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WASHINGTON

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E.D.T. PRESIDENT BUSH

AUGUST 31, 1989

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News Summary

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EDT EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TANKS, POLICE ENFORCE MEDELLIN CURFEW -- An estimated 4,000 police and soldiers backed by tanks enforced a curfew Wednesday in the hometown of the powerful Medellin cocaine cartel, and the U.S. State Department advised Americans to leave Colombia after a declaration of war by the country's drug lords. (UPI)

U.S. CLAIMS NEW EVIDENCE OF NORIEGA DRUG LINK -- The U.S. intends to present new detailed evidence of Panamanian leader Noriega's deep involvement with drug trafficking to a special session of the OAS, U.S. officials said Wednesday. (UPI)

KAIFU: TRADE BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN SHOULD NOT BE CONTROLLED -- The U.S. and Japan should avoid using the control of trade as a way to solve bilateral problems, Japanese Prime Minister Kaifu said Wednesday. (Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

PRESIDENT VOWS TO TRY TO HOLD LINE ON TAXES -- President Bush promised Wednesday to keep trying "to hold the line on taxes" and to fight for a lower tax on capital gains. (AP)

NETWORK NEWS (Wednesday evening)

COLOMBIA -- Three more judges have quit their jobs after being threatened by the murderous drug cartels; Medellin has been put under curfew; and the State Department has advised Americans in Colombia to leave the country if their presence there is not essential.

JOB VACANCIES -- Democrats charged that the Administration is operating under automatic pilot because of vacant top executive jobs.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TANKS, POLICE ENFORCE MEDELLIN CURFEW

BOGOTA -- An estimated 4,000 police and soldiers backed by tanks enforced a curfew Wednesday in the hometown of the powerful Medellin cocaine cartel, and the U.S. State Department advised Americans to leave Colombia after a declaration of war by the country's drug lords.

The latest State Department travel advisory said Americans "should consider seriously leaving" Colombia. A State Department source in Bogota said the U.S. Embassy would evacuate about 15 spouses and children of diplomats "as soon as possible," leaving between 30 and 40 envoys. The department "strongly recommended" the action.

American students on a foreign studies program in Bogota also were sent home early because of pressure from concerned parents. In the past, members of the "Extraditables"...have threatened to kill five Americans for every Colombian extradited to the U.S.

Medellin Mayor Juan Gomez imposed a 10 p.m.-to-6 a.m. curfew on his city in response to 15 bomb explosions that have citizens "corraled by fear," said a city official who asked not to be named. (Tom Harvey, UPI)

BUSH/DRUG PENALTIES

The drug control strategy President Bush will present next week will call for \$250 million to \$260 million in economic and military aid for the three principal cocaine producing countries -- Colombia, Peru and Bolivia -- an Administration source said Wednesday.

Earlier, sources had said that aid figure could hit \$300 million, and National Security Adviser Scowcroft indicated Tuesday that the figure would be even higher than that.

When asked about the reported \$300 million figure for the Andean countries, Scowcroft said, "That figure, I think you can assume, has already been increased by the fact that we have given Colombia \$65 million" to help it fight the "total war" declared by the drug traffickers there....

Scowcroft had not intended to add the \$65 million onto next year's budget, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity. (AP)

CANADA, WARY OF ROLE IN COCAINE TRADE, TO DISCUSS DRUG WAR

OTTAWA -- Canada, worried about its role as a transfer point for illicit drugs, will consider joining the U.S. in its battle against Colombian drug lords, Prime Minister Mulroney said Wednesday.

Before leaving Wednesday afternoon for a 27-hour private visit to President Bush's retreat in Kennebunkport, Mulroney said it was important to tackle the drug problem at its source.

"I've been trying to point out for three years how serious this drug matter is," Mulroney told reporters. "We've had some difficulty persuading others of the importance of it in Canada and if you believe it's important in Canada you can certainly believe it's important at the source."

Mulroney said he would be discussing the problem and Canada's role with Bush but offered no details. (Russell Blinch, Reuter)

U.S. ORDERS MILITARY SPY PLANES, SATELLITES INTO DRUG WAR

KEY WEST, Fla. -- The U.S. has ordered its vast military intelligence network, complete with high-technology surveillance planes and spy satellites, into the war on drugs.

After years of trying to stay clear of involvement in anti-drug efforts, saying these were a matter for law enforcement agencies, the military is now beginning to play a leading role in coordinating the fight against drugs.

Under new legislation, the Pentagon is setting up a command, control and communications network that it hopes will end the turf disputes and duplicated efforts which, experts say, have hampered the drug war in the past. (Bernd Debusmann, Reuter)

U.S. CLAIMS NEW EVIDENCE OF NORIEGA DRUG LINK

The U.S. intends to present new detailed evidence of Panamanian leader Noriega's deep involvement with drug trafficking to a special session of the OAS, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

Noriega, indicted by two federal grand juries in Florida early in 1988 on drug charges, has continued in power despite a determined U.S. campaign -- both diplomatic and economic -- to force him from office....

As the OAS heard the report of the failed mission Aug. 23, the Panamanian representative...rejected U.S. charges of Noriega's involvement in drug running and challenging Washington to present its evidence. A U.S. official said, "That is what we are going to do. The session (Thursday) will focus on the drug charges." (Jim Anderson, UPI)

ELLIOT RICHARDSON NAMED SPECIAL U.N. ENVOY FOR NICARAGUA

UNITED NATIONS -- Elliot Richardson, the U.S. attorney general at the height of the Watergate scandal, will monitor the Nicaraguan elections for the U.N., the U.N. announced Wednesday.

Richardson will be the personal representative of Secretary-General Perez to oversee operations of the U.N. Mission for the Verification of the Electoral Process in Nicaragua....

The U.N. Secretary General said in a statement that Richardson would be visiting Nicaragua periodically to "make personal, on-the-spot assessments." (Reuter)

KAIFU: TRADE BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN SHOULD NOT BE CONTROLLED

SAN FRANCISCO -- The U.S. and Japan should avoid using the control of trade as a way to solve bilateral problems, Japanese Prime Minister Kaifu said Wednesday.

"It is hard to accept the hasty conclusion, formed in blind disregard of the facts, that trade between the U.S. and Japan should be controlled," Kaifu said in an address prepared for delivery to a dinner hosted by the Japan Society of Northern California.

Kaifu...said both Washington and Tokyo must not be "so foolish" as to stifle the dynamism that has given tremendous vitality to their economies....

Kaifu acknowledged various frictions have arisen between the U.S. and Japan causing the countries to criticize each other in ever louder tones.

"At all costs we must not allow such frictions to rock the foundations of our bilateral bond..." Kaifu said. (Kunio Inoue, Reuter)

U.S. Still Global Leader, Japan Prime Minister Says

SAN FRANCISCO -- Despite Japan's emerging economic power and its recent attainment of "equal footing" in a once-subservient relationship with the U.S., America remains No. 1 where global leadership is concerned, Japanese Prime Minister Kaifu said Wednesday.

"No country can replace the United States in its position and role as leader of the Free World," Kaifu told the Japan Society of Northern California.

"We expect that the United States can respond to various problems with confidence, and at the same time Japan will do its utmost to continue cooperating with and supporting American leadership." ...

Few surprises are expected at Kaifu's scheduled meeting with President Bush in Washington on Friday, but Japanese officials said they expect the prime minister's skills as a communicator to help defuse rising bilateral tension.

In Wednesday's remarks to an audience of about 1,000, Kaifu emphasized that ties between Japan and America are changing dramatically but remain fundamentally sound.

(Karl Schoenberger, Los Angeles Times)

BUSH FACES DECISION ON RICE IMPORTS

Trade Issue Tops Agenda Of Meeting With Japanese Prime Minister

In the heat of his election campaign a year ago, George Bush drew cheers from California farmers when he urged the Reagan Administration to act on an unfair trade complaint against Japan over rice imports.

The Reagan Administration refused to move on the complaint, but Bush's campaign statement has gained new importance on the eve of a visit that begins here Thursday of Japan's beleaguered new prime minister, Toshiki Kaifu.

Under pressure from Japan's politically potent rice farmers, Kaifu, 58, according to Japanese officials, is expected to seek a pledge from Bush to block any new unfair trade complaints on rice, in effect asking the President to repudiate his campaign statement.

U.S. rice growers, who say Japanese barriers cost them up to \$1 billion in annual sales, are fighting back. David Graves, president of the Rice Millers' Association, said in an interview that his group won assurances last week that the Bush Administration intends to press Japan to open its rice market in international trade talks that are underway.

"We don't see any weakening by the Administration at all," Graves said, "and we will keep working with our friends in Congress to reinforce that and make sure the Administration doesn't get weak on rice."

The importance of the rice question to both Bush and Kaifu provides a vivid reminder of how domestic political considerations often drive important international relationships....

Unlike his predecessors, Kaifu plans to offer no trade concessions during his Friday meeting with Bush, according to well-informed Japanese officials.

(Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, A10)

CAMBODIA CONFERENCE SUSPENDED

Paris Negotiators Say Civil War Now Likely As Vietnam Pulls Out

PARIS -- The month-long international conference on Cambodia was suspended here Wednesday with competing factions apparently well short of a comprehensive agreement and perhaps headed for full-scale civil war.

In announcing the adjournment of talks until at least next spring, French Foreign Minister Dumas said, "We need time so the spirit of reconciliation can overcome the spirit of confrontation, but for Cambodia the hour of peace will come." Dumas also expressed the sentiments of many delegates when he added: "Maybe...we could have gone further and gained time and avoided further suffering and more loss of human life."

Dumas said the 20-nation conference...broke down on five points. Among these, he said, were composition of a transition government, international monitoring of the troop pullout and the use of the word "genocide" in describing Khmer Rouge rule from April 1975 until they were driven from power by the Vietnamese invasion in December 1978.

(Elizabeth Becker, Washington Post, A1)

U.S. BLAMES VIETNAM FOR FAILURE OF CAMBODIAN PEACE TALKS

The Cambodian peace talks in Paris failed to reach agreement because Vietnam and the Cambodian government it backs did not negotiate constructively, the U.S. said Wednesday.

Officials at the 19-nation conference predicted war between the four rival Cambodian factions would break out again before the peace talks could be reopened....

"We regret that it was not possible to achieve a lasting settlement due to the failure of the Vietnamese and Hun Sen regime to negotiate constructively on key issues," State Department spokeswoman Tutwiler told reporters.

A State Department official said progress was made on the issues of returning Cambodian refugees, international observation of the elections and eventual aid for reconstruction of Cambodia.

"Progress was made, but unfortunately not enough for a comprehensive agreement," she said.

(Jacqueline Frank, Reuter)

SUPERPOWERS AGREE ON KEY ELEMENTS OF PROPOSED CHEMICAL BAN

GENEVA -- The U.S. and the Soviet Union have agreed on key measures for a proposed treaty to ban chemical weapons, the chief U.S. negotiator said Wednesday.

The superpowers have agreed on methods of short-notice inspection to ensure that countries do not cheat, and on the order of priority in which the various chemicals should be destroyed, Ambassador Max Friedersdorf told Reuters.

Delegates revealed outlines of the agreement in June and July but said then they had still to be approved in Washington and Moscow. That approval has been given, Friedersdorf said.

(Randall Palmer, Reuter)

U.S. OPTIMISTIC ON NAMIBIA, BUT ELECTION LAW CHANGES NEEDED

The U.S., while optimistic that free elections will be held on schedule in Namibia, said Wednesday that changes must be made in draft electoral law there to guard against manipulating the vote.

"There have been problems in implementation of the transition. We do agree that changes need to be considered in the draft electoral law," State Department spokeswoman Tutwiler said at a briefing.

Tutwiler was concurring with a report released Tuesday by a U.S. observer group to Namibia which called for U.N. action to prevent South African manipulation of Namibian independence elections. (Reuter)

HONECKER REPORTED TO BE GRAVELY ILL

BONN -- The West German government said Wednesday it believes that veteran East German leader Erich Honecker is very sick after what sources described as an unsuccessful gall bladder operation earlier this month.

"According to everything that one hears, Honecker isn't doing to well," chief government spokesman Hans Klein said at a regularly scheduled news conference.

The East Berlin Foreign Ministry said Honecker was "making further progress in his recovery," but declined to comment on whether the operation had been successful. (Robert McCartney, Washington Post, A37)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Life In The Shadow Of Violence Puts Colombians On Edge," by Eugene Robinson, appears in the Washington Post, A1.

NATIONAL NEWS

PRESIDENT VOWS TO TRY TO HOLD LINE ON TAXES

KENNEBUNKPORT -- President Bush promised Wednesday to keep trying "to hold the line on taxes" and to fight for a lower tax on capital gains.

Speaking to an appreciative audience of fellow residents and merchants of this summer resort, the vacationing president appealed for their support as he heads back to Washington next week to grapple with Congress over taxes and the deficit.

Bush later in the day was welcoming Canadian Prime Minister Mulroney and family to his oceanfront home, where he has spent the past two weeks....

Calling small business the backbone of this country in many ways," Bush said he wants to reduce the levy to stimulate the economy and reward "those who have the courage to go off on their own and start new businesses."
(Christopher Connell, AP)

Bush Vows Fight To Cut Capital Gains Tax,
Reduce Deficit Without General Tax Hike

KENNEBUNKPORT -- President Bush used a reception here for local business owners Wednesday to restate his commitment to cut the capital gains tax and reduce the federal budget deficit without a general tax increase.

A lower tax rate on profits from sales of capital assets "stimulates the economy," the President told members of the local chamber of commerce.

"It encourages risk taking. It rewards those who go out and employ others and start new businesses...and I am just convinced that it will help with our deficit, not inhibit the efforts I am making to get this budget deficit down," he said....

Bush expressed his confidence in negotiating a budget agreement with Congress to meet the deficit limit after he and the lawmakers return to work next week.
(Otto Kreisher, Copley)

BUSH'S POPULARITY RISES IN POLL FOR STANCE ON DRUGS

President Bush's standing among voters on the drug issue has improved markedly in the past month, probably as a result of publicity about his response to Colombia's problems with drug lords, according to a poll for the Boston Globe and WBZ-TV, Boston....

On Bush's standing on the drug issue, 38 percent said his handling of it is excellent or good, while 43 percent of voters a month ago gave Bush excellent or above average grades and 56 percent said he was below average or poor.

The findings probably reflect publicity about Bush's offer to provide \$65 million in aid to Colombia's military to fight drug lords and \$5 million to protect Colombia's judges.... In a possible negative note for Bush, the poll by KRC Communications showed that voters have their doubts about the drug plan that the President will unveil in a nationally televised address Sept. 5. While Bush reportedly will de-emphasize attempts to stop drugs on the border and focus more on penalties against users, most voters said they believe it is more effective to stop the drug supply.
(Michael Kranish, Boston Globe)

FAA REQUIRES AUTOMATIC BOMB DETECTORS

The FAA ruled Wednesday that U.S. airlines must use automatic bomb detectors to screen luggage in international airports.

The detectors for explosives will be installed at the busiest international airports in the U.S. and at designated airports overseas served by U.S. carriers. Altogether, the rule affects approximately 40 airports. (UPI)

INDUSTRY HITS HIGH COST OF ACID RAIN CURBS

President Bush's proposed legislation to reduce acid rain would cost more than \$5.5 billion a year and force electric rate increases of 5 percent to 10 percent in many states, the utility industry asserted Wednesday, calling the costs excessive and unnecessary.

The industry estimates are about one-third more than those projected by the Administration, but EPA officials characterized them as not far out of line from Administration estimates when various factors are considered.

"We're heartened that their numbers are coming out so close to ours," said Nancy Kete, senior analyst in the EPA's office of air and radiation. She said the EPA has estimated that industry costs would be about \$4 billion a year when full compliance with the proposed acid rain controls take effect in the year 2000. (AP, Washington Post, A9)

DOE MOVES TO RESUME OUTPUT OF TRITIUM FOR NUCLEAR ARMS

The DOE has decided after a lengthy safety and technical review to recommend restarting a troubled South Carolina nuclear reactor next July so it can resume production of tritium, a vital component of nuclear weapons in increasingly short supply, government sources said Wednesday.

The new timetable means operation of the tritium-producing reactor at Savannah River will be delayed at least six months beyond the target previously set by the Energy Department.

But Energy Secretary Watkins plans to tell President Bush and other members of the National Security Council next week that the delay will not jeopardize national security or require extraordinary interim measures, the sources said.... Because of the military implications, the new timetable will be subject to Bush's approval. (Jeffrey Smith, Washington Post, A2)

SCHMOKE WINS AWARD FOR MAVERICK DRUG STAND

Hoping to encourage resistance to the Bush Administration's drug policy, a Washington-based foundation said Wednesday it would award \$100,000 to Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke for his "courageous" efforts to promote drug legalization and other alternatives to tougher enforcement.

Officials of the Drug Policy Foundation said that its so-called "drug-peace" award to Schmoke -- and smaller awards to four other critics on Administration policy -- were spurred by outrage over the new initiatives drafted by national drug policy director Bennett.

"It's becoming increasingly clear that our answer to the drug problem on the demand side is prohibition, like in the 1930s, and our answer on the supply side is a war on the Andean countries, like Vietnam in the 1960s," said Richard Dennis, a former Chicago commodities broker and political activist who is financing the awards through a \$2 million grant to the foundation. "We're repeating the most egregious errors of the 20th century."

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A40)

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PRESIDENT FISHES FOR UNDERSTANDING
Failure With Bluefish Noted Daily By Paper

KENNEBUNKPORT -- President Bush insisted Wednesday that he has tried hard -- even if he has come up empty-handed in 13 outings trolling for a bluefish.

"I'm not going to comment on the fishing -- a vicious assault on my ability," he told the Kennebunk-Kennebunkport Chamber of Commerce, which awarded him its outstanding citizen of the year award at a luncheon here Wednesday.

Bush's failure to hook anything, although others on his boat have been more successful, prompted the Portland Press Herald to publish a graphic daily reminder of how many presidential fishing trips have not yielded a fish.

The reminder got under Bush's skin Wednesday, when he was skunked again on a morning outing. He responded with some good-natured chiding:

"I'm going to call the editor of the Portland paper and present this to him: How would he call it? This morning, we got up and through what was a rather heavy fog, went down to Whistler off Cape Porpoise, and then down off Woods Island, and here's my position: I was driving the boat, placing the boat, so that Sandy Boardman, who was with me, could catch a bluefish. And she did." Boardman is a family friend.

"And I think they should knock off that advertisement on the front of the Portland paper that shows a bluefish with a big X through it -- telling me that for yet a 13th day I haven't caught one," Bush added. "I'm going to appeal to them on that one." (David Hoffman, Washington Post, A12)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "THE NEW REGIME -- Ambassadorial Passage To India: Recess Appointee Being Replaced," by Don Oberdorfer & Maralee Schwartz, appears in the Washington Post, A25.

"Bush's Drug Plan Aims At Capturing Mid-Level Figures," by Richard Berke, appears in the New York Times, A1.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY for Wednesday Evening, August 30

DRUGS/COLOMBIA

ABC's PETER JENNINGS: It's become a typical day in Colombia: three more judges have quit their jobs after being threatened by the murderous drug cartels. The government has imposed a curfew in nine cities in the heart of cocaine country, including the cartel's capital of Medellin. Today, the government intercepted an arms shipment destined for the cartel's gunmen. Still, the mayor of Medellin says he needs 3,000 more national policemen to support the 4,000 he already has. For too many Colombians, [it is] too much like just another day.

ABC's PETER COLLINS reports from Medellin that military police were patrolling the streets looking for bombers. Last night, terrorists said to be working for the Medellin cartel were stopped by security guards as they attempted to fire rockets at a government-owned distillery. Thirteen bombs have gone off in Medellin since the weekend. All of them have been aimed at government-owned banks or state liquor stores. The city's mayor, who favors talks with the drug traffickers, today signed an order imposing a 10 p.m. to dawn curfew in the city. Fabio Ochoa, the father of three sons -- all of whom are wanted for extradition by the U.S. -- said in an interview with ABC that although his sons had done great damage to the U.S. and deserved to be punished, they would prefer a grave in Colombia to a jail in the U.S.

(FABIO OCHOA: "We too have a court system. Let us punish our sons in our own country.")

Ochoa said American aid to the Colombian government is a great cruelty because it will mean more bloodshed and more war. He said he believes his sons are still hiding in Colombia. He also said he would personally broker a deal in which the cartel leaders would vow to give up their cocaine business if they would be allowed to live freely in Colombia and enjoy their wealth. Many citizens in Medellin say the government should not give in to the cartel, but it should talk to the drug bosses. One of the reasons people in Medellin have mixed feelings about the cartel is because some of them have enjoyed the benefits of drug money. Pablo Escobar, for example, built a housing project for the poor. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's GARRICK UTLEY reports that the State Department has advised Americans in Colombia to leave the country if their presence there is not essential. Dependents of U.S. Embassy personnel will be leaving because they might become targets in the drug war.

NBC's BRIAN ROSS reports from Miami that since early this year, American authorities have known that the cocaine cartel was preparing for a possible all-out war. They have received large shipments of plastic explosives from Europe, hand-held rocket launchers from a general involved in the Cuban drug scandal, and training from Israeli mercenaries. Colombian police investigating the assassination of presidential candidate Galan say it is clear that the killers received commando training from foreign experts hired by the drug bosses. After a meeting at the Colombian Embassy in Washington today, drug czar William Bennett said even though the drug bosses are on the run, they're still very dangerous.

(SECRETARY BENNETT: "The cartel is off balance. As we heard in there, they could strike back, they're expected to strike back. And we will probably see stronger strikes by the cartel in the near future.")

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ROSS continues: The Medellin cartel has a large organization in the U.S. American authorities say that the same kind of drug terror now being seen in Colombia could happen in the U.S.

UTLEY DISCUSSES THE DRUG PROBLEM WITH ROSS:

UTLEY: What could trigger violence from the cartel in the U.S.?

ROSS: What would most likely trigger it, in the view of American authorities, is the extradition of any of the drug fugitives now being rounded up in Colombia. As old man Ochoa said last night, his sons would rather die in Colombia than spend the rest of their lives in an American prison cell. (NBC-3)

CBS's BOB SCHIEFFER: The situation in Colombia has become even more dangerous over the last few hours. Medellin, the Colombian city where most of the drug trade is centered, was put under a curfew tonight because the mayor says another series of bombings has left its residents corralled by fear. Although officials in Washington won't confirm it, one wire service says the State Department has told dependents of U.S. diplomats to leave the country. And again today, more Colombian judges resigned in the face of death threats.

CBS's MARK PHILLIPS reports from Bogota that Eduardo Martinez Romero's extradition has been ordered by the Colombian cabinet. He has filed his appeal. The ruling on whether he will be sent to face U.S. justice has to come down by next Tuesday. Drug lord Pablo Escobar was quoted in a French newspaper as saying that he has a strike force that can fight on for two years. As for being sent to the U.S., Escobar said: "We would rather die with our guns in our hands. There will be more deaths," Escobar continued, "always more deaths. I give the orders." Colombian judges are likely to be the first casualties in a war between the government and the drug bosses. None of the U.S. security help for Colombian judges has arrived on the ground yet. One judge who recently quit said he answered the phone one day and the voice at the other end said: "Quit, or we'll kill your daughter." He did. Even though he is now surrounded by bodyguards, he still carries a gun. He said the bodyguards are not allowed to shoot first, but then added, "I will." If an extradition does take place, one judge said, judges will take the lead. (CBS-Lead)

UTLEY reports that Israeli Defense Minister Rabin acknowledged that a private Israeli security firm had operated illegally in Colombia. He said that a group headed by a Lieutenant Colonel in the Israeli Army Reserve was denied permission in 1987 to give military training to Colombian civilians. He went ahead and did it anyway. He was warned, in writing, by the Israeli government earlier this year. The Lieutenant Colonel said he was just training peasants to fight against guerrilla forces. (NBC-4)

ABC's PIERRE SALINGER reports from London on a plot to assassinate Pablo Escobar by a team of British mercenaries last spring. The 12 British mercenaries assembled in Colombia in March of this year and trained for 11 weeks at a mountain hideout. They had two helicopters, one of which was from the U.S. Their arms and explosives were also from the U.S. One of the mercenaries, who refused to be identified on camera, told ABC they were recruited by a Colonel in the Colombian Army. He said the group never trained without Colombians present.

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SALINGER continues: The lavish country house where the unit trained looks more like the estate of a drug lord than that of a Colombian official. There are indications that the man behind the operation was really another drug lord: Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha. On the morning of June 2, the mercenaries said, they were notified that Escobar was in his compound and they went in. One of the helicopters crashed into a mountain and its pilot, a lieutenant in the Colombia police, was killed. Two of the mercenaries were hurt. (ABC-2)

NBC's COMMENTARY

NBC's JOHN CHANCELLOR comments that if you can't get Americans to stop using cocaine, how about getting South American farmers to stop growing it? The U.S. knows more about agriculture than any other country. What if Washington were to concentrate on replacing the coca crop with something healthy and profitable? If the wizards at the Department of Agriculture could come up with a crop to replace coca, and the U.S. Treasury could buy the harvest at top-dollar prices -- maybe pay a big bonus -- farmers would have an incentive to make the switch. Every Latin American country is dying for economic growth. The governments of Peru and Bolivia, where most of the coca is grown, are far more stable than the Colombian government. It would cost a sizeable amount of money, but we're already spending billions on cocaine. Why not spend a billion or so to pay farmers not to grow the stuff? (ABC-10)

BUSH ADMINISTRATION JOB VACANCIES

SCHIEFFER reports that congressional Democrats charged today that the Bush Administration is operating on automatic pilot because seven months into his term, they say, the President has still not filled many top executive branch jobs. A spokesman for the Administration accused the Democrats of playing politics with the numbers.

CBS's WYATT ANDREWS (in Kennebunkport):

(PRESIDENT BUSH: "I like my job. I'm going to work hard for you, and thank you very, very much for this honor.")

As he told friends in Kennebunkport, George Bush may like his job as President, but a group of liberal Democrats is questioning whether his Administration has enough people to do that job well. The Democratic study of some 400 top policy positions concludes that President Bush doesn't even have nominees for 41% of those jobs. The count of absentees reaches 56% when it includes nominees awaiting confirmation by the Senate.

(REP. SABO: "I think it represents clear benign neglect of the President in getting his Administration going.")

According to the Democrats, Mr. Bush has his people in only 11 of the 22 top jobs at the Pentagon. At the Education Department, of the Education President, it's 9 of 16. And at the Justice Department, one of the spearhead agencies for the new war on drugs, 24 positions available; 9 Bush appointees confirmed.

(CHASE UNTERMEYER, Director of Presidential Personnel: "This Administration, for one thing, is out and active and highly successful.")

The White House charges the Democrats are playing with numbers to fire a political cheap shot.

(UNTERMEYER: "People, such as the House Democrats, are trying to make a partisan issue of this that the facts don't stand with them.")

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ANDREWS continues: Yet it is clear there are tie-ups in a nominations process that includes long FBI background checks and tough pending rules on ethics. (TV coverage of President Bush with former Sen. John Tower last winter.) The Consumer Products Safety Commission delayed action on a baby crib recall, for example, because the President hasn't nominated a third commissioner.

(ANNE GRAHAM, Commissioner: "We can't do it without another commissioner.")

Despite that, not even the Democrats are claiming that the government is in gridlock. And implied in the White House's defense that all goes well is the idea that they might not really need the officials they don't yet have.

(CBS-7)

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN ELECTION

JENNINGS reports that Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a Republican, was elected to fill the late Rep. Pepper's congressional seat. She becomes the first Cuban-American elected to Congress. The close election was marred by charges of bigotry on both sides. She told reporters last night: "It is time to forget our differences. We are all Americans."

(ABC-5)

SCHOOL LUNCHES

JENNINGS reports that a consumer group claimed today that the government itself may be undermining the federal school lunch program. The Public Voice for Food and Health Policy charges that schools are having a hard time providing nutritious meals because the Agriculture Department donates such fatty foods as ground beef, pork and luncheon meat.

(ABC-6)

CHINA

JENNINGS reports that Amnesty International appealed to China to stop using what it called "judicial killing" to suppress political opponents. The group also said there is evidence that Chinese authorities may have carried out some secret executions in addition to the ones they have announced publicly.

(ABC-8)

CAMBODIA

JENNINGS reports that an international conference in Paris to decide the fate of Cambodia has ended in failure. The conference collapsed over the question of what role the Khmer Rouge should play.

(ABC-9, NBC-8)

SOUTH AFRICA

ABC's RICHARD SERGAY reports that as women protesters left a church to begin their anti-government march in Cape Town, police declared the march illegal. The women then sat down in the street. Police detained the entire group, including the wife of Archbishop Tutu. Student protests also continued. The rising tide of black defiance is intended to embarrass the white government as parliamentary elections scheduled for next week approach.

(ABC-7, NBC-6, CBS-11)

ISRAEL/UNITED NATIONS

SCHIEFFER reports that the U.N. Security Council deplored Israel's deportation of four Palestinians to Lebanon this week. The vote was 14-0; the U.S. abstained. (CBS-8)

HELMSLEY TRIAL

UTLEY: Leona Helmsley oversees a \$5 billion real estate empire. She has called herself the queen of her hotels. She once was quoted as saying: "Only the little people pay taxes." Well, today, her trial on income tax evasion came to an end with a verdict of guilty of evading more than a million dollars of taxes.

NBC's CASSANDRA CLAYTON reports from New York on the verdict in the Leona Helmsley trial. The working class jury returned guilty verdicts on 33 of the 41 counts of tax evasion. She was found not guilty on the more serious charge of extortion. Helmsley could get up to five years in prison and have to pay millions in fines. She will be sentenced Nov. 14.

(NBC-Lead, ABC-3, CBS-2)

MAYOR BARRY

SCHIEFFER reports that a convicted cocaine dealer told authorities that he smoked crack with Mayor Barry several times last winter. Charles Lewis has agreed to cooperate with prosecutors in a perjury and drug trial next month. Barry has denied using cocaine. A spokesman for Barry tonight stood by those earlier denials. (CBS-4)

WASHINGTON D.C./MURDER RATE

CBS's RON ALLEN reports that the shooting death of an 18-year-old last night marked the 302nd murder in Washington, D.C. this year. Four months after drug czar William Bennett singled out Washington, D.C. as a high intensity drug area and called for additional federal resources to stop the killings, the nation's capital is well on its way to a second straight year as the country's murder capital. Police say the carnage is being caused by crack dealers fighting over turf and huge profits. Just blocks away from where the President will deliver his drug message next week, many residents here in the nation's capital believe that violence is beyond the control of any authority. (CBS-5)

VIETNAM HISTORY/ARMY

JENNINGS reports that 14 years after the war was finally lost, the Army has officially concluded that the media were not to blame. The American public was alienated, the study said, not by the news coverage, but by rising casualties and the lack of a strategy in Washington for winning a limited war. According to the study, the media was often more accurate than were the public statements of various administrations in portraying the actual situation on the ground. Every time the casualties went up by 10%, public support fell by 15%. (ABC-13)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Kennebunkport

August 31, 1989

Dear Matt:

Barbara and I hope you have the happiest of birthdays. You're in our thoughts on this joyous occasion and have our good wishes for a wonderful year ahead. The entire Bush family adds its warm congratulations.

With best regards and many happy returns,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Cyril' or 'Cyril Rinaldo', written in a cursive style.

The Honorable Matthew J. Rinaldo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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WASHINGTON

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NOTE TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: David Demarest

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COMMENTARY

BY GEORGE BUSH

A Presidential Call

During last year's presidential campaign, George Bush praised the thousands of volunteers—"A thousand points of light"—who are working to solve the nation's social problems. In this personal commentary written for Christian Herald, the President addresses Christian involvement in local communities.

I'll never forget a scene repeated throughout the campaign. Our plane would approach yet another city. Barbara and I would look out the window and see the beautiful American landscape. From that altitude you can get quite a reflection of this country and its values.

From city to city, it was always the same. You can see schools and houses from up there. The huge shopping centers with their acres of paved parking. All the symbols of a prosperous America. But what especially struck Barbara and me were the vast number of churches.

Those churches represent men and women who have a commitment to family and community. They represent men and women of faith who have been willing to give to others, not just take for themselves. In doing so, they have made our country great.

You and I know that too many Americans are free-falling through society without hope or faith, disconnected from a healthy, close-knit community and family. As a result, we see the heartbreak of drugs and homelessness, teenage pregnancy, illiteracy and broken homes.

We have learned that government's ability to make a difference is limited. We know that government can't rebuild a family or reclaim a sense of neighborhood. During the past two decades we have spent

more money on more social programs than at any time in our history. And still, the same problems remain.

Yet, we see today—as we have for more than 200 years—rescuing hands heroically reaching out in communities across the nation. People in need are being pulled to safety

disintegration of our communities.

This initiative calls Americans to action by claiming society's problems as their own. Groups and organizations that are already working can be enlarged and copied. And we can discover and encourage new leaders in service to others.

The work of many American



David Walker

by loving, dedicated individuals who care for their fellow man and their country. They know that any definition of a successful life in America must include serving others.

To live a life of real meaning, you must live a life rich with values. That includes loving your neighbor enough to give of yourself. In Matthew 5:16 Christ said, "let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

The Christian community already knows the value of engaging in the lives of those in need. That's why I ask you to "let your light shine" a thousandfold. I ask you to help me in the Points of Light Initiative, a national movement to overcome the

churches and related groups has already accomplished much. In fact, there is no problem in America that is not being solved somewhere, thanks in part to your dedication.

Through the Points of Light Initiative, we want to encourage what works. We must spread the word about good people and promising approaches that are helping others, to encourage everyone to expand their efforts so that we can effectively reach those who need us most.

We still have much to do for the homeless, the hungry and the illiterate—to name only a few. You can play a vital role. Together, we can build a better America, not only for ourselves and our children, but for all Americans. ■

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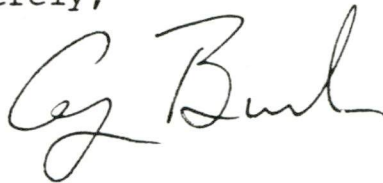
August 31, 1989

Dear Jim:

Barbara and I hope you have the happiest of birthdays. You're in our thoughts on this joyous occasion and have our good wishes for a wonderful year ahead. The entire Bush family adds its warm congratulations.

With best regards and many happy returns,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Jim Moody
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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WASHINGTON

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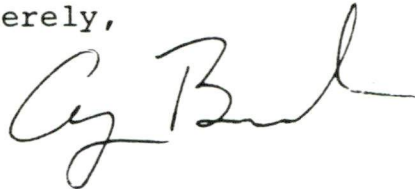
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Dear Joe:

Barbara and I hope you have the happiest of birthdays. You're in our thoughts on this joyous occasion and have our good wishes for a wonderful year ahead. The entire Bush family adds its warm congratulations.

With best regards and many happy returns,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Joseph P. Kolter
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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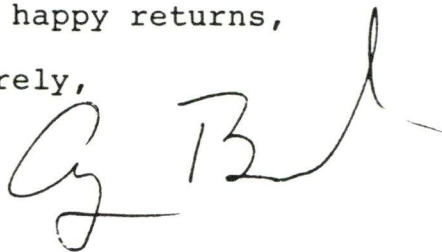
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Dear Sandy:

Barbara and I hope you have the happiest of birthdays. You're in our thoughts on this joyous occasion and have our good wishes for a wonderful year ahead. The entire Bush family adds its warm congratulations.

With best regards and many happy returns,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sander Levin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honorable Sander Levin
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515



THE PRESIDENT

September 2, 1989
Kennebunkport

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Dear Mr. Nichols,

That personalized rod you sent me is terrific. How thoughtful of you to think of me. Sincere thanks for that and for your kind words.

I hope our paths cross one day.

Warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

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