultation with all concerned, including the Resistance.
- The commission is to be responsible for ensuring conditions inside Nicaragua which would allow the safety and well-being of anyone voluntarily choosing to return, and for overseeing humanitarian assistance to those outside Nicaragua.
- The agreement also contains provisions urging the Salvadoran guerrillas by name to hold a constructive dialogue with the Salvadoran Government and calling on the FMLN to forsake armed struggle.
- It once again commits Nicaragua to stop its efforts to destabilize its neighbors through its aid to radical groups.

I want to emphasize that the United States agrees with the Central American presidents that any actions affecting the Resistance must be accepted by them voluntarily and that their return to Nicaragua must be based on the establishment of safe and democratic conditions. The essence of democracy is a free electoral process. That is why we have focused on the election scheduled for next February in Nicaragua as essential to the requirement for safe and democratic conditions.

It remains to be seen--from the commission that is to be established under the Tela plan, and from the Sandinista government--whether those basic conditions are to be fulfilled.

Boston Harbor

EPA's FY 90 budget would provide \$41 million to Mass. in construction grant/state revolving fund (SRF) monies.

Mass. could get a \$32 million capitalization grant for SRF for the last quarter of FY 89 if it comes up with a SRF program the EAP approves.

Past Funds to Mass.:

Construction Grant Funds - FY 88	\$77 million
FY 89	\$64 million

Additional funds from Congress earmarked under Section 513 for the 87 Clean Water Act which authorized \$100 million for Boston Harbor cleanup:

FY 88	\$16 million
FY 89	\$25 million

Note: In FY 90 \$20 million has been put in EPA's budget by Congress for Section 513 in addition EPA's request for \$41 million for Mass -- the administration has not requested funds for section 513 for FY 90 or in previous years.

EPA suggested guidance: Our goal for Boston Harbor is to restore the health of this important body of water. We have the best possible people working on developing an environmentally sound plan. They're open to all points of view, but I think you'll find that the responsible state and federal officials are doing a good job trying to get answers to some tough clean-up problems.

Motorcades coming and going uneventful. Bush was introduced by Urban League VP Bernard Watson, who quoted Urban League chief John Jacob as saying that since Bush has been President, "America is a kinder and gentler place."

President began his speech by saying that his "cabinet mate" Jack Kemp -- who accompanied him -- had informed him on the way over that the Urban League had "a moment of silence, prayer really" for Rep. Mickey Leland (missing in ~~Ethiopia~~ Ethiopia) in the morning. Bush, who described Leland as "my fellow Houstonian," said that "we have been in touch with the government of Ethiopia and the UN" to try to find out what happened to his plane.

He said Defense Secretary Cheney also is checking "what he can do in terms of search assets" to help locate Leland.

Bush added: "I think it says a lot about Mickey that he was on his sixth humanitarian mission to help feed the hungry in that part of the world. Our thoughts and our prayers are with him."

President also said he had spoken to Leland's wife, Alison - "she's strong, has a lot of hope, we all pray that he's safe."

President was well-received, but not overwhelmingly well. Speech was interrupted by applause 11 times, but some of it was rather thin applause. Standing ovation to start and end. Line that got the loudest applause: "We will not tolerate discrimination, bigotry or bias of any kind, period."

President shook hands with everyone on the dais on arrival and with at least half and I think (but couldn't see) the whole dais again on departure.

-- Deborah Orin, New York Post

per Marlin :

- delivery excellent
- reception polite
- ^{press} thought GB said right thing but must overcome Reagan problem

Bush Library Photocopy
George Bush Handwriting

Photocopy from George Bush Presidential Library

8 August 1989

POOL REPORT: President meets with Egyptian Prime Minister Abu Taleb
in the Oval Office

Relaxed mood, everyone looking comfortable. As we entered, Bush was saying to Taleb: "We've been very concerned ... the phone calls were well-received ... He's been so helpful to us in so many ways."

Inquiry has been put to White House press office as to whether President was referring to calls by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak during the hostage crunch. So far, no answer.

President declined to answer question on whether he would unfreeze the Iranian assets to get the hostages freed, telling an amused Taleb: "This photo opportunity is not one where, as I explained to you, we take questions."

Taleb, still amused, noted that reporters seemed to be asking nonetheless. "They got their job to do, I got mine to do," responded Bush in what could only be described as a chipper fashion.

Exit us.

-- Deborah Orin, New York Post

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 8-8

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: John S.

Please keep
Maine travelling
squad to a
bare minimum

I am thinking
of the Fox's
Blood Pressure,
of the expense,
of the need to

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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DATE:

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To:

have it a vacation,
of the need to
do it differently
from Santa Barbara

on

5:00 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

MRS. HIGGINS (UPI) -- The wife of Lt. Col. Higgins acknowledged the "virtual certainty" Tuesday that her husband is dead, but said, "Now is not the time for anger and bitterness, for recriminations and blame." Marine Maj. Robin Higgins, who spoke with **President Bush** Monday, added, "I am also mindful of the fact that our President has agonized in a very profound and personal manner over my husband's fate. He has my prayers and my support as he tries to save the living and end the suffering" of the other American and Western hostages in Lebanon, she said.... Mrs. Higgins, wearing her tan and dark green Marine uniform, was composed and kept her voice firm as she read a one-page statement to reporters at the Pentagon. She left the briefing room without fielding questions.

GOULDING/ISRAEL/OBEID (Tel Aviv/Reuter) -- U.N. envoy [Marrack Goulding] urged Israel to free [Sheik Obeid]...and said he was not trying to mediate a prisoner exchange. "The Israeli operation to kidnap Obeid did not help. I don't believe Israel broke the deadlock," Goulding told reporters. Defense Minister Rabin, who met Goulding for over an hour, later retorted: "I beg to differ with this assumption." ... Asked if he had pressed Rabin to free Obeid...Goulding replied: "I have indeed."

U.N./VIETNAM TROOP PULLOUT (Phnom Penh/Reuter) -- A U.N. mission looking at ways to monitor the pullout of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia next month made a surprise visit to Vietnam Tuesday.... The U.N. team...met Vietnamese Foreign Ministry officials but would not give details of the talks, saying it had to report first to U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

CIVIL RIGHTS/PRESIDENT (Lori Santos, UPI) -- President Bush, pledging to strike down racial barriers in America, asserted Tuesday that affirmative action plans no longer are needed and the "new frontier for civil rights" must be education. Addressing delegates at the National Urban League conference, Bush said, "I want to make sure everyone in this room knows exactly just where I stand -- just where my administration stands. My administration is committed to reaching out to minorities, to striking down barriers to free and open access. We will not tolerate discrimination, bigotry or bias of any kind -- period."

S&L (UPI) -- A newly created agency will waste no time tackling the S&L crisis once President Bush signs thrift bailout legislation Wednesday, a Treasury official said Tuesday. The Resolution Trust Corp., charged with managing insolvent S&Ls and ultimately selling off their assets, will hold its first board meeting Wednesday...said the official, who spoke on the condition he not be identified. The agency should start spending billions of dollars by the end of the week, he said.

WRIGHT SEAT (Fort Worth/AP) -- Democrats had a 34-year lock on the congressional seat held by deposed House Speaker Wright, but Saturday's special election could spell Republican. "It's a race that we shouldn't lose, but we could lose," said Texas Democratic Party Chairman Bob Slagle. Both parties call the election a toss-up. A poll published Sunday showed the leading Republican had 16 percent, the leading Democrat had 15 percent, with 64 percent not sure.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 8-8-89

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: Marlin

Lisa Meyers dumped on our
Ambassadors.

Please make the point that
the reason there are more
political appointments is
that we kept on the foreign service
types etc etc.

she was not very pleasant... meaninmg

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DATE:

8-8

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

Martin

Greenwich Time had
a Weicken de-brief
post-mortem article -
last week I think

Please get article
for me

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: August 8, 1989

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT

RE: Patti Bush Travel.

I just talked to Bucky Bush on the phone and he was most understanding. Please ask Doug Paal to advise Patti NOT to go to China. Inasmuch as she called Doug, he should reply asap.

Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE:

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

Brent

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Inasmuch as she
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I will call Buck
or

Mrs. William Bush called today to follow up on her request for advice/assistance last spring on a possible visit to Japan and China. She still plans to go to Japan in late September, and I believe she can have an excellent private trip there. Mike Armacost will help discreetly.

As for China, I told her that in fairness to the President, given the prominence of her name, he ought to have a chance to comment on the advisability of her travel to China. She agreed fully. Her plans are for private, independent travel, although mostly in Beijing. Jim Lilley spoke to her in the spring and was helpful, but he has not been asked for his views since Tiananmen. She left it for me to raise the question of her travel with the President through you.

My recommendation would be to advise against travel to China so soon. It would be impossible to keep her visit a secret and to prevent extensive speculation about the meaning of her presence there. Her itinerary would have her there for national day; that could add to Chinese temptation to exploit her presence, although we probably could negotiate cooperation from the Chinese not to put her under a spotlight. Obviously we could not control the press.

Under the terms of Mrs. Bush's frequent flyer ticket, she could spend her time alternatively in Bangkok or Hong Kong. I can help arrange very good private trips for her to both places, and she seems receptive, although she really would ideally prefer to visit China.

Please advise.

CC: Wilma G. Hall
CC: Dona F. Proctor

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John Chancellor
Commentator

Dear Mr. President,

Most of my meals are nowhere near as pleasant and instructive as the luncheon you gave last week. I thank you for your hospitality, your candor and your good humor.

I have also shamelessly dropped your name with my children. They are grownups, schooled in Washington and not given to gushing over their father's social accomplishments. But my stock is quite high with them these days, and I thank you for that, too.

Sincerely,

John

The President
The White House
August 8, 1989

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

bcc: John Sununu
Dave Demarest
Doug Wead

Dr. Adrian Rogers
70 North Bellview
Memphis, TN 38104



THE PRESIDENT

Aug. 8, 1989

Dear Adrian -

I was so pleased
to have yesterday's visit
with you three leaders.
Thank you for those
words of encouragement

I will try very hard
to show my own
commitment to Family
and to Faith

With Respect

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THE PRESIDENT

August 8, 1989

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Mr. C. David Nyhan
The Boston Globe
Boston, Massachusetts 02107

bcc: Governor Sununu
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Sununu: He can do no wrong

Having lost more political bets than he can count, the proprietor of this space has very shrewdly dropped his stakes over the years.

But he'd have bet the limit last winter that at some point in calendar '89, John Sununu would have lamed out as White House chief of staff. As irascible as he is industrious, as stubborn as he is smart, as endentiously confrontative as he is technologically competent, the former New Hampshire governor was my prime nominee for earlyjection.

Wrong again, Dave. Sununu is naster of all he surveys. His Buddha-like visage, spectacles framing a don't-give-anything-away look, pops up in nearly every photo of Bush at work, Bush at play, Bush at home, Bush abroad.

After an early stumble over the rejected nomination of John Tower (nobody ever said G. Bush doesn't know how to cut his losses), the White House staff operation has become a model of efficiency, especially when compared to the last days of Pompeii in the agonizing wind-down of the Reagan operation.

Some Reaganauts still harbor the suspicion that the president is but a pale imitation of the Gipper. One Reagan man dismisses Bush this way: "He's his own chief of staff." But Sununu has created a Stealth White House: It defies enemy radar and slips through the atmosphere unscathed.

Never mind that the S & L bailout will cost each taxpayer \$1,500, that the drug crisis careens along unhandled, that so much of what George promises floats in the air, like the space missions, unanchored by price tags. If the real job of the White House chief of staff is to ensure, insofar as possible, that the president is not blamed for anything, Sununu is a genius. So far.

Bush is halfway through his first year, and things are going swimmingly for a rookie president. OK, he hasn't done much of anything. So what? The presidency is a job for show, not for go.

People don't want exhilarating roller coaster rides from their elected leader. They want safe-and-sane, easy-round-the-bends, no-news-is-good-news leadership.

The Washington press corps juries with the stroking applied by Bush, who personally writes, we learn in a New York Times account, as many as 200 personal notes or letters a week. Giving them two days off for fishing or travel — have we ever had a presi-



John Sununu and President Bush: on his side and at his side.

AP photo

dent who fished or traveled as much as this one? — that averages 40 notes a day, five every working hour.

I mean, who hasn't gotten a note from Bush? Let's raise our hands. Whatever you think of Bush as a leader, he's got no competition as a pen pal. And presiding over this idyllic White House, peopled by frisky puppies, handsome grandchildren, a wildly popular First Lady, is none other than Sir John, the major domo, who came to be regarded as Suriy John in his three terms as governor of New Hampshire.

Maybe it's something they put in the water in Washington. A couple of years ago, after Sununu only narrowly defeated a Democrat for his third term, a Boston Herald poll had Michael Dukakis running ahead of Sununu on favorability in New Hampshire.

Now, the Duke is in the soup, and Sununu rides high as the second-most important man on Air Force One (OK, if you don't count the pilot).

Sununu has serviced all the Bush accounts with his customary dexterity and diligence. But he's done it without getting into hot water for demonstrating all those A-to-Z traits we'd seen him display in New Hampshire, to wit: Arrogance, bluster, calmness,

dishing, end-running, fricasseeing, ganging-up-on, harassing, ignoring, jumping-all-over, knocking, lowering-the-boom-on, making-an-example-of, nuking, over-killing, pulverizing, revenge-seeking, stomping (as in on), testily-denouncing, undercutting, (a-)viscerating, (over-) wheeling, X-ing (as in double-crossing), yanking (as in by-the-hair) and zinging, which is what one does to one's enemies.

With characteristic efficiency and uncharacteristic anonymity, Sununu helped Bush consolidate the conservative movement's credentialing in obscure federal postings, neutralize the ultra-right, protect the nuclear power industry's precarious position, and in general carried out the boss' orders to a "T."

I'd have bet the farm (fortunately, I don't have a farm to bet) that his name Sununu would have

that, by now, Sununu would have ticked off the congressional Democrats, alienated the press, thumbed his proboscis at the public, and in general made himself persona non grata. Like many, I envisioned him coming home, defiant and anarling, to run for (and probably win) Gordon Humphrey's Senate seat.

But John's made a monkey of me again, honning niftily from one fly pag to the next in Wash-

ington's steamy political swamp, evading all the gossip, gaffes and ganging-up-on that did in others who held that job (see Donald Reagan's absorbing memoir, "For the Record," for a richly-detailed account of just how much of a snake pit is the office next to the president's).

There is only one number that is bottom-line for a president, and it is his favorability at the moment. By that measure, Sununu is a smashing success. Bush at around 70 percent favorable has got to be pleased with his man.

Now, the New England Council, a regional lobbying outfit, names him its "New Englander of the Year." I don't care if the lady who used to run the council now works in Sununu's White House. I just look at his citation: The "quintessential New Englander: citizen, scientist and public official."

There he stands, New England: a combination of Daniel Webster, Ben Franklin and Calvin Coolidge. Why, that's almost enough to qualify as a member of the Adams family. It's August, and John Sununu is still there at the president's side. Beats the hell out of me.

David Nuhan is a Globe columnist.

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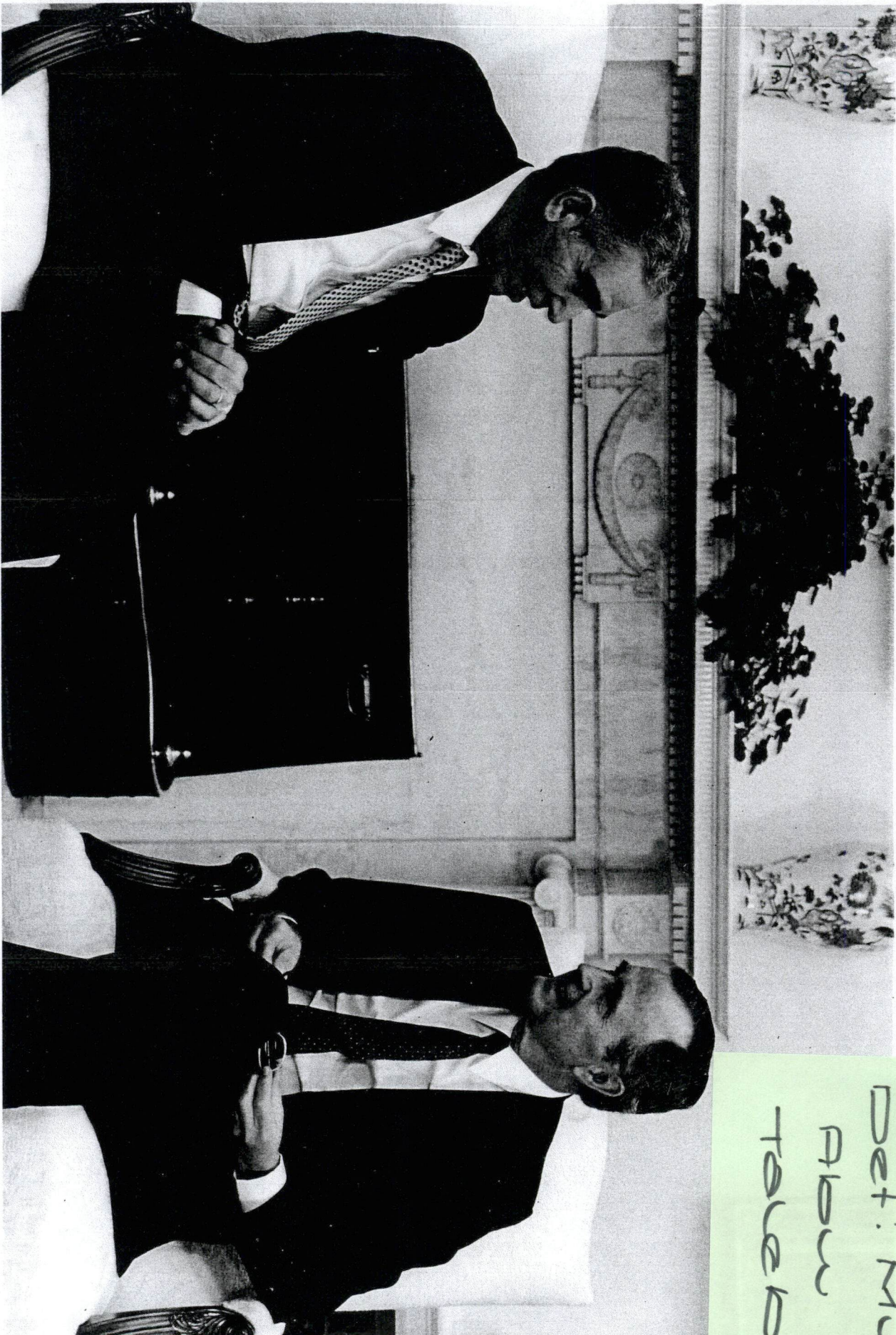
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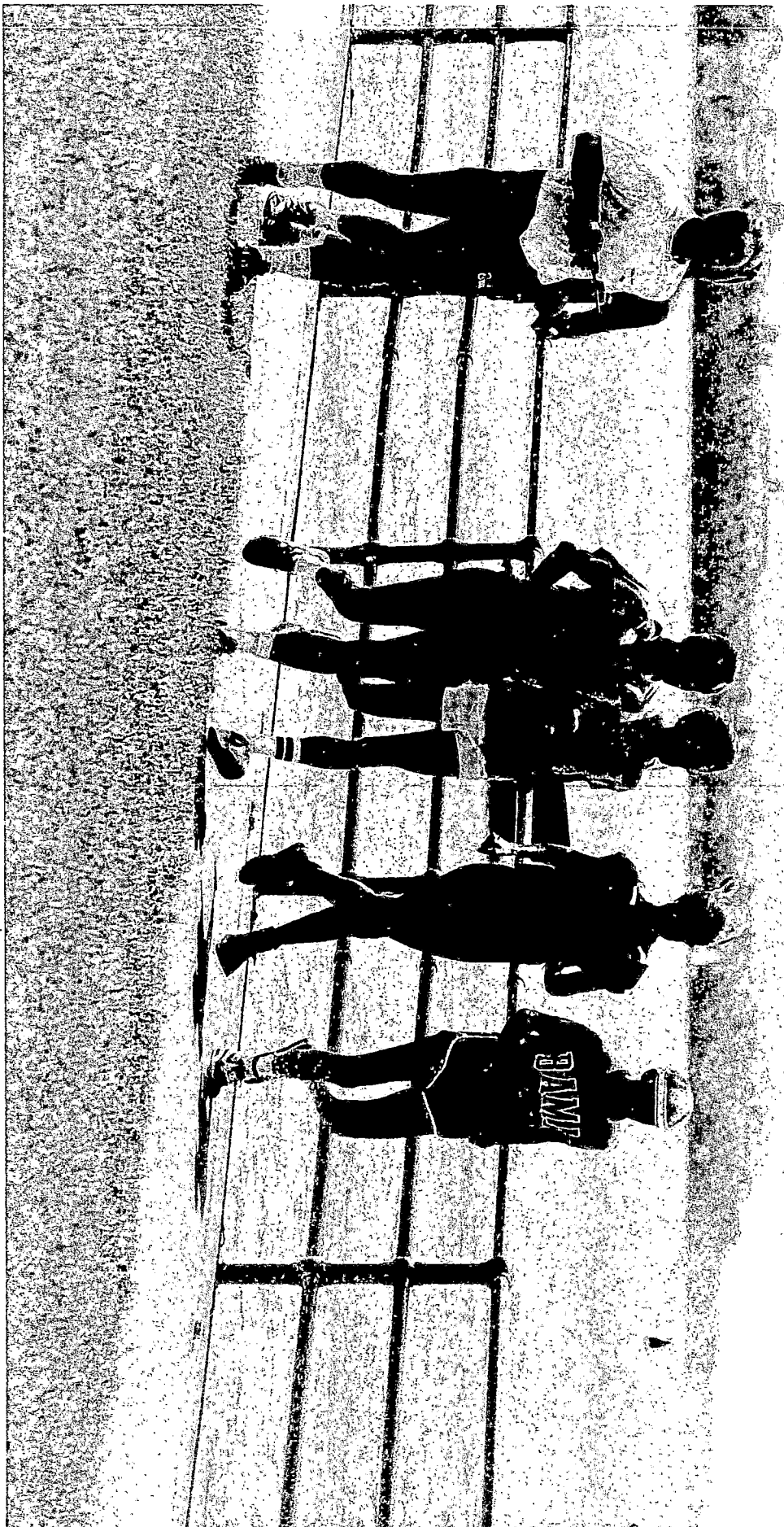
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