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12:00 pm (60 min)	<u>Lunch with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
1:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Drug Policy Discussion</u> (Demarest) <i>wives</i> (TAB G)	Roosevelt Room
1:30 pm (20 min)	<u>Photos with U. S. Ambassadors</u> (Scowcroft) (TAB H)	Oval Office
2:00 pm (60 min)	<u>Domestic Policy Council Meeting</u> (Bates) (TAB I)	Cabinet Room
3:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
3:30 pm (20 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Mario Cuomo</u> (Card) <i>Closed</i> (TAB J)	Oval Office
4:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
4:30 pm	<u>Private Party</u> <u>Tennis and Buffet Supper</u> (Weather Permitting)	Tennis Court/ Pool Area

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7:47 add Mr. Bob Lanier et al

8:09 add Sununu, Bates, Scowcroft, (b)(3) 8:25 (b)(3) out 8:30 Bates + Scowcroft out
 9:13 add Andy Card 9:18 add Fred Bush 9:39 Bush + Card out
 9:41 Sununu out 9:43 Potter to Roosevelt Rm - Drug discussion
 10:16 Potter to Roosevelt Rm w/ Sununu + Sen. Howard Baker
 10:23 add Bates, Scowcroft, McClure, Porter, Sununu + Fitzwater 10:37 add Card
 10:38 ~~add~~ Sununu out 10:49 Potter; all out 10:50 Potter announced into Press Brief Rm
 11:19 Conclude Press Conference apt. 11:20 an Oval w/ Sununu + Scowcroft + Fitzwater
 11:23 all out

UNP 08/14/89
6:00 pm

12:01 add Derman + Brady 12:04 (2) add Sununu
 1:06 Potter to Roosevelt Rm - Drug Policy discussion (alone) 1:37 Potter to Oval

1:38 add Acowcroft
1:41 add Amb. Ruppe, P. Hughes, + Barry Lowenkron

2:03 all out except Acowcroft 2:04 Acowcroft out; Bates into Oval
2:06 Sumner + Michael Boskin in; Bates out 2:09 Peter Boskin Sumner to
Cabinet Room
3:00 Peter to Oval 3:02 add Eagleburger + Acowcroft 3:07 add Sumner
3:16 Eagleburger + Acowcroft out 3:16 add ^{Act} Derwinski + ^{David} ~~Bates~~ Bates
3:19 Derwinski + Bates out 3:19 add Henson Moore 3:29 add Fitzwater
3:29 add Gov. Cuomo + 1 staffer + Andy Card 4:25 Cuomo + staffer out
4:27 Fitzwater, Moore, Card + Sumner out 4:28 add Sumner
4:30 Sumner out 4:36 add Acowcroft 4:38 Acowcroft out

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

AUGUST 15th

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E. D. T. PRESIDENT BUSH

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM		MRS. BARBARA BUSH	
INC	7:20	7:33	(b)(6)	TLKD-OK 7:21 AM.
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		SECRETARY ROBERT MOSBACHER OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C.	
INC	9:09	9:16	WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 434	TLKD-OK
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		ARCH BISHOP IAKOVOS CHILMARK, MA.	
INC	4:29	4:30	508 645-9955	TLKD-OK
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INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MR. MIKE KELLY OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C.	
INC	5:23	5:27	452-3285	TLKD-OK 5:26 PM.
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INC	PM			
OUT	AM		USHER'S OFC. WASHINGTON, D.C.	CHRIS EMERY TLKD-OK
INC	6:03	6:04	WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 780	
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AUGUST 15th

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INC	PM			
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~~INC~~	6:27 PM			
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INC	PM			
~~OUT~~	~~XX~~ AM		MS. PATTY PRESOCK OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 500	TLKD-OK
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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

August 15, 1989

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
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OUT	7:54 AM		Mr. Prescott Bush (b)(6)	Tlkd with Ms. Presock 7:55 AM
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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 15 August 1989

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0707	State Floor
0711	Oval Office
0740	Doctor's Office
0746	Oval Office
0944	Roosevelt Room
1051	Press Room
1120	Oval Office
1308	Roosevelt Room
1337	Oval Office
1410	Cabinet Room
1502	Oval Office
1651	South Grounds
1720	Oval Office
1810	South Grounds
1840	Residence
2122	South Grounds
2128	Residence

Tuesday, August 15

7:00 The President to the Old Family Dining Room
7:11 The President to the Oval Office
7:37 The President to the Doctor's Office
7:45 The President to the Oval Office
4:51 The President to the Cabana
4:55 The President to the Tennis Court
5:19 The President to the Oval Office
6:30 The President to the Second Floor
6:35 Guests arrive Second Floor for private dinner (20)
7:37 Dinner is served
9:10 Guests depart
9:40 Retired



News Summary

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EDT EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bush To Widen Military Role In Latin Drug War -- President Bush has approved a "friendly invasion" of South American drug-producing nations by expanding U.S. military involvement in Colombia, officials disclosed Monday. (Washington Times)

De Klerk Takes Over From Botha, Pledges "New South Africa" -- F.W. de Klerk, leader of the ruling National Party, takes office as acting head of state Tuesday after pledging to "begin the construction of a new South Africa." (Washington Post, Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

Drugs Are Top Problem In U.S., Poll Shows; Tougher Laws Favored -- More than three-fourths of the American people want tougher laws against drug users as well as periodic drug testing of police officers, public officials and high school teachers, according to a nationwide survey released Monday by pollster George Gallup and national drug policy director Bennett. (Boston Globe, Washington Post)

NETWORK NEWS (Monday evening)

BEIRUT -- The shelling of the city continued for the fifth day in a row.

DRUGS -- Americans' concerns about drugs and drug abuse have, according to a new poll, far and away overshadowed their concerns about war and the economy.

DRUG MONEY/PANAMA -- In Atlanta Monday a Panamanian bank pled guilty to laundering drug money for Colombia's Medellin cartel.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BUSH TO WIDEN MILITARY ROLE IN LATIN DRUG WAR

President Bush has approved a "friendly invasion" of South American drug-producing nations by expanding U.S. military involvement in Colombia, officials disclosed Monday.

At the urging of top lawmen, the administration is targeting Colombia and Bolivia....

Administration officials said Bush has enlisted British and West German support to curb the unchecked traffic in drugs emanating from South America. The officials said he asked for international cooperation during last month's economic summit in Paris.

The new efforts will include U.S. military training of Colombian narcotics forces, financial aid and U.S. military aircraft, officials said.

(Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A3)

U.S. TO PAY 2 NATIONS \$1 MILLION FOR DRUG-CASE AID Award Part Of Cooperative Effort To End Money Laundering Overseas

The Justice Department, sharing seized drug profits with foreign governments for the first time, said Monday it would give \$1 million each to Canada and Switzerland for their help in forcing the guilty plea of a Panamanian bank in the largest money laundering investigation in U.S. history.

The award was described as part of a new effort to encourage foreign countries to cooperate with the U.S. in sophisticated money laundering cases....

The action Monday showed how foreign countries can help attack the problem, officials said.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A14)

MEXICAN CRACKDOWN ON DRUGS STEPS LIGHTLY AROUND MILITARY U.S. Prosecutors Charge Data Withheld

MEXICO CITY -- In contrast to what the State Department describes as a new era of cooperation with Mexico, U.S. prosecutors in San Diego charge that the Mexican government and military are refusing to provide information that would advance a drug-trafficking investigation of top former and serving Mexican military and police officials.

According to U.S. law enforcement officials in California and Mexico, the case illustrates an apparent unwillingness by President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's government to expose and prosecute drug-related corruption in the upper ranks of Mexico's 174,000-member armed forces.... In Mexico, a U.S. official said, the military remains a "sacred cow."

Yet, there are signs that the secretive Mexican army has begun dealing with its drug-corruption problem in its own way -- quietly and within its ranks. According to Mexican and foreign military sources, disclosures in the San Diego case have coincided with an unpublicized, limited housecleaning in the military hierarchy here, including the transfer of a two-star general alleged to have been involved in a protection scheme for South American drug flights. (William Branigin, Washington Post, A1)

AYATOLLAH IN TEHRAN LASHES U.S.

BEIRUT -- Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Monday spoke out forcefully against improved relations with the U.S., calling Washington "the most cursed government" after Israel and ruling out direct talks over the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

His statement contrasted sharply with remarks last week by President Rafsanjani.... The differing statements suggested a continuing clash among Iranian leaders over the extent to which Iran...should try to reconstruct damaged relations with the West....

"Khamenei indicated he would oppose U.S.-Iranian talks as long as the U.S. continues to support Israel and "continues to commit injustices and oppress the oppressed nations," and as long as Iran remembers the U.S. freezing of Iranian assets and the downing last year of an Iranian airliner by a U.S. Navy vessel.

(Nora Boustany, Washington Post, A12)

IRAN RADICALS, MODERATES AVOID SPLIT

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates -- Iran's leaders have reached a last-minute compromise on forming a new government without creating an open split between moderates and radicals, Iranian political sources in the region said Monday.

At a meeting late Sunday, President Rafsanjani retained power over the Foreign Ministry and the important economic ministries, according to the sources, who are close to senior parliamentarians in Tehran.

But Ahmad Khomeini, son of Ayatollah Khomeini...insisted that outspoken Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi must stay, they said.

(Eric Hall, Reuter, Washington Times, A7)

U.S. LETS WORLD COURT TRY IRAN AIR CASE

U.N. -- The Bush administration agreed Monday to take part in a World Court case brought against it by Iran over the American downing of an Iranian airliner last year, administration and World Court officials said.

In a letter to the international tribunal in The Hague, the administration said American officials would meet with officers of the Court on Sept. 1 to discuss arrangements for the case....

Officials said the decision to fight Iran's accusation partly reflected a belief that the U.S. can persuade the Court that the incident was an accident.

(Paul Lewis, New York Times, A3)

HOSTAGE RESCUE ABORTED IN '86, EXPERTS CONTEND

U.S. special forces units were poised to launch a covert operation to rescue American hostages in Lebanon three years ago, but the plan was scuttled because of the Reagan administration's secret Iran initiative, according to terrorism experts.

The rescue plan was put together by a little-known Pentagon intelligence operation called Intelligence Support Activity (ISA) that worked with the intelligence unit of the Lebanese Forces -- the dominant Christian militia in Lebanon, according to Neil Livingstone and David Halevy, both experts on terrorism.

Livingstone...and Halevy...disclose the operation in a forthcoming issue of Soldier of Fortune magazine....

A former Reagan administration official, who declined to be named, confirmed Monday that planning and training for the operation had been carried out.

(Bill Gertz, Washington Times, A1)

PLO REJECTS PLANS FOR ELECTIONS IN OCCUPIED LANDS

TUNIS -- In the strongest terms to date, the PLO Monday rejected an Israeli proposal to hold elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israelis had offered the proposal as a first step toward ending the 20-month Palestinian uprising and creating some form of Palestinian self-rule.

Yasser Abed Rabbo, the PLO executive committee member who Monday headed a PLO delegation for the fourth round of talks with U.S. officials here, said after three hours of dialogue that "the PLO does not consider in any way that elections can establish the basis for a political solution" to the Palestinian quest for an independent state side-by-side with Israel.

Instead, he said, "the PLO still believes that the proper path to progress toward peace is that of the international peace conference." ...

U.S. Ambassador Robert Pelletreau, who headed the U.S. delegation, characterized the tenor of the talks as "serious and probing," adding: "We made clear our conviction that the Palestinians must respond to the challenge of building a new peace, not continuing an old conflict."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the U.S. intends to continue the dialogue. But other U.S. officials said privately that Pelletreau had been instructed to make clear that the U.S. is becoming impatient with the PLO's failure to say whether it will encourage West Bank Palestinians to work with the Israelis toward mutually acceptable rules for the elections proposed by Prime Minister Shamir, Washington Post staff writer John Goshko reported.

(Patrick Tyler, Washington Post, A15)

U.S. VOWS TO CONTINUE TALKING TO ARAFAT'S GROUP DESPITE DIFFERENCES

The U.S. will keep talking to the PLO to try to get peace talks started despite disagreements with Yasser Arafat's group, a State Department spokesman said Monday.

"We don't expect a breakthrough in each particular meeting," spokesman Richard Boucher said in announcing a resumption of talks in Tunisia. "It's an ongoing process." ...

"We continue to believe that through an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue progress can be achieved in moving the process forward to elections and peace negotiations," Boucher said.

(Barry Schweid, AP)

U.S. COMMITMENT TO AFGHAN REBELS MAY BE WANING

Officially the U.S. remains steadfastly behind the anti-communist Mujahideen resistance in Afghanistan but there are signs that support may be weakening, or at least facing a reassessment.

Congressmen now dare to suggest in public that it may soon be time to end Washington's critical role of supplying the rebels with weapons and seek a political settlement.

Privately, administration officials admit the U.S. commitment will be difficult to sustain if the rebels increasingly turn on each other in savage internecine displays and fail to win military victories against the Soviet-backed government in Kabul....

One senior official, who asked not to be identified, insists that over the past year, the mujahideen have made important, though incremental, gains that have gone unpublicized....

[However], few private analysts are optimistic a rebel victory could happen soon if ever.

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(Carol Giacomo, Reuter)

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U.S. SEES HOPE FOR BETTER TIES WITH ETHIOPIA Aid In Leland Search Viewed As Promising

The "spirit of cooperation" shown by Ethiopia in the search for Rep. Leland and his companions may presage an improvement in the rocky relationship between the U.S. and that important African country, the State Department said Monday.

Spokesman Richard Boucher expressed the U.S. "hope" that the cooperation in the search for Leland "will extend to the issues that have divided the United States and the People's Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in the past." Boucher quoted Herman Cohen, the newly appointed assistant secretary of state for African affairs, as saying that his discussions on a visit to Ethiopia earlier this month were "positive" and mark "the beginning of a dialogue which could lead to better relations."

(Don Oberdorfer & Adela Gooch, Washington Post, A9)

Leland Rescue Effort Seen As Smoothing U.S.-Ethiopia Ties

U.S.-Ethiopian cooperation in the search for congressman Leland...could smooth the path for better relations between the two countries, a State Department official said Monday.

"It's an example that we can work together on important things," the official said....

"(Cooperation in the Leland search) doesn't overcome or negate the issue that we have between us...but we've seen some indications that we can be helpful maybe in the peace process, and we'd like to do that if we can," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. (Reuter)

LEGISLATOR, RETURNING FROM ETHIOPIA, PRAISES ROLE OF MILITARY IN SEARCH

Rep. Wheat, on his way home from Ethiopia after observing congressional efforts to find the wreckage of the plane carrying his congressional colleague, Mickey Leland, and 15 others, praised the role of the U.S. military in the search and called it "an extraordinary mobilization." ...

Although there had been some criticism in Washington about the extent and pace of U.S. rescue efforts, Wheat said the U.S. military personnel did "not only an excellent but a dangerous job." ...

"it was an extraordinary mobilization," Wheat said. "They were continuing to bring in resources right up until the moment the crash site was found and it was determined there were no survivors."

(James Worsham, Kansas City Times)

PROBE OF LELAND PLANE WRECKAGE SET U.S., Canadian Aviation Safety Experts Invited By Ethiopia

A delegation of U.S. and Canadian aviation safety experts left Washington for Ethiopia Monday to examine the wreckage of the twin-engine airplane in which Rep. Leland and 15 others died last week.

Spokesmen for two federal agencies said the group, which included representatives of Canadian and American air safety boards, was requested by the Ethiopian government....

At a State Department briefing Monday, spokesman Richard Boucher said the safety team is expected to arrive in Addis Ababa...late today.

(Bill McAllister & Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A8)

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DE KLERK TAKES OVER FROM BOTHA, PLEDGES "NEW SOUTH AFRICA"

JOHANNESBURG -- F.W. de Klerk, leader of the ruling National Party, takes office as acting head of state Tuesday after pledging to "begin the construction of a new South Africa." ...

De Klerk said he was saddened that [P.W.] Botha's long career, [which ended in his resignation Monday], should end in such a way, but denied that he had ever shown the president any disrespect or contempt.

"Tomorrow we begin the construction of a new South Africa," he said shortly after Botha's resignation speech. (Andrew Steele, Reuter)

BOTHA QUILTS, CRITICIZING SUCCESSOR

S. African President Denounces Planned Meeting With Zambian

JOHANNESBURG -- An embittered President P.W. Botha abruptly resigned from office Monday night, heaping criticism on his expected successor just three weeks before their governing National Party faces its most crucial parliamentary election battle since it came to power in South Africa in 1948.

In a nationwide television broadcast, Botha said he could no longer continue as president after he was not consulted about plans by party leader and education minister F.W. de Klerk to meet with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda in that country later this month....

Botha said in his speech that he had asked the cabinet what reason he should give the public for abruptly leaving office. "They replied I could use my health as an excuse. To this I replied that I am not prepared to leave on a lie," Botha said.

(William Claiborne, Washington Post, A12)

U.S. OFFICIALS HOPE BOTHA RESIGNATION MARKS POLICY SHIFT

U.S. officials hope South African President Botha's resignation and F.W. de Klerk's elevation could mark a positive turn in Pretoria's relations with neighboring black states, but some analysts fear a return to old-style apartheid....

The State Department had no official comment on the move, calling it a matter of internal politics.

But one State Department official told Reuters that the root of a feud between the two men -- de Klerk's planned visit to Zambian President Kaunda in late August -- could signal a change in South African racial policy. A first sign would be a decision by de Klerk to go through with the meeting with Kaunda, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "That would be a breakthrough on both sides and a helpful step," the official said Monday....

However, Sylvia Gon, assistant director of the South African Foundation, said she feared Botha's resignation could bring attempts to return to more stringent apartheid measures. (Deborah Zabarenko, Reuter)

PANAMA OPPOSITION REFUSES TO CONDEMN U.S. MILITARY EXERCISES

PANAMA CITY -- Panamanian opposition leaders refused to sign a document condemning U.S. army exercises at talks with the government and armed forces Monday, a government representative said.

Romulo Bethancourt, representing acting President Manuel Solis Palma, said what he called U.S. aggression toward Panama was one of the key issues at Monday's talks on finding a solution to the country's political crisis....

Government representatives put forward a document rejecting "the continuous military movements by the U.S. Army, which constitute an element of serious tension"

"They (the opposition leaders) said they were not prepared to sign this type of declaration except as part of a package seeking a global solution to Panama's internal political problem," Bethancourt said.

(Reuter)

SINGAPORE STANDS FIRM ON OFFER TO U.S. FORCES

SINGAPORE -- Singapore is standing firm on its offer to provide military bases to the U.S. despite the storm of controversy it has generated overseas....

S. Chandra Das, head of a parliamentary committee for defense and foreign affairs, in a published statement Tuesday admitted there was no immediate threat to regional security.

The situation could change if a civil war broke out in Cambodia following Vietnam's scheduled troop withdrawal on Sept. 26...Das said.

He said Singapore and Malaysia have always been host to foreign military forces under a Five Power Defense Arrangement with Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Singapore's offer to the U.S. should be seen as "an extension" of this arrangement, he said. (Jose Katigbak, Reuter)

SOVIET MISSILE TEST NEAR HAWAII IRKS U.S.

The Soviet Union tested an intercontinental missile last week near two remote Hawaiian islands despite U.S. safety concerns, Bush administration officials said Monday.

The 8,000-mile-range unarmed missile, launched from the Soviet Union, flew between two tiny islands, Necker and Nihoa, shortly before splashing down Friday 1,250 miles southeast of Oahu....

"It's somewhat disturbing the Soviets didn't take our concerns into account," said one U.S. official who requested anonymity....

Although the missile didn't pass over either island, the point of the U.S. complaint was that "it was too close for comfort," one official said.

(AP, Washington Times, A4)

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CHINA PLANS TRAINING OF STUDENTS
Indoctrination Seen As Punishment For Role In Protests

BEIJING -- The government will require the entire freshman class at China's most prestigious university to take one year of army-controlled indoctrination courses before the students can begin regular classes, Chinese sources said Monday....

And two days ago, the official China Daily newspaper reported that most college graduates will now be required to work for a year or two before they are allowed to enter graduate school.

In a related development, a Beijing University professor said classes would not begin until mid-October, six weeks later than expected, in order to provide more time for the teaching staff to be given intensive courses in Marxist political study.

"First they want to control the teachers so that the teachers can control the students," said a student.

(Daniel Southerland, Washington Post, A1)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "U.S. Officials Tour Soviets' Top-Secret Space Facility," by Molly Moore, appears in The Washington Post, page A12.

NATIONAL NEWS

DRUGS ARE TOP PROBLEM IN U.S., POLL SHOWS; TOUGHER LAWS FAVORED

More than three-fourths of the American people want tougher laws against drug users as well as periodic drug testing of police officers, public officials and high school teachers, according to a nationwide survey released Monday by pollster George Gallup and national drug policy director Bennett.

The poll of 1,005 adults also found that a record 27 percent of Americans now consider drugs the most important problem facing the nation, more than the combined total of those who named poverty and homelessness, the economy and the budget deficit. A separate sample of 500 teenagers found that an overwhelming 60 percent regard drug abuse as the biggest problem facing people their age.

"In the 50 years that the U.S. public has been asked to name the most important problem facing the nation, it is virtually unprecedented for any social issue to appear at the top of the list," said Gallup, who conducted the poll for Bennett's office. "The American people are in a wartime mode" on the issue....

Appearing with Gallup at a news conference, Bennett said the polls show "the American people have given a very clear sense of direction to us."

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A4)

BUSH HEARS FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ON ANTI-DRUG POLICY

After a meeting Monday to help President Bush formulate his anti-drug plan, law enforcement officials said they need much more federal money, that they want to "hang" drug pushers and that Latin American countries are doing a "horrible" job in fighting drugs.

The officials told reporters that they had expressed similar views to the President....

John Bellizzi, head of the International Association of Narcotics Enforcement Officers, said Bush will propose sanctions on drug users such as the denial of scholarships and driver's licenses and will recommend that users attend boot camps or participate in labor details as well as get treatment.

"I don't think it's wise to send a young person to jail where he can be educated in the use of drugs," Bellizzi said of drug users. "On the other hand, as far as the pushers, we would like to hang them." ...

The de-emphasis of interdiction in Bush's plan did not please some of the law enforcement officials. Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates said the interdiction element of the strategy is "perhaps not to the degree that some of us who live very close to the border would like to see."

(Michael Kranish, Boston Globe)

SULLIVAN: GOVERNMENT WON'T SPEND MORE TO TREAT AIDS PATIENTS

HHS Secretary Sullivan said Monday that the government must do more to help treat people with AIDS, but without spending more money.

Sullivan, speaking at a conference on AIDS in minority racial and ethnic populations, said the government "must do more to help provide effective treatment for Americans with AIDS."

But the administration's top health policymaker said there was little hope of new federal subsidies for the care of AIDS patients who require expensive new drugs to stay alive or for the treatment of AIDS-related infections.

Sullivan...also said the government must do a better job of educating racial and ethnic minority groups about the risks of AIDS -- taking account of the diversities within the groups -- if it wants to stop the disease from spreading.

(Irwin Arieff, Reuter)

Better Education Needed To Reduce Minority AIDS Risk, Sullivan Says

The number of reported AIDS cases in the U.S. is expected to reach 365,000 by the end of 1992, but unless Americans change high-risk behaviors, the Department of HHS warned Monday, there could be "hundreds of thousands more cases" in the coming decades.

"I fear that many Americans have become hardened to these figures. But the reality we face is mind-boggling," Dr. Sullivan said at the annual National Conference on HIV Infection and AIDS in Racial and Ethnic Populations....

He said health officials must work harder to target those Americans who have not heard the AIDS-prevention education message or who are at high risk. "That means we must develop culturally relevant and sensitive materials that can be carefully targeted to an identified group," he said.

(Joyce Price, Washington Times, A6)

AMERICANS LESS WORRIED ABOUT AIDS, POLL SHOWS

A poll released Tuesday shows Americans' concerns about AIDS appears to be waning slightly, but the public still regards the deadly disease as the nation's No. 1 health problem.

A nationwide survey of 1,000 adults found 31 percent listed AIDS as the U.S.' most serious health woe in 1989 -- down from 36 percent in a similar 1986 poll. The only segment of the population reporting increased concern about AIDS was blacks.

(Rebecca Kolberg, UPI)

PLAN MAY BENEFIT MORE MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN

**New Health And Human Service Rules
Would Broaden Eligibility For Welfare Program**

Regulations that government officials say could add 2,000 to 3,000 mentally impaired children to the federal welfare rolls were proposed Monday by HHS Secretary Sullivan.

Sullivan said the proposals, which will not become final until public comment has been received, "reinforce this administration's commitment to protect the rights and interests of the disabled."

Norman Rosenberg, director of the Mental Health Law Project, said that while he has not seen the proposed regulations, he suspects they are unduly restrictive because they affect only a few thousand children.

(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A11)

RIGHTS BILL FOR DISABLED SEEMS HEADED FOR UNUSUALLY SMOOTH, QUICK PASSAGE

The broadest civil-rights bill in 25 years is moving through Congress. But unlike most other such measures, which have regularly stirred up hornet's nests of controversy, this one is roaring through largely intact.

It is the Americans With Disabilities Act, which would give protection to the disabled comparable to that provided by law for minorities, women and others....

The measure's astonishingly brief journey through the Washington process -- it was introduced just three months ago -- has occurred because of a rare display of bipartisanship. Though some, especially in the small-business sector, remain concerned about the bill's economic impact, it's clear the political momentum behind it is all but unstoppable.

(Albert Karr, Wall Street Journal, A12)

CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP GATHERS FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

ATLANTA -- The selection of Vice president Quayle as opening speaker for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's national convention was bound to arouse criticism, the president of the civil rights group said.

But Rev. Joseph Lowery...said he is reserving judgment about the Vice President and the Bush administration -- despite Quayle's 1988 Senate vote against a civil rights bill.

"I was surprised to hear about some of the things he knew about the movement," Lowery said. "He was tossing out names and places and asking a lot of questions."

(Sonya Ross, AP)

BUSH OKs \$897 MILLION IN FARM AID

Farmers whose crops have been devastated by this year's drought and flooding will get \$897 million in disaster relief from the federal government.

President Bush signed legislation Monday helping the hardest hit: Kansas wheat growers hurt by drought; rice, soybean and cotton farmers in the Midwest and South who endured floods.

"The farmer is at the mercy of...nature, and sometimes nature fails him," said Bush.

(Mimi Hall, USA Today, 1A)

CENTRAL BANK NOT LIKELY TO LOWER INTEREST RATES: ECONOMISTS

The Federal Reserve isn't likely to lower interest rates any time soon to boost economic growth, despite a pointed warning of recession from...Budget Director Darman.

Analysts predicted Monday that interest rates will hold steady because the central bank is satisfied it has done all it needs to keep the country out of an economic slump.

Those economists suggested that comments by Budget Director Darman might actually backfire and make the central bank less inclined to ease credit conditions for fear of appearing to bow to political pressure.

(Martin Crutsinger, AP)

BUSH NAMES WHITE HOUSE AIDE BREEDEN TO HEAD SEC

President Bush nominated attorney Richard Breeden, a top White House financial policy adviser who played a central part in guiding the S&L bailout, to be the new chairman of the SEC....

"I think he is pragmatic and I don't think he is an ideologue," said consultant Ken McLean, former staff director of the Senate Banking Committee....

While Breeden has a closer relationship with the White House and a better understanding of how Washington works than any SEC in recent memory, he is not regarded as an expert on securities law matters, which several politicians and attorneys said was his biggest handicap.

(David Vise, Washington Post, C1)

BUSH PARDONS FINANCIER HAMMER

President Bush issued a pardon Monday for international financier Armand Hammer, the White House said.

Hammer...was fined \$3,000 in 1976 and put on probation for making illegal contributions to the 1972 re-election campaign of President Nixon.

(UPI)

PLANE CRASH KILLS SECOND CONGRESSMAN

Rep. Larkin Smith, a former sheriff who had served only seven months in Congress, was killed in the crash of a small plane near New Augusta, Miss., late Sunday in the second air disaster to claim the life of a member of the U.S. House in less than one week....

Already in mourning for Rep. Leland, stunned colleagues of the two lawmakers recalled Smith as a promising newcomer who was already making a mark in the House as an aggressive advocate of stronger anti-crime and anti-drug efforts.

"Absorbing the recent deaths of Reps. Leland and Smith is not easy for any of us, but both of these most able and committed legislators remind us that a life committed to public service can sometimes exact a terrible price," said Speaker Foley.

(Helen Dewar & Amy Stevens, Washington Post, A1)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "Bed & Breakfast A La Bush," by Donnie Radcliffe, appears in The Washington Post, page E1.

"Washington Ways," by Donnie Radcliffe, appears in The Washington Post, page E2.

"Bush Spokesman Softens Darman's Attack On Fed," by the AP, appears in The Washington Post, page C2.

"Quayle, Kemp Are On Civil Rights Firing Line," by Mark Mayfield, appears in USA Today, page 3A.

"How Will New Helm At Joint Chiefs Fare In Tricky National Crosswinds?", by Andrew Rosenthal, appears in The New York Times, page A18.

"Court Supports Shrimpers On Turtle-Excluder Device," by the AP, appears in The Washington Post, page A4.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Monday Evening, August 14)

BEIRUT

ABC's Tom Jarriel: The guns of Beirut today drowned out the talk about hostages. After a week of hints that some kind of progress was being made to free the Americans held in Lebanon, all sides there now seem more worried about the immediate problem of simply staying alive. The shelling of the city continued for the fifth day in a row, while Syrian troops are said to be massing for a new assault on a strategic Christian stronghold.

ABC's Jerry King reports from Damascus that Beirut suffered an artillery battle as bad as the Lebanese capital has ever seen. The shelling came from both the Christians and the Syrian-supported Moslems. It followed yesterday's aborted effort to capture the Christian strategic mountain hamlet of Suq-al Gharb. All the war has accomplished so far is to drive most of the Lebanese in Beirut out of their capital. The Syrians have vowed to eliminate Christian General Aoun.

(General Aoun: "This is a risk that I have to take. I am a soldier and I am at the head of [a] nation and I have to give [a] good example.")

A piece of unintended symbolism occurred when the Christians defiantly raised a torn and tattered Lebanese flag. The full casualty toll from today's bombardment is still unknown; all anyone can count are the few bodies that have been retrieved and the number of injured that have been taken to hospitals. There is no way of knowing how many people are trapped in the collapsed buildings. There is every indication that the situation in Lebanon will only worsen. Iran's foreign minister arrived in Damascus today and ABC has learned that tomorrow he will host a meeting of the leaders of all the Moslem forces from Lebanon. He is expected to offer them whatever they need to step up the war against the Christians because the Christians are backed by Iran's hated enemy, Iraq. All this could push the question of what happens to the hostages into the background.

(ABC-Lead, CBS-7)

DRUGS

NBC's Tom Brokaw: The American people are so fed up with the nation's drug problem they're ready to treat it as a war. That's the bottom line of a new Gallup poll out tonight and...the new federal drug czar sees the poll as a place to begin the battle. But will there be enough money?

NBC's John Cochran: For William Bennett, the Gallup poll provided exactly the ammunition that the energetic, ambitious drug czar wanted, evidence that Americans believe drug abuse is public enemy number one.

(George Gallup: "A record number of Americans cite the drug crisis as the nation's top problem, replacing the guns and butter issues of international tensions and economic worries.")

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Cochran continues: A Gallup poll of both adults and teenagers showed that 27% put the drug crisis as the nation's top problem; poverty and the homeless came in a distant second at 8%. Americans seem especially worried by the rapid spread of crack cocaine. An earlier Gallup poll last year had 62% of Americans willing to pay higher taxes to fight narcotics. But Bennett, loyally obeying President Bush's directions, will recommend no additional taxes when he unveils his drug plan next month.

(Secretary Bennett: "I've said before that crack is worse than taxes and I will stick to it. But I will add to it what I said -- when I said that -- the first time, we shouldn't have to raise taxes in order to attack the problem of crack.")

President Bush's war on drugs is caught between two promises: One during the campaign, one on inauguration day.

(President Bush: "Take my word for it, this scourge will stop.")

(President Bush: "Read my lips, no new taxes.")

Bennett hopes the President will ask Congress to divert funds from other programs to pay for a crackdown on crack pushers.

(Rep. Rangel: "I think that's blue smoke and mirrors. You can't wage a war without having the resources.")

Despite the nation's anxiety over drugs, some of Bush's own advisers are urging him to lower expectations for a war they believe will continue long after the Bush Administration has gone. (NBC-Lead)

ABC's Walter Rogers reports that Americans' concerns about drugs and drug abuse have, according to a new poll, far and away overshadowed their concerns about war and the economy. The poll also said there is now overwhelming public support for periodic, on the job drug testing. In addition, the poll said, people are so disturbed about drugs that a majority of Americans are willing to volunteer their services to battle the war on drugs. Drug czar William Bennett welcomed that commitment:

(Secretary Bennett: "We don't ask people, citizens, to do the work of the police. We don't ask citizens to do the work of the DEA or the FBI. But we will ask citizens, when we think the situation warrants it, to come back and reclaim their streets.")

The study went on to say that drug dealers are now visible in 37% of all American neighborhoods; that 23% of American teenagers have had a chance to buy or use drugs in the last month; and that 26% of Americans know of drug users in the workplace. Public demands for a get-tough attitude were welcomed by law enforcement officials at the White House today.

(Daryl Gates, Los Angeles Police Chief: "If we don't have a joint effort, if we don't have a uniform effort, this problem that is strangling a nation will continue to strangle it and we'll all die from it.")

Tomorrow the President will get a list of proposals for escalating the war on drugs with the stated goal of cutting illegal drug use [by] 50% over the next ten years. (ABC-5)

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NBC's Fred Briggs reports from Lawrence, Mass., that police officials in this city have started to seize welfare identification cards from suspected drug dealers when they make arrests. Police then contact the state welfare department and tell them of the seizures. The welfare department, however, thinks this approach is too broad and often is unfair because three-quarters of the people on welfare are children. The city has also told landlords that any tenant convicted of drug dealing must be evicted or the landlord will face still penalties. The mayor's tactics for stopping drugs are a hit with voters. (NBC-2)

DRUG MONEY/PANAMA

Jarriel reports that in Atlanta today a Panamanian bank pled guilty to laundering drug money for Columbia's Medellin cartel. The Justice Department says the bank has agreed to forfeit \$5 million to the U.S., the largest sentence ever imposed against a bank for drug money laundering. (ABC-6)

HOSTAGES

ABC's David Ensor reports from the State Department that department spokesman Richard Boucher today called on all parties in Lebanon to stop shooting. But he particularly condemned Syria for encouraging its Moslem allies to step up their attacks on Christian positions. (Richard Boucher, State Department spokesman: "Syrian-supported forces have joined the latest ground fighting in Lebanon. This represents an irresponsible escalation of the violence.") While U.S. officials condemned Syria's President Assad for encouraging the bloody battle in Beirut, they still hope that Syria will help free the American hostages in Lebanon. But the increasing violence there, one official says, is "discouraging." Another indication of the difficulty of settling the hostage question came today in the form of a statement from Iran's new spiritual leader Ayatollah Khamenei. Charging that the U.S. has set very ridiculous conditions for talks on the hostages, Khamenei said: "No one in the Islamic Republic will hold talks with you." Iran won't talk to the U.S., he said, until it stops supporting Israel. Khamenei's remarks are more than just another sign of division within Iran's leadership. And while he is no Ayatollah Khomeini, he is now Iran's spiritual leader. State Department officials say his opposition may make it difficult for the more pragmatic President Rafsanjani to even talk about freeing the hostages. (ABC-2)

Brokaw reports that the hardline faction in Iran announced tough new conditions for talks with the U.S. aimed at gaining the release of American hostages in Lebanon. Their new spiritual leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, said relations with the U.S. will stay frozen as long as the U.S. supports Israel. The White House said today that freedom for the hostages may be a long way off, but that the Administration is determined to bring them home. (NBC-8, CBS-6)

CBS's Bob Schieffer: We are beginning our broadcast with an exclusive report that dramatically illustrates the changing face of Eastern Europe, the area along the Iron Curtain that separated East and West for more than 40 years. When Hungary tore down the fence along its border with Austria last spring, it proved [to be] more than just a sign that relations were becoming more relaxed. It was also a signal for thousands of East Germans to make their break for the West. They come into Budapest by train, plane and car. Some try to immigrate legally, others just head for the border.

CBS's Anthony Mason reports on a 25-year-old East German girl's escape from Hungary to Austria. Like hundreds of other East Germans, she is running for the break in the Iron Curtain. East Germans are flocking to the West German Embassy in Budapest to find asylum. The embassy has taken in so many refugees that this weekend it was forced to close. The East German refugees are becoming a measure of Hungary's determination to break with old-style Communism. Caught between sympathy for the refugees and loyalty to its allies, Hungary is finding sitting on the fence increasingly uncomfortable. Some East Germans fear that their government may soon stop its people from traveling to Hungary.

(CBS-Lead)

SMITH

CBS's Bruce Hall reports that the body of Congressman Larkin Smith was recovered from deep in the DeSoto National Forest in southern Mississippi this afternoon. His plane went down last night and it took authorities almost 12 hours to find the wreckage.

(Speaker Foley: "This has been a very sad week for the House of Representatives and the Congress.")

(Rep. Frank: "I guess what we have is an example that two members lost their lives where they were trying to provide good representation.")

Smith was a conservative Republican who was known for his law-and-order stands on issues. Although he had only been in Congress for eight months, southern Republicans said they expected Smith would have had a bright future.

(Sen. Lott: "He was doing an outstanding job. He was already involved there in drug issues, Coast Guard funding and I was just real proud of the job he was doing and I'm going to personally miss him very much.")

Investigators say they will need several weeks before they can say for certain that the crash was caused by mechanical problems.

(CBS-4, ABC-3, NBC-4)

LELAND

CBS's Peter Schweitzer reports from Addis Ababa that tomorrow rescue workers will begin recovering the bodies of Rep. Leland and his group. As of now, 12 bodies have been found; 16 were believed to have been on the plane.

(Gen. Jim Record: "If everything's ideal, we would like to have everybody back tomorrow evening.")

Schweitzer continues: The general defended the military's rescue effort:

(Record: "Some people will criticize that we brought too much in, other people will criticize that we brought too little in, other people will criticize that you didn't bring the right stuff in.")

One bright note in this tragedy has been the unprecedented cooperation between the U.S. and Ethiopia, two governments that haven't always been the best of friends. This morning Ethiopian President Mengistu received the congressmen who had come to find Leland. Although the U.S. has criticized Mengistu before, today Gen. Record thanked the Ethiopians for their help. This may be a turning point in American-Ethiopian relations.

(Record: "At this point it's been superb. We could not have done what we needed to do over here without the Ethiopian support.")

Last night two U.S. helicopter crewmen were forced to land in a small town and the village residents welcomed them with open arms. Leland had been to Ethiopia six times. He would have loved the airmen's story. (CBS-3, ABC-4, NBC-3)

BREEDEN/SEC

Schieffer reports that President Bush nominated his longtime aide, Richard Breeden, to be the new chairman of the SEC. Among other things, Breeden was a key player in drafting the terms of the S&L bailout legislation. (CBS-10)

FARM AID

Schieffer reports that President Bush signed a bill today that would provide almost \$900 million in disaster relief for the nation's farmers. The biggest share, about \$400 million, will go to wheat farmers in the Midwest where the winter crops were devastated by drought. (TV coverage of the signing ceremony.) (CBS-9, NBC-10)

AIDS

Brokaw reports that Secretary Sullivan said today that the success of new treatments for AIDS should encourage more people to get tested for the disease. He also said that the government and communities need to do a better job of getting AIDS prevention messages across to minority communities. (NBC-11)

POLAND

Jarriel reports that the effort to form a new government in Poland fell apart today when Prime Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak resigned and asked the leader of the small United Peasants Party to try to form a coalition government. The next move may be talks between Solidarity and the Peasants about a non-communist coalition government. (ABC-9, NBC-7, CBS-2)

SOUTH AFRICA

NBC's Robin Lloyd reports from South Africa that an embittered President Botha said he was forced out of office by his own cabinet.

(President Botha: "I am being ignored by ministers serving in my own cabinet and consequently have no choice other than to announce my resignation.")

A stroke seven months ago left Botha visibly weakened and sparked a dramatic rebellion against him by his designated successor, F.W. de Klerk. The most recent confrontation between the two came last week when an announcement was made that de Klerk would meet with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, a fierce opponent of apartheid and a strong supporter of the ANC. De Klerk, who is widely regarded as more pragmatic and more open to racial reform than Botha, prevailed. De Klerk will be sworn in as acting state president tomorrow.

(NBC-6, ABC-8, CBS-5)

CHINA

Jarriel reports that Chinese university officials have ordered all of next semester's new students to be sent to army academies for a year of what is described as military and political training. (ABC-11)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

HOSTAGE CRISIS/PRESIDENT

George Bush Learns Whose Feet To Hold To The Fire -- "President Bush has learned from past U.S. mistakes on how to deal with a Mideast hostage crisis. First and foremost, Mr. Bush has sought to control the media attention.... Mr. Bush has followed a three-pronged strategy to ensure that what the press says about the Beirut hostage situation enhances rather than reduces his options for winning release of the eight other American hostages.... Shift the Spotlight: President Bush is [shifting the spotlight away from Washington and to Iranian President Rafsanjani]. Stick to the Schedule: In his report on terrorism, made as Vice President, George Bush warned that "saturation" TV coverage of hostage situations can limit a president's options.... President Bush has made clear he will not let the [hostage crisis become an obsession].... Control Expectations: One of the most irritating tactics used by Reagan-for-President campaign in 1980 was to plant the notion that Jimmy Carter had a secret plan to get the 50 American hostages home before the election.... President Bush is determined to avoid such a trap.... George Bush obviously has no intention of letting the Iranians or anyone else use the daily expectations game to hamstringing his presidency."

(Chris Matthews, Baltimore Sun, 8/11)

Bush: A Victim of Politics Of Compromise -- "...The White House appears to be tossing aside the chance to give the President a foreign policy triumph, and to ring down the curtain on a decade of state terror.... In the face of U.S. naval power, the terrorists, and their sponsors, blinked. Instead of driving the crisis through to victory...Mr. Bush chose to let his opportunity pass, to revert to diplomatic chatter. He faces now the possibility of being endlessly jerked around a la Jimmy Carter. [President Bush] has chosen, consistent with his personality, the politics of compromise, consensus, conciliation; a presidency in the mold of Eisenhower and Ford, not Nixon or Reagan. As he sits atop a 67% approval rating, who is to say he is wrong? But conservative diffidence, the new Hill militancy manifest in the House's evisceration of the defense budget, and the Senate's contemptuous dismissal of Lucas, suggest trouble. And, if Labor Day comes, with Higgins unavenged, the eight hostages still held, Tehran and Hezbollah setting terms, and a recession impending, it may not be a soft landing for Mr. Bush."

(Patrick J. Buchanan, Boston Herald, 8/9)

Bush Finds Path Through Hostage Crisis -- "When George Bush arrived at the White House to manage the latest hostage crisis, he was facing the same disaster that had brought down one president and besmirched another. But unlike Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, this president has had a bonanza of good luck, combined with an apparently successful mix of hands-on diplomacy, low-key rhetoric and saber-rattling news leaks that have enabled him to defuse temporarily the looming disaster. Now, buoyed by the enormous bit of good fortune over which he had little control -- a new and seemingly more pragmatic leadership in Iran -- Bush has an opportunity to win freedom for the eight Americans still held hostage.... Unlike Carter and Reagan who brought no international experience to the job, Bush is a foreign policy pro, prepared for his current crisis management role by both interest and experience...."

(Ellen Warren, Knight-Ridder, Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, 8/5)

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Bush's Stronger Hand -- "President Bush is generally getting good marks for the way he handled his first major foreign policy crisis, and specifically his first confrontation with Iran as President.... President Bush had a number of factors working to his advantage. He has had a lot of experience watching others deal with Iran.... Thus he was able to avoid, on the one hand, the naivety of the Carter Administration and, on the other hand, the stupidity of the Reagan administration in dealing with Iran.... Bush was able to exploit some fluidity in Iran occasioned by the installation of a new president.... But a significant factor working to Bush's advantage was the new willingness of the Pentagon to use military power in reinforcement of diplomacy. This is a change from when Caspar Weinberger was Secretary of Defense.... While [Bush] conceded that the U.S. military was getting prudently prepared for action, there were no theatrics. Perhaps that made the ultimate threat of military force more credible and effective.... Bush was right to try every diplomatic initiative he could think of first. But diplomacy is more effective when an adversary understands that there is the will to use military power as an ultimate reinforcement." (John Hughes, Christian Science Monitor, 8/9)

Bush's First Big Test -- "Last week was George Bush's toughest week so far as President. How did he do? He did about the same as every other President has done in a hostage crisis. The U.S. looked helpless. And the President of the United States looked ineffectual.... Bush is haunted by his own image in the China crisis earlier this summer. Bush was cautious and sensible in his response to the Beijing government's murderous crackdown on the student protesters. His prudence was applauded by the U.S. public. But it didn't help his image. Last week, Bush seemed trapped by the contradictions and uncertainties of the hostage situation. For one thing, the President was unable to make up his mind whether this was a crisis. Bush started out with a bad decision to treat the matter as a grave national crisis. When he saw that nothing could be done, he made matters worse by pretending there was no crisis.... Bush discovered the same thing Carter and Reagan discovered -- if you take a hostage crisis too seriously, the U.S. government ends up being held hostage by the crisis. The terrorists control your agenda.... The most likely possibility is that the stalemate will continue and the crisis will fade from public consciousness."

(William Schneider, Los Angeles Times, 8/6)

A Victory for Firm Prudence -- "President Bush seems to have weathered his first Middle East 'hostage crisis' with a comfortable blend of firmness and prudence. In fact, this curious affair may signal hope for easing tensions in that tormented land.... As his guarded comments indicate, Bush knows full well how rocky the road to peace and progress in the Middle East can be. But the President's blend of prudence and firmness may have helped turn a crisis into a diplomatic opportunity that might eventually free the hostages and reduce the tensions that caused them to be so foully abducted in the first place." (Denver Post, 8/6)

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
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10:00 am

PHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ARMAND HAMMER
(213) 879-1700

Requests that the President return
his call.

Bridget

10:40 am

-- passed to Boyden Gray -- per the
Governor's request/bmm

Presidential Phone Calls



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10-15-89

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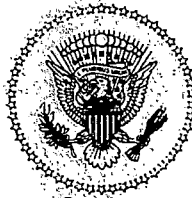
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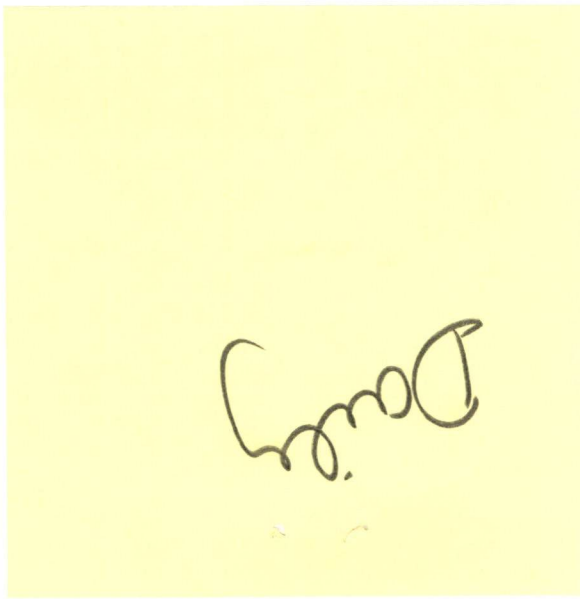


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WITH: Immer, Iakovos

SUBJECT: re: his health
(recovering recent operation)

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OPENING STATEMENT



*Final
draft*

August 15, 1989

Good morning. I want to note again the passing of two outstanding public servants during the past week. Congressmen Mickey Leland and Larkin Smith lost their lives in tragic aircraft accidents. Their passing is mourned by everyone who knew them, and Barbara and I extend our sympathies to their families and friends during this difficult period. But their death also reminds us that there are outstanding men and women in public life who are working at every level of government to better the lot of mankind. These two fine individuals represented a deep caring for the poor, the disadvantaged, the victims of drug abuse and crime, and many other areas of our society that need improving.

In the last two days, I have attended meetings to consider our new national strategy to deal with the drug problem. It is an issue that tears at the heart, and feeds the fears, of every American. Just yesterday we learned that more than 75 percent of Americans say they favor tougher drug laws. Teenagers find drugs the biggest problem facing their generation. It is clear in these polls, and from the hundreds of personal stories of tragedy that we hear everyday, that drug abuse is a national menace and that the central government must attack it with every means at its disposal.

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Bill Bennett has given me the outline of a national strategy that is balanced, decisive, effective and achievable. It will target all aspects of the problem. It will call for commitment, sacrifice and understanding. But it's clear to me that the American people demand no less. We will be working on the final points of this strategy over the next few weeks, and I will present to the American people on September 5th a coordinated counterattack involving all basic anti-drug initiatives and agencies.

Late August is a traditional vacation period. But we cannot forget the full agenda that faces America at this time: Our hostages, the Middle East, Lebanon, drugs, the budget, and so many other matters. In addition, the Congress is considering more than 100 of our nominees for government positions. We need these people. And I urge the Congress to make this a top priority.

All of these issues will be on my mind as we prepare for the hard work of the fall.

I'll be glad to take your questions.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 15, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE STAFF

FROM: Shirley M. Green *smg*
Special Assistant to the President for
Presidential Messages and Correspondence

SUBJECT: Procedures for Signed Presidential Photos

The number of requests for Presidential photos inscribed and signed (either personally or autopenned) has greatly increased making it necessary to outline standard procedures for securing signed photos.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Each office should designate one person to handle photo requests from its constituents and keep a record of persons who have received a signed photo. (We must limit the number of signed photos to ONE per recipient).
2. Many general public requests for a picture can be met by sending a pre-signed litho (which is MUCH cheaper than a photo). Please forward such requests to Maureen Hudson in Room 60 for handling.
3. All requests for a Presidential photo MUST be initiated with a TYPED PHOTO REQUEST FORM (sample enclosed) and forwarded to Mary Ingals, Room 94. This request form assumes the signature will be autopenned. Requests for members of Armed Forces should be forwarded to Military Office (Joni Stevens).
4. Requests for Presidential signature on items sent in that donor wants returned are handled on a case-by-case basis. A great number of these requestors can receive an offset letter, signature card, autopenned photo, etc.
5. If a photo is to be mailed after signing, it MUST be accompanied by a typed White House mail label.

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AUTOPENNED PHOTOS

1. These photos are for people who should receive more than a pre-signed litho, but who do not meet the criteria for a personally signed photo.
2. A Photo Request Form must be submitted with each request.
3. If calligraphy inscription is requested, "Best Wishes" is standard; "Best Wishes and Appreciation" is for someone who has done something special for the President.
4. If no inscription is requested, submit form with inscription line blank.

PERSONALLY INSCRIBED/PERSONALLY SIGNED

1. A Photo Request Form should be submitted with each request. REASON FOR REQUESTING A PERSONAL INSCRIPTION OR SIGNATURE MUST BE TYPED ON BOTTOM LINE OF PHOTO FORM.

2. Personally Inscribed and Signed Photos: The President will personally inscribe and sign photos for:

- Members of Congress

Note: Any of
Congress
Legislative

- Key Administration
- Other very special
- Farewell photos
- Personal friends

Records

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Lisa Jobe in
processing.

als and staff members

3. To assist the President in signing the photo, THERE MUST BE A SMALL TYPED POST-IT NOTE on the front of the photo listing:

- Name of person receiving photo
- Office and person requesting it (i.e., David Bates - Cabinet Affairs)
- Short reason (i.e., Bush/Quayle Chairman, N.D.)
- Suggested inscription ("Best Wishes is standard; "Best Wishes and Appreciation" is for someone who has done something special for the President)

4. Current Staff Members: The President will personally inscribe and sign ONE photo when the staff member is in the photo with the President. Please don't ask for an official photo to be inscribed and signed -- wait for an opportunity to have a photo with the President.

5. Photos with calligraphy inscription but Presidential personal signature:

- Type reason for personal signature request on bottom of Photo Form
- Typed Post-it note on front of photo should include:
 - Office and person requesting
 - Short reason

PLEASE NOTE: After any person meeting the above criteria has received ONE personally signed photo, only photos of very special occasions will receive another signature and that will usually be autopenned. Also, remember that if a photo is returned to your office unsigned, that is because the person has already received a personal one through another office.

GUIDE FOR TURNDOWNS

- No bookplate is to be signed unless the book has been written by the President or an approved book about the President. Bookplates are not provided for paperbacks.
- No more than one photo is to be signed if a number of photos are submitted at one time by the same person.
- No magazine covers, newspapers, birthday, anniversary or Christmas cards are to be signed (volume is too great).
- No item that is mass produced (posters, calendars, cardboard figures of the President) are to be signed.
- No requests from the general public for photos for someone's birthday, anniversary, wedding or birth should be approved.
- Any request for the President's signature or photo that may be used for publication, possible endorsement or involving the Presidential Seal should always be forwarded to the White House Counsel's Office for handling.

One last note, please do not forward requests from your constituents, friends or general public that you know do not meet White House guidelines. Please tell the person the reason for turning down the request at the outset, rather than sending to this office for handling.

Your support and assistance is appreciated and will help ensure the best service for all concerned.

Thank you.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 15, 1989

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached is the information you requested yesterday on the offenses of those people you pardoned. (The offenses of Armand Hammer and Douglas Fenimore were described in their clemency documents.)

Jim
Jim Cicconi



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Pardon Attorney

86 06 0011 Joe Allen Deckert

Sentenced to six months' imprisonment, followed by three years' probation, in 1979 in New Mexico for misprision of felony. He helped a gun dealer sell to undercover law enforcement agents six rifles illegally converted to fire fully automatic. He has no other arrest record. He is 57, self-employed, has made excellent adjustment and is highly recommended. Requests pardon to regain right to vote, enhance employment opportunities, permit him to engage in competitive target shooting and in recognition of rehabilitation. United States Attorney and Director, ATF, declined to make recommendation. Supervising United States Probation Officer recommends pardon. Sentencing judge has no objection to pardon.

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Pardon Attorney



86 12 0079 Donald Alvin Dibble, III

Placed on two years' unsupervised probation in 1978 in Western Texas for violating Federal firearms laws. He traded scuba gear for AR-15 automatic rifle with obliterated serial number. He has no other arrest record. He is 48 and has made excellent adjustment. He has excellent military and community service record and is highly recommended. U.S. Probation Officer strongly recommends pardon. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has no objection. Ten-year waiting period reservation expressed by United States Attorney has been satisfied. Sentencing judge no longer sitting.

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Office of the Pardon Attorney

86 06 0254 Leo Friedman

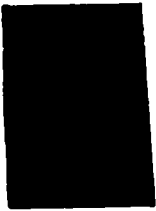
Placed on three years' probation and ordered to make restitution in 1971 in Northern Illinois for mail embezzlement. Then a 43-year-old Chicago letter carrier, he diverted and destroyed about 140 pieces of mail, including 11 "test" letters containing \$48. He has no other arrest record. He is now 63. Since first petition denied in 1978, he has demonstrated good citizenship and is well-recommended. Requests pardon as recognition for good deeds and to avoid embarrassment. Present United States Attorney did not comment. Former United States Attorney and sentencing judge recommend pardon.



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Pardon Attorney

86 10 030 Charles Arnold Jacobs

Fined \$5,000 and sentenced to 60 days' confinement, followed by 10 months' probation, in 1979 in Western Missouri for submitting false income tax return. While owner of two businesses in Bogard, Missouri, he submitted false tax returns for 1973, 1974 and 1975 tax years, resulting in underpayment of a total of \$28,565 in taxes. He has no other arrest record. He is 71-year-old retired businessman and World War II veteran who has made excellent adjustment and is well-recommended. Requests pardon to regain civil rights. Internal Revenue Service indicates all tax obligations for conviction and postconviction years have been satisfied. United States Attorney and Probation Officer recommend pardon. Sentencing judge has no objection.



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Pardon Attorney

86 12 0058 Mary Lou Peet

Placed on two years' probation in 1978 in Kansas for fraudulently transferring property in contemplation of bankruptcy. She failed to list pickup truck among assets in connection with 1976 bankruptcy petition. She has no other arrest record. She is 58-year-old widow, has made satisfactory adjustment and is well recommended. Requests pardon to help her obtain better employment. United States Attorney declined to make any recommendation. Sentencing judge has no objection to pardon.





U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Pardon Attorney

87 01 0113 Robert Gary Rice

Fined \$500 and placed on two years' probation in 1973 in Eastern Michigan for FHA fraud. While a real estate salesman in Detroit, he submitted false statements to FHA to obtain mortgage insurance for prospective home purchasers. He has no other criminal record. He is 50, steadily employed and has made good adjustment. Requests pardon to regain civil rights and for employment purposes, particularly reacquisition of real estate licensing. United States Attorney recommends pardon. Sentencing judge declined to make any recommendation.



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Pardon Attorney

86 12 063 Raymond Joseph Shovelski

Sentenced to two years' probation and fined \$5,000 in 1974 in Eastern New York for conspiracy to accept kickbacks on Government contracts. Between 1970 and 1972 while employed as purchasing agent for New York aerospace manufacturing company which administered United States Navy contracts, petitioner accepted cash and gratuities totaling around \$5,000 in exchange for subcontracting Navy contract work to area communications firm. He has no other arrest record. He is 42, divorced with two minor children, was employed as purchasing agent until 1986 when laid off because of company budgetary cuts, began pursuing master's degree in special education and teaching certificate after lay-off, has made good adjustment, and is highly recommended. Requests pardon to obtain teaching position, clear conscience, assist him in explaining conviction to his children, and "put his past behind him". Assistant United States Attorney, apparently speaking for himself and United States Attorney, recommends pardon. Sentencing judge declined to comment. Probation officer commented favorably, but made no recommendation on disposition of petition.

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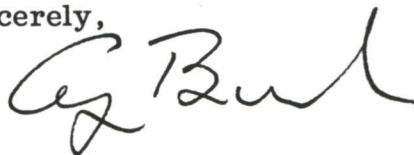
Dear Dolores:

On your departure from the White House, I want to thank you for the outstanding job you've done as Senior Policy Analyst in the Office of Policy Development.

Your contributions to the Reagan and Bush Administrations reflect an admirable commitment to public service. Your work has played a critical role in formulating the policies that have generated America's current economic growth and prosperity. I'm grateful for your efforts, and especially for your contributions to my team during these past few months.

With appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Dr. Dolores Tremewan Martin
Senior Policy Analyst
Office of Policy Development
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1989

Dear Mr. Hemingway:

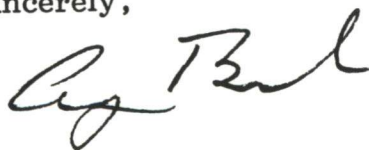
It was a pleasure to meet you when you came to the White House with Senator McClure, your fiancée Angela Holvey, Don Wiegand, and John Keiser.

Please accept my deep gratitude for the bronze bust of your father that you presented to me in commemoration of his 90th birthday and of his immeasurable contributions to our country's literary heritage. I appreciate your giving me your personal copy of Don Wiegand's work, and I'm proud to accept it on behalf of the American people.

Thank you, too, for the videotape on your father. It's a perfect complement to the sculpture -- and both will make fine additions to our future Presidential collection.

Barbara joins me in sending you our best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Mr. John Hemingway
Post Office Box 387
Sun Valley, Idaho 83353

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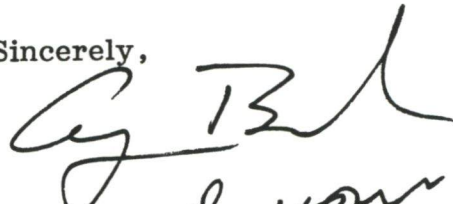
August 15, 1989

Dear David:

Thank you for the thoughtfully inscribed copy of Summer of '49. It arrived just in time for me to take to Kennebunkport, where I will be able to relax and enjoy it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Before I received your
signed copy I had already
started the book,
Mr. David Halberstam
3 Coffin Street
Nantucket, Massachusetts 02554

given to me by Eli Jacobs
when I went to see my
son's Rangers play the O's -
It's terrific GW

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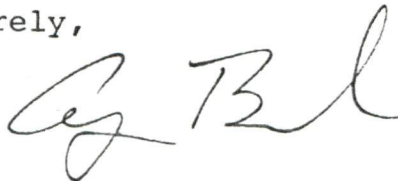
August 15, 1989

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Many thanks for sending the article from The Church Homes, Inc. Chronicle about Aunt Mary. Aunt Mary is a very special lady and all 240 members of the family at the Inauguration missed her being with us.

Best wishes and thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Robert H. Arnold
45 Farmcliff Drive
Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

gift unit?

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1989

Dear Lisa:

Thank you for the selection of tennis sportswear that your father presented to me. I appreciate your very thoughtful gesture. I've already been enjoying them on the courts!

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Thanks so much. Cy B

Miss Lisa Archer

TFM

3350 Northwest 41st Street
Miami, Florida 33142

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1989

Dear Carol and Jerry:

I am pleased to congratulate you as you commemorate two milestones: your 25th wedding anniversary and Jerry's 18 years of service to God and to your fellowman.

In your work as religious leaders you have helped people draw closer to our Creator and to one another. You have helped them gain the spiritual strength and peace of mind that are often elusive but always needed in a very challenging world.

Your wedding anniversary marks much more than the passage of time; rather, it celebrates the lasting joy of your love for each other.

Barbara and the entire Bush family join me in sending our best wishes. May God bless you both as you continue His work.

Mozt - Sincerely,



Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Prevo
Anchorage Baptist Temple
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Glenn Clary
6401 East Northern Lights Boulevard
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1989

Dear Mayor Schrader:

It was a pleasure to welcome you to the White House on the occasion of the Take Pride in America awards presentation.

I was proud to salute you for your efforts to conserve our national and cultural resources. Because of the community spirit of citizens like the fine folks of Friendswood, our children will inherit a splendid environment.

Thank you for the sesquicentennial plate you brought for me. I'm pleased to have this token of friendship from the people of Friendswood.

Barbara joins me in sending you our warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Paul W. Schrader
Mayor of Friendswood
Friendswood, Texas 77546-3898

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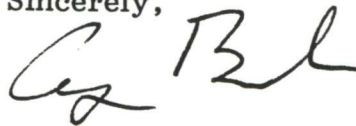
Dear Pat:

On your departure from the White House, I am happy to commend you for your outstanding service as Associate Counsel to the President.

You have made a significant contribution to the achievements of the Reagan and Bush Administrations. Joining our team in 1983 at the Office of Legal Policy, you helped the Justice Department carry out its vital mission for the benefit of the American people. During the past two years, your sound legal advice has been invaluable here at the White House. I'm deeply grateful for your efforts, and I know you'll do an outstanding job as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

With appreciation and warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Patricia Mack Bryan
Apartment W-512
3003 Van Ness Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mrs. Marilyn J. Dailey
Conservative Order of Good Guys
Post Office Box 2763
Escondido, California 92025



THE PRESIDENT

August 15, 1989

Dear Marilyn,

Barbara and I were saddened to get your news about John. He was a great "good guy," and we'll all miss him.

Our most sincere condolences to you and the family, and also to the community he served so well.

Sincerely,

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bc: Joan DeCain
Jim Wray
(FYI--SLR
Susan)

JB

JOE HAGIN

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 15, 1989

Paul
Dear Mr. Rogers:

Barbara and I are pleased to accept your invitation to serve as Co-Chairs of The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases' Maxwell Finland Award dinner honoring Dr. Anthony Fauci.

The commitment of your organization toward research, public awareness, and medical training in the area of infectious diseases is outstanding. We are honored to lend our names in support of the worthwhile goals of your organization and to salute Dr. Fauci.

Thank you for extending us the privilege of serving as Co-Chairs of the dinner honoring Dr. Fauci. My Scheduling Office will be in contact with you as to whether we will be able to attend the dinner.

With appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,



Mr. Paul G. Rogers
Chairman, Program Committee
Fourth Forum
The National Foundation
for Infectious Diseases
Post Office Box 42022
Washington, D.C. 20015

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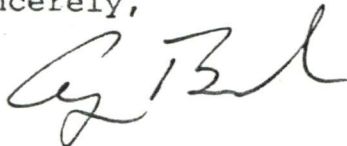
August 15, 1989

Dear Dr. Rhoton:

I received your letter and invitation to address the 58th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Although I'm not sure what my schedule will be for April 30 through May 3, 1990, I have asked my Scheduling Office to let you know the possibilities as we get closer to that time. Dr. Charles Neblett forwarded a copy of your letter, and we will keep him informed also.

In the meantime, Mrs. Bush joins me in sending our best wishes and appreciation for the invitation.

Sincerely,



Albert L. Rhoton, Jr., M.D.
AANS President
Suite 100
22 South Washington Street
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

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August 15, 1989

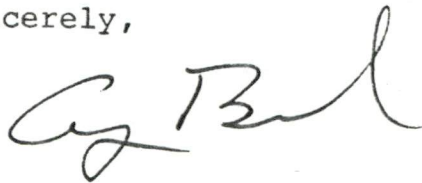
Dear Mr. Riva:

Thank you for your note informing us of the death of your uncle, Sir Colin Crowe.

Barbara and I have many wonderful memories of him from the time we shared in New York. He will be missed by his many, many friends.

I dropped a note to Mrs. Hodges at Ashley House. She also very thoughtfully let us know that he had died. Best wishes to you and your family, and thank you for thinking of us.

Sincerely,



Mr. Marino Riva
Tharandter Street 2
1000 Berlin 31
Germany

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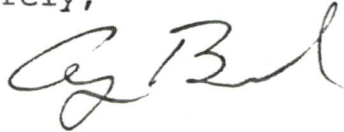
August 15, 1989

Dear Peggy:

Just a short note to thank you for writing and for the kind words. I'm not sure about the relationship to George Herbert, but I did like your card.

It's a pleasure to sign your photograph, which I've enclosed. Best wishes to you and give my best to Betty when you see her next.

Sincerely,



^{too}
I love
Betty Holder -

Ms. Peggy Ryan
72 Rainbow Ridge
Swannanoa, North Carolina 28778

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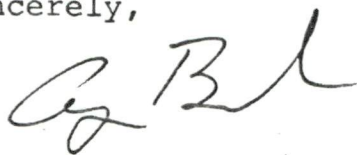
August 15, 1989

Dear Mrs. Hodges:

Just a note to thank you for letting me know about Sir Colin Crowe's death. He was a wonderful, warm friend, and Barbara and I will miss him very much.

Best wishes and thank you for your thoughtfulness in informing us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "G. Bush", written in a cursive style.

Mrs. C. Hodges
Ashley House
118 Trafalgar Road
Cirencester
Gloucestershire GL7 2ED
England

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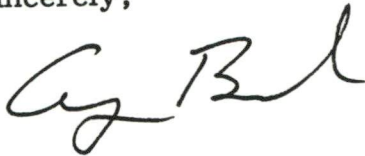
August 15, 1989

Dear Proctor:

Many thanks for your letter, which brought back memories of that very good visit.

Thanks, too, for the photo, which I'll enjoy having. It's my pleasure to sign the other one and send it on, along with my best wishes and my appreciation to you for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Proctor Jones
3401 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, California 94118

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 15, 1989

Dear Bill:

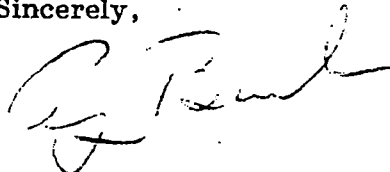
Thank you for your kind letter and for your observations regarding my job performance rating.

The "vertical" issues that you describe are currently being led by the drug problem, readily identified by those surveyed as the number one issue facing this country today. In September, we will address this head on when Director Bill Bennett's drug plan is presented to Congress.

I believe that you are right; that the initiatives that we have presented in the first 200 days will help provide an "even playing field" on which our candidates can run.

Thank you for all you have done and are doing, Bill.

Sincerely,



Mr. William B. Lacy
The Lacy Company
9th Floor
601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

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THE LACY COMPANY
601 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
NINTH FLOOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

TELEPHONE (202) 628-3350

FAX: (202) 639-8238
TELEX: 277566 EXECUR

June 26, 1989

J. Wang
The Honorable George Herbert Walker Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on your 73% job rating in the latest Washington Post poll. I don't have to tell you it's an excellent showing.

As nice as it is to have such a high rating, I think it's important to look beneath the surface and not gloss over the underlying cause for this strength.

The pundits are going to make three points. First, they will say your rating is high because you haven't had any real "bumps in the road". Second, they'll argue -- like the Post -- that your environmental initiative has artificially inflated the numbers. Third, they'll say it's your personal style.

I think this new job rating may be more significant than this "conventional wisdom" style analysis.

For starters, I think the American people are becoming increasingly comfortable with your Presidential style. Your personal popularity is a big plus, of course, but what I mean is that people are increasingly comfortable with your approach to problem solving, "hands on" management and the way you deal with the media. President Reagan's dramatically different style was also popular, but now people are adjusting to the change represented by your perspective, and liking it very much. That is a good longrange signal.

Secondly -- and more significantly -- I believe the series of initiatives you have put forth -- on the S&L situation, ethics, crime, the environment, etc. -- have begun to have a cumulative impact, coupled with your performance in Europe and on the Chinese crisis.

As you know, when the economy is sound and the country is not involved in any major foreign policy crisis, voters tend to split their issue priorities among a series of more narrow, "vertical" issues. They are secondary issues, not having the significance of the broader issues of the economy and foreign affairs. Individually, they don't attract especially high degrees of interest.

Collectively, however, they are of major importance. As you have dealt with more of these issues, I think the foundation for your job rating has solidified. Although realistically it's unlikely to go higher, I do think it has a deeper base.

Also, your cumulative initiatives appear to have had a synergistic effect, with the sum of the total having more impact than the sum of the parts. I think this is explained largely because voters are beginning to have second thoughts -- or disagree entirely -- with the media's early notion that you would be a passive President.

Both these points seem to be very significant to me, and are very prominent when you consider another factor. There's a large body of thought that tough times make great Presidents, and I think that's generally borne out by history. One of the difficulties you face is that after eight generally good years of Republican rule, we have tough problems to face but not tough times. In short, the political environment -- with few major issues, and a relatively good economy -- make it tougher to punch through the message that you are doing a good job. In that light, I think your job rating is more significant as well.

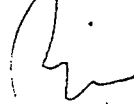
In short, these points add up to a very good sign for the future. I hope this analysis is correct. I do know that in 1990 Republican candidates will

have much more to say about the "vertical" issues because of your initiatives; for the first time in eight years they will be able to talk about peace and prosperity and GOP solutions to a wide range of issues that have recently been dominated by the Democrats.

That will put our people, in my opinion, in a much stronger position. This is a point, incidentally, that I believe the White House staff ought to try selling to the media.

Please keep up the good work.

Sincerely,



William B. Lacy

P.S. Lee is doing an outstanding job at the RNC. I think his leadership is really pushing the party forward.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable William H. Hudnut III
Mayor of Indianapolis
2501 City-County Building
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204



THE PRESIDENT

August 15, 1989

Dear Bill,

Sorry this is so late a reply, but didn't want to leave town without saying how much your letter meant to me.

Barbara and I both appreciate your strong friendship and send you our warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

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bc: Bill Canary

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mrs. Pat Jacobson
5113 Jennings Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76180



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The newspaper's strong statements comes amid signs that Iranian President-elect Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, considered a pragmatist in light of his earlier offer to help gain freedom for Western hostages in Lebanon, is facing opposition from hard-liners within the Iranian leadership opposed to any contacts with the West.

The Tehran Times, a newspaper linked to Rafsanjani, suggested earlier this month that if the United States freed billions of dollars of Iranian assets in U.S. banks, Iran in return would try to use its influence in Lebanon to secure freedom for American hostages.

But Bush rejected the proposal as a ransom demand. The Iranian assets were frozen 10 years ago in the wake of the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

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"To be asking the Islamic republic of Iran's intercession in a case involving lives ... at this juncture is both strange and hypocritical," IRNA quoted Kayhan International as saying.

The English-language daily said although Iran had some influence over what it described as the Moslem revolutionaries in Lebanon, nevertheless the "hostage crisis is a purely Lebanese issue."

"The daily said U.S. officials had not played their cards all that well vis-a-vis the Iranian nation," IRNA reported.

Keyhan said the Iranian nation was following the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's precept that "there could never be any realistic relationship between the oppressor and the oppressed."

Two other newspapers, the hard-line Jomhuri Islami, or Islamic Republic and Abrar, said Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was sticking close to the ideological path set by his predecessor by rejecting talks with the United States.

Khamenei on Monday said talks between Iran and the United States were not possible while Washington continued to support Israel.

Abrar called on the United States to show its good will to Iran by releasing Iranian assets, halting its support for Israel, stopping its interference in Lebanon's domestic affairs and paying compensation to the families of 290 passengers aboard an Iranian passenger jet which a U.S. warship mistakenly shot down over the Persian Gulf last year.

In Jerusalem, Israel ordered Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid, the Hezbollah cleric abducted in July from southern Lebanon, held under administrative detention, allowing him access to an attorney, officials said Monday.

Israeli officials said they kidnapped Obeid in an effort to win the release of three Israeli soldiers captured in southern Lebanon in 1986 and believed held by Hezbollah. Three days after the abduction, Israel offered to swap Obeid and other Shiite prisoners for all Israeli and Western hostages held in Lebanon.

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Syrian Widen Shelling Amid Fears of Push into Christian Zone.
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By MOHAMMED SALAM=

Associated Press Writer=

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The Syrians, outnumbering Christian forces 2-to-1, were reported massing troops and Soviet-built T-72 tanks in the central mountains that form the eastern flank of the Christian heartland.

They appeared to be trying to stretch Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun's forces, who on Sunday repelled an attack on a mountain outpost overlooking the capital.

The Moslem Voice of the Nation radio reported Israeli warplanes blasted targets shortly after noon today near the southern port of Sidon, but police had no immediate confirmation.

The Syrians have about 40,000 troops in Lebanon under a 1976 Arab League peacekeeping mandate and have sided with a Moslem government that rivals the Christian government headed by Aoun, who commands about 20,000 fighters.

A police spokesman said fighting flared across Beirut's dividing Green Line, in the mountains southeast of the capital and on the northern flank of the Christian enclave.

The spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing regulations, said the Syrians "want to shatter Aoun's forces and weaken their supply lines. They want Aoun to fight a war on several fronts at the same time."

The Syrian moves were "an apparent preparation for a new attack on Aoun's defenses" following an abortive attempt to storm the Christians' strategic Souk el-Gharb strongpoint, 15 miles southeast of Beirut on Sunday, he said.

The mountaintop outpost, besieged by Moslem forces since 1983, controls a network of roads twisting through the mountains into the Christian heartland north of Beirut.

Syrian gunners in Moslem west Beirut, in the Chouf mountains southeast of the capital and in Syrian-controlled north Lebanon hammered Aoun's defenses with 130mm howitzers and tanks.

Police said shells were falling on Christian positions at a rate of five a minute.

Two unidentified warplanes flew over the Christian perimeter at high altitude, releasing scarlet balloons to deflect heat-seeking missiles. They drew no fire.

A spokesman for Aoun's command, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Christian gunners were targeting Syrian troop concentrations in the central mountains and the Druze Moslem villages facing Souk el-Gharb.

Aoun's forces were "determined to foil all attempts to storm through our lines, even before they launch an attack," the spokesman said.

In Washington, the State Department criticized Syria and its allies for the warfare and said the bloodshed makes U.S. efforts to gain the release of American hostages held by Iranian-backed Shiite Moslems there more difficult.

In Kuwait, Syrian Defense Minister Gen. Mustafa Tlass was quoted by the Al-Watan daily as saying Damascus will supply its Moslem allies with all the weapons, including surface-to-surface missiles, they need to defeat Aoun's troops and right-wing militia allies.

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France adds naval pressure to diplomacy in Lebanon

By JOHN PHILLIPS

PARIS (UPI) — France announced it dispatched a frigate to the eastern Mediterranean Tuesday to provide "whatever assistance is needed" to Lebanon and to back diplomatic efforts to end the fighting in the country.

"Violent combat is going on in Lebanon, causing numerous civilian victims," Prime Minister Michel Rocard's office said. "The French Embassy in Beirut has been hit by artillery several times."

More than 100 people have been killed and 450 people wounded in six consecutive days of fighting, Lebanese authorities said. France holds Syria largely responsible by helping Moslem forces fighting Christian soldiers.

"France is pursuing and intensifying its diplomatic action in concerned capitals and with international organizations for an immediate stop to the fighting," Rocard's office said in a statement.

The statement said the government has decided "to reinforce the naval presence of France in the area" and dispatched the frigate Duquesne toward Lebanon.

France was sending the frigate to the region "to be able to give whatever assistance is needed and to be capable of giving aid to the French community" in Lebanon, Rocard's office said.

The statement said the Duquesne would join a French tanker, the Var, and its escort, the D'Estienne D'Orves, in the eastern Mediterranean.

Earlier this year France sent fuel and a hospital ship to Lebanon to help civilians trapped on both sides. French-led diplomatic pressure brought a temporary respite in the fighting, although Syria accused France of trying to assume a superpower role in Lebanon.

France traditionally has regarded itself as the protector of the Lebanese Maronite Christian population in Lebanon and has been attempting to exert diplomatic pressure on Syria to end the fighting.

A senior French emissary left for Moscow Tuesday to try to persuade the Soviet Union to use its influence with Syria to obtain a cease-fire, the Foreign Ministry said.

Jacques Andreani, head of Foreign Minister Roland Dumas' office, was expected to meet with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Alexandre Bessmertnykh, the ministry said.

The Soviet Union said Monday it considered it urgent to achieve a cease-fire in Lebanon and called for support of stalled Arab League efforts to end the Lebanese crisis.

France and the Soviet Union published a joint declaration on Lebanon in July during a visit to Paris by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, calling for "an immediate and rigorously respected cease-fire."

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Coalition partner supports Solidarity government
By BOGDAN TUREK

WARSAW, Poland (UPI) - The Democratic Party, one of three members of the outgoing communist-led coalition, said Tuesday it supports the formation of a new government headed by Solidarity.

The party issued a statement welcoming Prime Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak's offer to resign and supporting Lech Walesa's efforts to form a Solidarity-led coalition with the Democrats and the United Peasant Party.

The developments could lead to the establishment of the first government not led by communists in eastern Europe since World War II.

Kiszczak announced in a statement late Monday that he was ready to ask Peasant Party leader Roman Malinowski to form a government that would still include the Communist Party.

The Peasant and Democratic parties were minor partners in the outgoing communist-led government. Walesa began wooing the parties to break from the communists after Kiszczak was confirmed as prime minister Aug. 2, a move Solidarity opposed.

"The announcement has created a more favorable perspective for the continuation of negotiations aimed at a government of national confidence," said the statement carried by the Polish news agency PAP.

"We think that we should do our best to implement Walesa's proposal, which got broad support in the Democratic Party," it said.

In Gdansk, Walesa said Kiszczak's statement "opens new possibilities for resolving the current government crisis."

Walesa pledged to respect the prerogatives of President Wojciech Jaruzelski if a "government of national responsibility is formed by Solidarity with the Democrats and Peasants Party."

Those prerogatives allow Jaruzelski to dissolve parliament and impose martial law in extreme situations.

"It is the only chance to change a dangerous course of events in the country," he said.

In the June parliamentary elections, Solidarity won 161 seats in the 460-member Sejm or lower house. The Communist Party has 173, the Peasants 76 and Democrats 27. Three small Catholic groups have the remaining 23 seats.

In his statement Monday night, Kiszczak said while Walesa's approach to the Democrats and Peasants "complicates" the process of forming a government, it can also be seen as "a new chance for formation of a government of grand coalition."

"At present a new situation has emerged under which I see a chance to form a government by Roman Malinowski in which the representatives of all groups in Parliament could be included," he said.

But Bronislaw Geremek, chairman of the Solidarity parliamentary caucus, said the union would not join a government that included the communists.

"We shall not take part in such a government and we have said it many a time," Geremek said.

Walesa has suggested that Jaruzelski take over the Defense and Interior ministries, which the communists would be reluctant to give up. But he said Solidarity would have to have their own administrators at the two sensitive ministries.

The Solidarity newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza called on Jaruzelski to give Walesa the task of forming the new government.

Editor-in-chief Adam Michnik, an adviser to Walesa, said a prime minister must have the confidence of the people and Malinowski was an "unfortunate" choice in that regard.

"Only Lech Walesa or a person singled out by him from the Solidarity parliamentary caucus should be prime minister," he said.

A Solidarity-led government would send the signal to "Poland and the world that something has really changed," Michnik said.

Meanwhile the Soviet Union has expressed concern about the inability to form a government in Poland.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda said Monday the Solidarity leader's actions "can bring about a protracted governmental crisis in the country."

However, Solidarity advisers did not view the Pravda statement as a serious warning.

Walesa opposed Kiszczak's premiership because he said it continues the monopoly of communist rule despite Solidarity's landslide victory in the June elections.

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Officials hope to remove Leland's remains by nightfall

BY GHION HAGOS

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Two U.S. Air Force MH-60 Blackhawks carried medical personnel and other specialists from the town Gambela to the crash site about 34 miles to the east, U.S. embassy spokesman Jim Haley said.

About 300 U.S. personnel were involved in the effort in Gambela, which is being used as a support base, and at the site where Leland's burnt and shattered plane was found Sunday _ six days after being reported missing.

The weather at the site was overcast, but the helicopters were able to use a rough landing zone carved out of woodlands 1.5 miles from the 70-degree slope where the de Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otter turboprop crashed in poor weather Aug. 7, Haley said.

"If they can operate all day, they feel they can get all the remains out," Haley said of the search-and-rescue teams.

Leland, 44, eight other Americans and seven Ethiopians are presumed to have died in the crash in a remote area of western Ethiopia.

Stormy weather hampered search efforts Monday. Some recovery personnel were dropped by helicopter Monday and by nightfall had secured the area with ropes and safety nets, officials said.

Two C-141 cargo planes carrying a military pathology team were dispatched to Addis Ababa from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., to assist in the identification of remains and their preparation for return to the United States.

In Washington, officials of the National Transportation Safety Board, Pratt & Whitney and the Boeing Co., headed to Addis Ababa to assist the Ethiopian government in investigating the crash. A Boeing subsidiary built the plane, Pratt & Whitney supplied the engines.

The plane hit a ridge about 300 feet below the 5,600-foot peak. Just beyond, the land slopes away to the west into flatter lowlands.

Leland was on a trip in his role as chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger to examine relief efforts at the Fugnido camp, home to nearly 60,000 refugees of Sudan's civil war. That camp and three others in far western Ethiopia shelter more than 300,000 Sudanese refugees.

James Williams, a Leland aide in Washington, said his staff was told the remains could be back in the United States as early as Thursday.

The first crews to arrive at the crash scene Sunday found 12 charred bodies, but none was identified or removed. The bodies of four others presumed killed in the crash were not immediately seen.

In addition to the discovery of the Leland plane wreckage, further tragedy struck Congress Sunday as a light plane carrying freshman Rep. Larkin Smith, R-Miss., crashed in Mississippi, killing Smith and his pilot.

"This has been a very, very sad week for the House of Representatives and the Congress," House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., said in Washington.

Williams said funeral plans for Leland were incomplete and the office was awaiting word from his wife, Alison, on her wishes. The couple has a son, Jarrett, 3, and Mrs. Leland is pregnant with their second child.

The other Americans on the plane included Leland's chief of staff, Patrice Johnson, 35; Hunger Committee staffer Hugh Johnson, 34, (no relation to Patrice Johnson); Joyce Williams, 39, an aide to Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif.; U.S. Embassy political-economic officer Robert Woods; Agency for International Development official Thomas Worrick, 48; Roberta Worrick, 47, wife of the AID official and a contract AID employee; Gladys Gilbert, 43, an AID special projects officer in Ethiopia; and Ivan Tillem, 32, from New York City, a lawyer and investment banker involved in relief projects in Ethiopia.

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DE KLERK BECOMES SOUTH AFRICAN LEADER, SAYS NEW ERA DAWNING

By Rich Mkhondo

PRETORIA, South Africa, Reuter - F.W. De Klerk, head of the ruling National Party, was sworn in as acting president Tuesday and said South Africa was on the threshold of a peaceful era. But black leaders were pessimistic and one said the anti-apartheid struggle would continue.

The 53-year-old De Klerk took office in the capital's main government buildings after ousting his predecessor, P.W. Botha, in a brutal public dispute that has damaged NP prospects in Sept. 6 general elections.

Speaking to reporters after the ceremony, attended by government ministers but not by Botha, he appealed to South Africans to have the courage and vision to break the country's cycle of conflict.

"We stand on the threshold of a new era in South and southern Africa," he said. "History, I believe, offers us a unique opportunity for a peaceful solution."

He added: "I trust that the people of South Africa will in these times have the courage and vision required to break the cycle of conflict, tension and isolation that has gripped us for so long."

In answer to a question, he ruled out releasing jailed black leader Nelson Mandela during his month-long tenure as acting head of state.

He said: "In my acting capacity as the state president I will not start looking for the future. A new government will determine that (the release of Mandela)."

Some observers had expected Botha to free the African National Congress leader as a final reforming flourish before leaving office after the racially segregated elections.

De Klerk said a new parliament would convene Sept. 13 and an electoral college would be appointed to vote in a new president the following day.

The new incumbent is almost certain to be De Klerk, who became paramount leader by rallying government ministers to his side Monday to win a long-running feud with the 73-year-old outgoing president.

Their dispute, over a proposed visit by De Klerk to Zambia for talks with President Kenneth Kaunda, was one of a series of differences between the two men that have demoralized many NP supporters.

Botha publicly accused De Klerk of failing to keep him informed of the Aug. 28 visit, a charge De Klerk denied.

De Klerk told reporters he was reconsidering whether he could now go to Livingstone for the talks "due to my new responsibilities."

Asked if he foresaw fundamental change in South Africa, he referred reporters to a five-year plan he recently announced that would give blacks a role in government but retain race segregation in many spheres.

He said there would be a need for intensive dialogue on a new constitution and a look at the root cause of the country's economic problems.

Black leaders were pessimistic about the chances for reform under De Klerk, pointing to his career-long identification with the NP's conservative wing.

Nobel Peace Prize-winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu called on De Klerk to free political prisoners and lift bans on anti-apartheid groups in an amnesty to mark his swearing-in. But he said he held out no great hopes of change.

Muntu Myeza of the Black Consciousness Movement said the anti-apartheid struggle would continue in the De Klerk era.

He said the De Klerk-Botha dispute showed the white minority government, facing strong election campaigns by liberal and right-wing white parties, was heading for disintegration.

"The deep division within the National Party is suicidal, like a scorpion that stings itself and dies," he said.

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1:15 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

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(Michael Gelb, Reuter) -- President Bush said today he can't offer any assurances that American hostages held in the Middle East will be freed anytime soon, and said his administration continues to look for "signs of change" from Iran. "I think that if Iran decided they wanted those hostages to come out of there, there would be a good likelihood that that would happen," but no guarantee, Bush said.... Bush was questioned repeatedly about the possibility of military action against those holding the hostages, and he replied that "at some point we have to stand up for our interests even if it means military, yet I'm not threatening military" action.

(Norman Sandler, UPI) -- President Bush declared Tuesday that if he could find a way to use military force to free the American hostages in Lebanon without jeopardizing innocent lives, he would "do it in an instant." "If I could find some action -- diplomatic, military private-sector, public-sector -- that I thought would help get hostages out or guard against future hostage-taking, I would take such action," Bush said.... Bush said he was unable to claim progress toward freeing the hostages, despite a recent flurry of diplomatic activity. "I can't say that today," he said, "but we're going to keep trying." At the same time, he suggested the outlook remains clouded by the "different signals" emanating from the political leadership of Iran.

FED/PRESS CONFERENCE (Donna Smith, Reuter) -- President Bush said Tuesday he agreed with comments by his budget director Darman suggesting the Fed was jeopardizing economic growth by holding interest rates too high. "I thought his comments were very balanced. I can feel very comfortable with his sallying forth and saying that," Bush said. "I don't know of any president, now or in the past, who doesn't favor lower interest rates," Bush said in answer to a question about the unusually critical remarks by Darman.... With a conciliatory note Bush added, "You also have to be concerned about inflationary pressures."

DRUGS/PRESS CONFERENCE (Harry Rosenthal, AP) -- President Bush said today that the new drug-fighting strategy he will unveil next month is "balanced, decisive, effective and achievable" and said the American people demand no less. The President...called attention to a new Gallup poll that found overwhelming numbers of teen-agers think drugs are the biggest problem facing their generation. "It is clear in these surveys that drug abuse is a national menace and that the central government must attack it with every means at its disposal," Bush said. Asked if he was willing to raise taxes to pay for the anti-drug fight, the President said, "We're not going to have to, but we are going to expand federal expenditures." Asked where the money was coming from, he said, "Stay tuned, and we will show you in September how we're going to allocate the resources for this."

LELAND, SMITH/PRESS CONFERENCE (Jennifer Dixon, AP) -- President Bush paid tribute today to two House members killed in recent plane crashes, calling them "outstanding public servants" who were "working to better the lot of mankind." ... "I want to note again the passing of two outstanding public servants..." the President said. "...Their passing is mourned by everyone who knew them." ... "Their death also reminds us that there are outstanding men and women in public life who are working to better the lot of mankind," Bush said, alluding to Leland's interest in alleviating world hunger and Smith's concern with the war on drugs and crime.

TRADE DEFICIT/HILLS (UPI) -- USTR Hills said Tuesday despite negotiations to pry open foreign markets, the American trade deficit could grow because of unresolved problems in the nation's economy. Hills said the U.S. is going to intensify its efforts to liberalize world trade within the Uruguay Round of the GATT, and through multilateral and bilateral negotiations.... [But] Hills said the U.S. \$130 billion trade deficit is due more to American economic problems than to foreign restrictions on U.S. products, and warned that the red ink could get worse. "I do not expect a dramatic decline" in the trade deficit, Hills said. The deficit in current account, the widest measure of U.S. trade, "may actually build up," she added.

VICE PRESIDENT (Atlanta/UPI) -- The Southern Christian Leadership Conference opened its convention Tuesday with some blacks opposed to the choice of Vice President Quayle as keynote speaker and others defending him. The selection of Quayle puzzled some observers and delegates, who pointed out that he voted against the Civil Rights Restoration Act when he was a senator. "It's obviously politics as opposed to principle," said Democratic consultant Harris Hickman in Washington. "If he had ever had any commitment to civil rights, it certainly would have shown up in the House and Senate." But others contend that Quayle's presence at the convention demonstrates a new civility among black organizations and the Bush administration.... "The actuality is (that) under the old administration there wasn't any rapport between the black community," said NAACP spokesman Jim Williams. SCLC President Joseph Lowery said he is reserving judgment about Quayle and the Bush administration.... "I was surprised to hear about some of the things he knew about the movement," Lowery said. "He was tossing out names and places and asking a lot of questions."

IRAN/LEADERSHIP (Athens/UPI) -- Hashemi Rafsanjani, elected president of Iran in a landslide July 28, resigned his old job as speaker of the parliament Tuesday but said he would not immediately assume the presidency. In a surprise move, Rafsanjani told the legislature before handing in his resignation that Iran's new spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, would remain president until Oct. 8, when his term expired, unless he resigned before then. The official Islamic Republic News Agency had reported a day earlier that Rafsanjani would take the presidential oath when the Iranian parliament reconvened Tuesday after a summer recess.

LEBANON/POPE (Castel Gandolfo, Italy/Reuter) -- Pope John Paul II for the first time directly accused Syria Tuesday of wanting the destruction of Lebanon. The Pope, in some of his toughest words ever on Lebanon, said "genocide" was taking place there and the international community had not done enough to defend one of its weakest brothers.... "In the name of God I appeal to Syrian authorities, asking to cease the bombings which aim to destroy the capital of Lebanon and the entire country," he said.

POLAND/LEADERSHIP (Warsaw/AP) -- President Jaruzelski today called for a joint meeting as soon as possible of the country's major political leaders to find a "rational solution" for the deepening government crisis. Lech Walesa, meanwhile, said he is willing to serve as prime minister "if society wants it." ...Jaruzelski "expresses his concern over the deepening instability of Poland's political and economic situation," a communique on the state's PAP news agency announced. "The president intends to appeal to representatives of the main political forces in the country for participation in a joint meeting devoted to seeking rational solutions...as soon as possible," PAP said.

PAKISTAN/ZIA (Rawalpindi, Pakistan/Reuter) -- A son of the late Pakistani President Zia accused the U.S. Tuesday of covering up the cause of a plane crash that killed his father and the U.S. ambassador to Islamabad. "It was a coverup from the U.S. side," Ejaz-ul-haq told a news conference two days before the first anniversary of the mysterious Aug. 17 crash.

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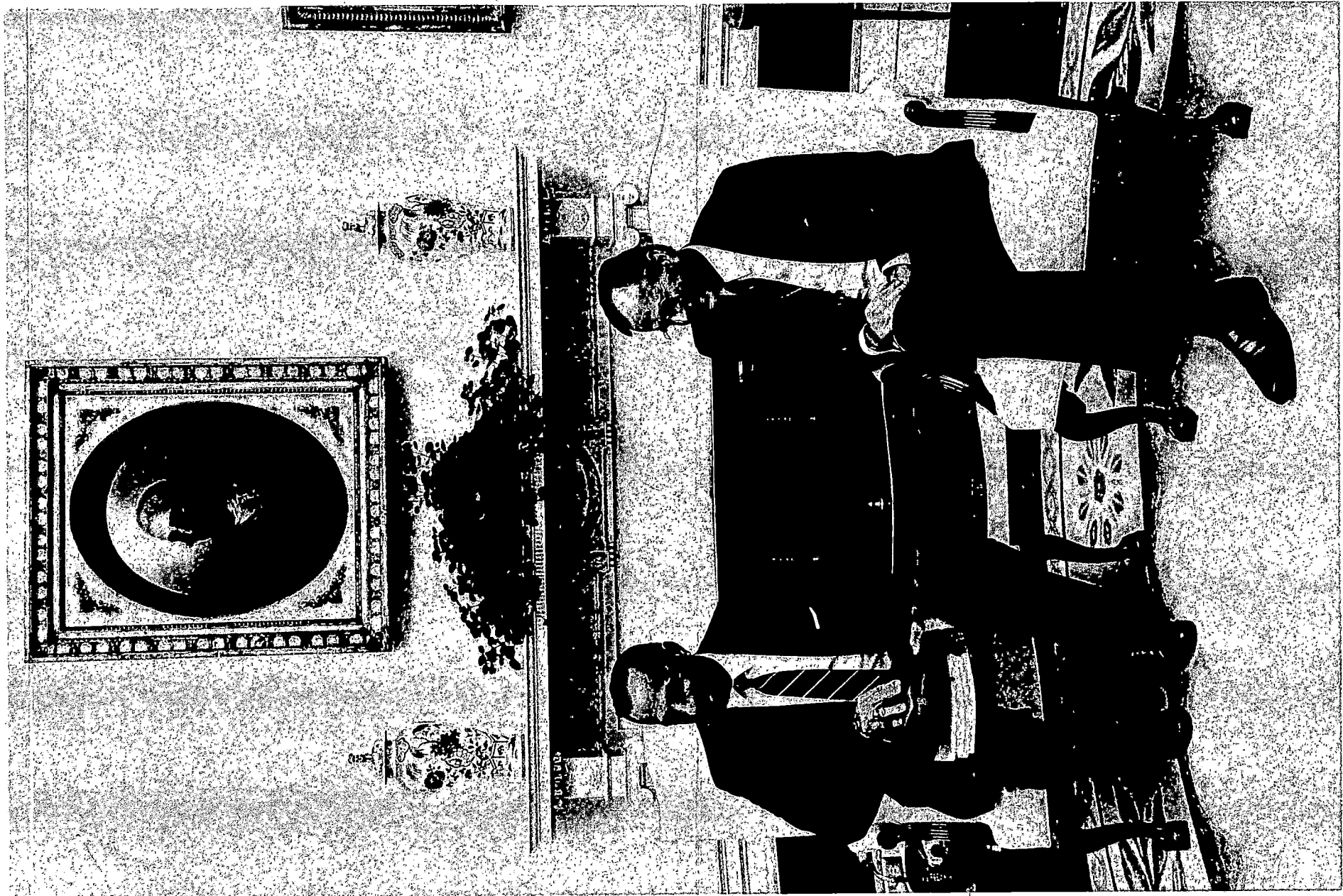
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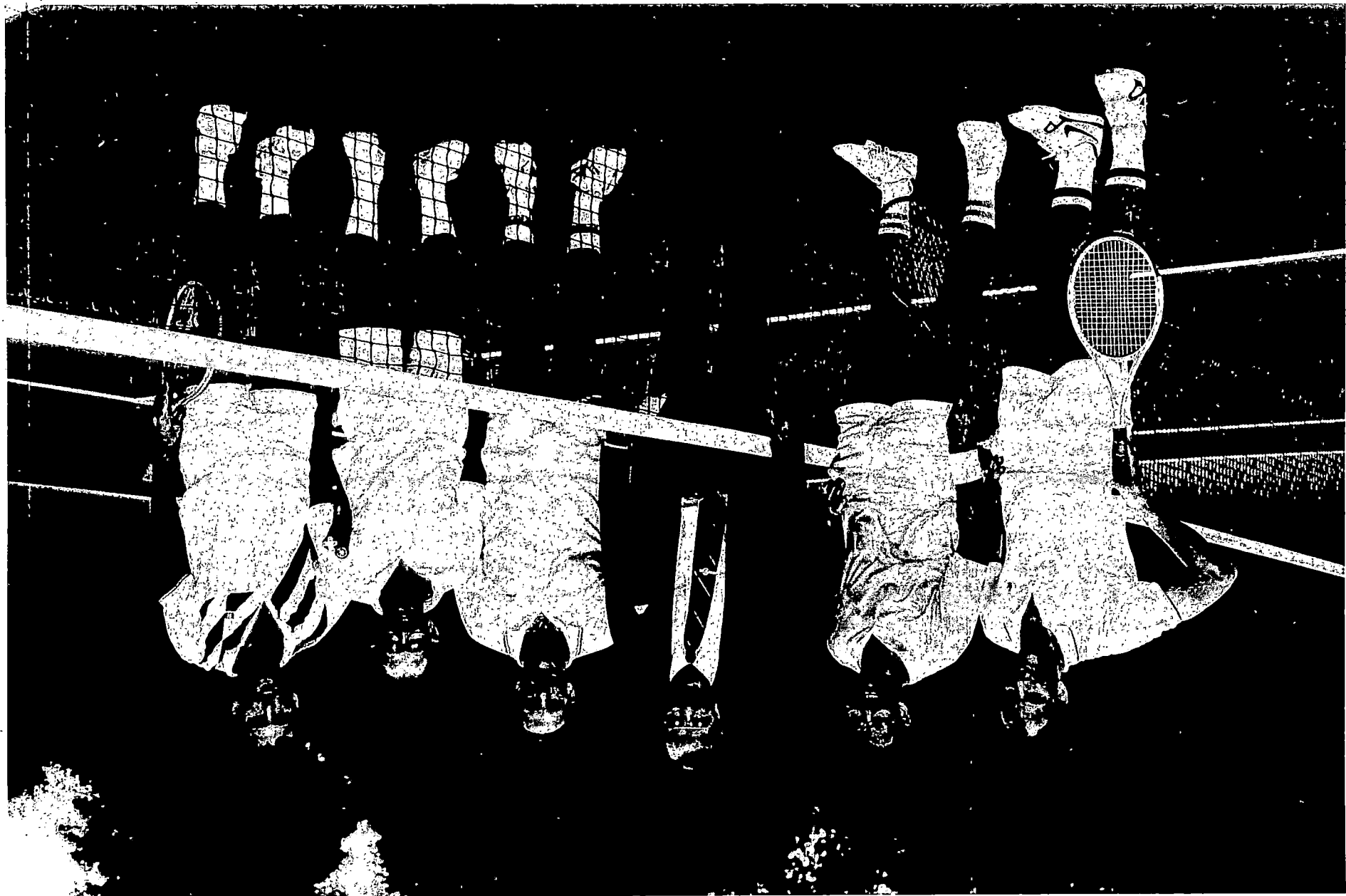
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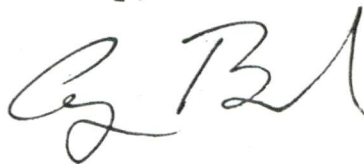
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Dear Alex:

Thanks for the invitation to Harvey's Restaurant. We do like to go out to eat occasionally, although it is true that we don't often have the opportunity. However, we will add the "Restaurant of the Presidents Since 1858" to our list of places we'd like to visit.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Alex Stuart, Jr.
Harvey's Restaurant
15201 Shady Grove Road
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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MR. HAROLD WEINBERG
5761 ITHACA PLACE
APARTMENT 3
DENVER, COLORADO 80237



THE PRESIDENT

Aug 15, 1989

Dear Harold -
Thanks for the
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the "Bagel Boys" too
Warm Best Wishes,
Barack

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2 packs (12 each) of
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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Boris Zlatich
Thirty Eighth Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11217



THE PRESIDENT

August 15, 1989

Dear Boris,

Please pardon the delay in responding to your wonderful birthday wishes and supportive comments about our foreign policy. As we continue to face challenge after challenge in that arena, encouraging words like yours really mean a lot.

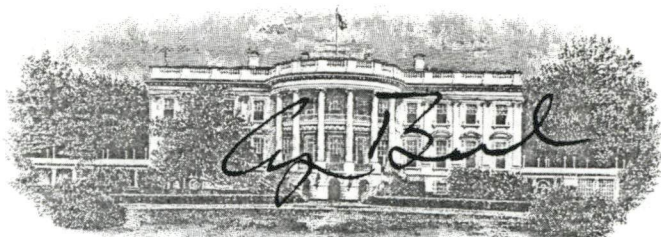
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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