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04. Form	Request for Appointments [redaction of personal information] (1 pp.)	12/13/89	(b)(6)	
05. Note	Phone call for the president from Dr. Burton Lee Re: Sandy Ellis (1 pp.)	12/13/89	C	
06. Note	Phone call for the president from Dr. Burton Lee Re: Sandy Ellis (1 pp.)	12/13/89	C	
07. Note	From Patty Presock Re: Phone call for the President from Henry Kissinger [redaction of personal information] (1 pp.)	12/13/89	(b)(6)	
08a. Letter	From George Bush to G. Philip Hughes Re: position [redaction of personal information] (1 pp.)	12/13/89	(b)(6)	

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Wednesday, December 13, 1989

7:50 am (10 min)	<u>Photo with Capitol Hill Staff</u> (Presock)	Oval Office
8:00 am (15 min)	<u>Intelligence Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)	Oval Office
8:15 am (30 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)	Oval Office
8:45 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
9:15 am (45 min)	<u>Administrative Time</u>	Oval Office
10:00 am (10 min)	<u>Meeting with Crown Prince</u> <u>Hassan of Jordan</u> opwp (Scowcroft) (Distributed Separately)	Oval Office
10:10 am (35 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
10:45 am (60 min)	<u>Budget Review</u> (Darman) (TAB A)	Cabinet Room
11:45 am (15 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
12:00 pm (75 min)	<u>Lunch</u>	Oval Office
1:15 pm (10 min)	<u>Signing Ceremony for Wetlands</u> <u>Legislation (S. 804)</u> (McClure) opwp (TAB B)	Roosevelt Room
1:30 pm (5 min)	<u>Photo with Sheikh Gad al-Haq</u> (Scowcroft) (Distributed Separately)	Oval Office
1:35 pm (15 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
1:50 pm (5 min)	<u>Receive the Harry S Truman</u> <u>Award from the National</u> <u>Guard Association</u> (Card) (wires) (TAB C)	Oval Office

UNP 12/12/89
6:00 pm



2:00 pm
(60 min)

Budget Review
(Darman)

(TAB D)

Cabinet Room

3:00 pm
(15 min)

Personal Staff Time

Oval Office

3:15 pm
(60 min)

NSC Meeting
(Scowcroft) (Provided Previously)

Cabinet Room

4:15 pm
(15 min)

Personal Staff Time

Oval Office

4:30 pm
(30 min)

Meeting with Governor Sununu

Oval Office

6:45 pm

B Christmas Reception
(Firestone)

(TAB E)

State Floor

7:14 Potus + Mrs. Bush in Oval 7:15 Mrs. Bush 7:26 add Rose Zornaria
7:45 Rose Zornaria out 7:49 add Capitol employees (see Tab A)
7:56 Potus + Capitol employees to Cabinet Rm 8:00 Potus to Oval alone
8:00 add Gates, Scowcroft, DCI (b)(3) 8:20 DCI + (b)(3) out
8:02 (approx) add Sununu
8:59 Gates + Scowcroft out 9:01 add Scowcroft 9:09 Scowcroft out
9:13 Sununu out 10:00 add Scowcroft + Sununu
10:02 add Crown Prince et al to Oval 10:25 Potus + H.R.H. Hassan to Oval study
for private meeting
10:36 Conclude private meeting 10:37 all out except Scowcroft
10:49 Scowcroft out 10:53 Potus to Cabinet Rm -
12:06 Potus to Oval office, add Kathy Super 12:17 add Mrs. Bush
12:18 add Chase Undermyer 12:20 add ~~Petersmyer~~ Petersmyer; Super out
12:20 Potus, Mrs. B, Undermyer, + Petersmyer 1:14 Potus + Mrs. Bush to S. grounds
1:17 Potus to Oval alone 1:20 Potus to Roosevelt Rm 1:28 in Oval
wellands signing
1:30 add Gates, Scowcroft, Haas 1:32 add Shakh Bad al-Hag et al
1:45 all out except Haas, Scowcroft Gates 1:46 Haas out
1:47 Gates, Scowcroft out 1:52 add Generals et al for Truman award 6:00 pm
1:57 all out 1:59 add Steve Hart 2:02 add Boyden Gray
2:05 Hart out 2:07 Gray out 2:10 Potus to Cabinet Rm - Budget Brief
3:15 Potus to Oval w/ Sununu 3:16 add Fitzwater 3:18 add Scowcroft

UNP 12/12/89

6:00 pm

3:26 Aune + Fitzwater out 3:32 Poles to Cabinet Pm

4:37 Poles to Oval 4:55 Aune in 4:56 Aune out

~~At~~ 4:58 Aune, ^{Chris} Winston + Curtis Smith (speechwriter)

5:01 Aune Winston + Smith out 5:11 add Card + Hagin

5:21 Hagin + Card out 5:22 add Craig Fuller 5:35 Fuller out

5:46 Scowcroft in 5:51 General Scowcroft out

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WASHINGTON**

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT BUSH

DECEMBER 13th , 19 89

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	9:58 AM	9:59	MR. MARK DAVIS OFC: WASHINGTON, DC 456-7701	TLKD-OK
INC	XPM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	10:38 AM	10:48	SECRETARY NICHOLAS BRADY WASHINGTON, DC NATIONAL AIRPORT	TLKD-OK 10:40AM
INC	XPM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	11:18 AM		DOCTOR HENRY KISSINGER (b)(6)	TLKD TO PATTY PRESOCK RETURNED CALL 1:54PM AT LUNCH, TOLD PATTY PRESOCK, WCB TLKD-OK 3:18PM
INC	XPM	3:30P		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XAM		MRS. NANCY ELLIS (b)(6)	TLKD-OK 12:28PM
INC	12:21 PM	12:29P		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XAM		DOCTOR BURTON LEE (b)(6)	EXPECTED LHR, TOLD TOLD PRESUS TLKD-OK TO BETSY HEMINGWAY 1:11PM
INC	1:07 PM	1:12		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 13th

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PRESIDENT BUSH

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	XXX	XXAM	CONGRESSMAN BILL ARCHER WASHINGTON, DC 225-6658	TLKD TO BRIDGET MONTAGNES
INC	1:29	PM		
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		
OUT	XXX	XXAM	CONGRESSMAN DANIEL ROSTENKOWSKI CHICAGO, ILL. 312-276-6000	TLKD TO BRIDGET MONTAGNE
INC	3:22	PM		
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		
OUT		XXAM	MRS. BARBARA BUSH RES: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 551	TLKD-OK
INC	5:17	PM	5:19	
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		
OUT		XXAM	MR. JERRY WEINTRAUB OFC: LOS ANGELES, CA 213-477-8900	OUT OF OFC LW TLKD-OK 5:40PM
INC	5:29	PM	5:43P	
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		
OUT		XXAM	MR. MARLIN FITZWATER OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 700	TLKD-OK
INC	6:20	PM	6:22P	
OUT		AM		
INC		PM		
OUT		XXAM	MR. JOHN BUSH (b)(6)	DA PRESUS CA
INC	8:12	PM		

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PRESIDENT BUSH DECEMBER 13th, 1989

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OUT	AM	MRS. NANCY ELLIS	
INC	8:14 PM	(b)(6)	TLKD-OK
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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

December 13, 1989

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OUT	AM		Dr. Burton Lee Mrs. Betty Hemmingway's Residence	Tlkd with Ms. Presock 2:12 PM
INC	2:11 PM		(b)(6)	
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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 13 December 1989

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News Summary

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1989 -- 6 a.m. EST EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Baker Pledges U.S. Support For Democratic Changes In East Germany -- Secretary of State Baker made an unexpected visit to East Germany Tuesday and pledged U.S. support of democratic changes there, after earlier sketching the most complete picture yet of the Bush Administration's vision of "a new Europe."

(Boston Globe, Washington Post, Reuter)

Philippine Lower House Votes Emergency Powers For Aquino -- The Philippine House of Representatives voted Wednesday to grant President Corazon Aquino emergency powers for 90 days to help her rebuild the country's economy and thwart further coup attempts. (Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

Cardinals Hear Bush Vow To Safeguard 'Sanctity of Life' -- President Bush, addressing a testimonial dinner for Roman Catholic cardinals Tuesday night, confirmed his support for "the need to pursue public policies that preserve the sanctity of life." (Boston Globe)

NETWORK NEWS (Tuesday evening)

GERMANY/BAKER -- James Baker became the first American Secretary of State since World War II to visit East Germany specifically to meet with its leadership.

CHINA/PRESIDENT -- President Bush may be getting ready to make another conciliatory gesture towards the Chinese government.

CENTRAL AMERICA -- Five Central American presidents called for the Contras to disband.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BAKER VISITS EAST GERMANY TO DECLARE AMERICAN SUPPORT

POTSDAM, East Germany -- In the highest-level contact the U.S. has ever had with East Germany, Secretary Baker unexpectedly came here to visit Communist Prime Minister Hans Modrow and assure him of U.S. support for his government's efforts to bring about democratic change and end four decades of repression.

"I felt that it was important that we have an opportunity to let the premier and the people of East Germany know of our support for the reforms which are taking place in this country," Baker told reporters later.

At separate meetings in this suburb of East Berlin, Baker told Modrow and leaders of the East German Lutheran Church that peaceful, orderly reform here is vital to furthering the wave of change pushing the once-Communist states of Eastern Europe toward experiments with political pluralism and free-market economics.

"We talked at quite some length about the importance of the German Democratic Republic [East Germany] moving forward peacefully and in a stable way, and it is that as much as anything else that represents the political signal that we desire to send by being here today," Baker said as he and Modrow answered questions from reporters briefly after their talks.

U.S. officials accompanying Baker said a major aim of the visit was to bolster Modrow, regarded as an advocate of reform within the Communist Party, as he tries to guide East Germany toward free elections scheduled for May 6.
(John Goshko, Washington Post, A1)

Baker Backs East German Reforms With Visit To Potsdam -- Secretary of State Baker, speaking in a city dominated by one of the Soviet Union's biggest foreign military bases, has pledged firm U.S. backing for East Germany's democratic revolution.

Baker drove into Potsdam from West Berlin Tuesday on a hastily-arranged visit designed to help ease pressure on the Communist Party's new liberal leadership. He told Prime Minister Hans Modrow the U.S. could back reform with aid.

"We talked at quite some length about the importance of this reform effort moving forward in a peaceful and stable way. That, as much as anything else, represents the political signal we wanted to send today," Baker told journalists at a news conference outside the city's foreigners' hotel.
(Ralph Boulton, Reuter)

Baker Pledges U.S. Support For Democratic Changes In East Germany -- Secretary of State Baker made an unexpected visit to East Germany Tuesday and pledged U.S. support of democratic changes there, after earlier sketching the most complete picture yet of the Bush Administration's vision of "a new Europe."

During a 40-minute speech to the Berlin Press Club, Baker repeatedly suggested the U.S. must continue to be a principal player in Europe even as a more united continent becomes increasingly powerful in its own right.

"This new structure...should reflect that America's security, politically, militarily and economically, remains linked to Europe's security," he said. "The U.S. and Canada share Europe's neighborhood."

(Adam Pertman, Boston Globe)

MODROW WELCOMES U.S. SUPPORT, CALLS FOR CLOSER TIES

EAST BERLIN -- Premier Hans Modrow, embracing an old nemesis of communist East Germany, says the visit by a high-ranking U.S. delegation signals a new era of closer relations with the U.S....

Modrow, 61, said East Germany saw Baker's visit "without a doubt" as support for the process of reforms.

"This visit is a political sign that the U.S. follows the developments in (East Germany) with attention," Modrow said. "We started a dialogue with each other today."

Modrow said his government believed "this dialogue would lead to cooperation."

Later, Modrow met with U.S. Rep. Gephardt, Rep. Lantos, and Sen. Kerrey, according to the official East German news agency ADN.

(Kevin Costelloe, AP)

SUPERPOWERS OVERFLY EACH OTHER'S AIRSPACE

The U.S. and Soviet Union last week intentionally sent warplanes into each other's airspace to test military-to-military communications as they prepare to implement a treaty against "dangerous military activities" signed in Moscow last summer.

Defense Department spokesman Pete Williams said the tests were conducted Dec. 6-8 between U.S. and Soviet "ships, aircraft and ground-based air traffic control and monitoring facilities" in the Bering Sea area that separates Alaska and the Soviet Union and in the Mediterranean Sea.

The actual penetration of Soviet and U.S. airspace by opposing military craft to test communications protocols is a milestone in superpower relations, Defense officials said.

(Washington Post, A8)

GORBACHEV PREVENTS DEBATE CHALLENGING SUPREMACY OF PARTY

MOSCOW -- The Soviet Union's new parliament today narrowly voted down an attempt to debate the Communist Party's constitutionally guaranteed grip on power, a move already taken by several of its allies in the political revolution sweeping Eastern Europe.

Opening the second session of the Congress of People's Deputies, the country's supreme legislative body, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said it was necessary to "accelerate" his perestroika reform program. But he rejected calls by radical deputies for the rapid dismantling of the one-party system under which the Soviet Union has been governed for more than seven decades.

The deputies then voted 1,138 to 839 with 56 abstentions against changing the agenda of the two-week session to include a discussion of Article 6 of the Soviet constitution. Drafted during the era of the now-discredited Leonid Brezhnev, the article declares the Communist Party "the guiding force of Soviet society and the nucleus of its political system."

Arguing against the inclusion of Article 6 on the agenda, Gorbachev said that constitutional changes would certainly become necessary as the Soviet Union moves "from one system to another." But he urged deputies to proceed "with great responsibility and caution" in order to ensure that the issue of Communist Party power does not become a matter of "political speculation."

(Michael Dobbs, Washington Post, A27)

NUNN CALLS DEFENSE PLAN FLAWED Administration Is Said To Ignore Decline In Soviet Threat

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn accused the Bush Administration Tuesday of failing to take into account the diminishing Soviet military threat in Europe in preparing defense budgets for this year and the 1991 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

Nunn criticized Defense Secretary Cheney for what he said was Cheney's refusal to formally accept an intelligence community finding that the Soviet army is now far less threatening than in the years preceding the ascendance of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

In another hearing before the Senate Budget Committee Tuesday, former top Pentagon officials said a smaller Soviet threat could allow the Defense Department to cut worldwide military forces dramatically over the next several years and warned the Bush Administration to begin planning for an orderly military drawdown.

The two hearings appeared to set the tone for what congressional leaders say will be a full-scale review of U.S. defense policy and a likely assault on the President's defense budget when Congress returns in January.
(Patrick Tyler, Washington Post, A1)

HAVEL NOMINATED AS CZECHOSLOVAKS BEGIN OPEN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING

PRAGUE -- Opposition leader Vaclav Havel was nominated for president Tuesday in Czechoslovakia's Federal Assembly, but Communist legislators moved to delay the election while they try to amend the constitution to have the choice made directly by the Czechoslovak people.

Deprived of political expression for the last 41 years, Czechoslovaks are grasping their newly won freedoms and playing hardball politics. Communist Party veterans and democratic novices, suddenly allowed to express their views publicly, met through the day in smoke-filled rooms to plot their future in Czechoslovakia's new open society.

The Czech public watched on television as the sacked Communist general secretary, Milos Jakes, defended himself in the Federal Assembly against charges that he bore the political responsibility for a police attack against student demonstrators and foreign journalists on November 17. That attack provided the spark that led to the downfall of the Communist Party's monopoly in politics here.

Trying unsuccessfully to shift the blame, Jakes insisted that he was misled by former interior minister Frantisek Kinsl. Jakes resigned Tuesday from the Federal Assembly's 40-member presidium with 14 hard-line colleagues, but not before abstaining in an otherwise unanimous vote putting the blame on him for the police action.

(Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, A29)

CZECH ELECTION DELAYED BY PURGE

Czechoslovakia's parliament delayed choosing a successor to President Gustav Husak yesterday while 15 hard-line communists were forced to resign from the legislature.

The Federal Assembly postponed a decision after the communist caucus controlling the parliament said members should relinquish their constitutional duty to select the next president and let the voters decide.

But Stanislav Hanak of the People's Party, which has broken with the communists, denounced the proposal as a delaying tactic and urged the group to elect dissident playwright Vaclav Havel.

(Michael Wise, Washington Times, A7)

CONCERNED FOR SAFETY, BUSH PLANS BRIEF COLOMBIA VISIT

President Bush, who stressed the importance of going personally to besieged Colombia for the drug summit in February, plans to stay just a few hours because of concerns for his safety.

A White House official yesterday confirmed that current plans are to bring Mr. Bush and his entourage to Cartagena only for the few hours that he will meet with presidents of Colombia, Peru and Bolivia.

He would then fly directly back to Washington from a trip made against the advice of senior Administration officials, who fear Mr. Bush will expose himself to narco-terrorists....

The White House official also said the drug summit's agenda is not complete but anticipated it could be fully accomplished in one day.

(Frank Murray, Washington Times, A4)

COLOMBIAN TROOPS DESTROY 18 DRUG-CARTEL AIRSTRIPS

BOGOTA -- Soldiers destroyed airstrips used by drug runners Tuesday, and the traffickers appeared to be losing a campaign to get a national referendum on extradition to the United States, news reports said.

A peace treaty with a Colombian guerrilla group also probably will be lost because it is part of a bill to which the referendum proposal is attached.

(AP, Washington Times, A8)

COLOMBIA CAPTURES ALLEGED TRAFFICKER WANTED IN U.S.

BOGOTA -- Authorities captured another drug-trafficking suspect wanted in the United States, but a decision on handing over suspects could be threatened by a debate about Colombia's extradition policy.

Emiro de Jesus Mejia was captured Saturday in a Cartagena hotel and was later transferred to the capital to await paperwork approving his extradition to the U.S., police said Tuesday.

Colombian authorities did not know which U.S. state had sought de Jesus Mejia's extradition. He was not on the U.S. Justice Department's list of the 12 most wanted Colombian drug traffickers....

De Jesus Mejia's capture came amid congressional debate over whether to put the Barco administration's extradition policy to a national referendum. The Senate has until Saturday, when the current term ends, to vote on the measure approved by the House of Representatives.

(Joseph Coleman, UPI)

5 PRESIDENTS PRESS FMLN TO END WAR

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica -- Five Central American presidents demanded today that El Salvador's Marxist-led guerrillas halt their military offensive against that country's government and join negotiations aimed at achieving their "demobilization" as a fighting force.

The demand came in a joint statement issued shortly after 3 a.m. at the end of an often bitter meeting of the presidents of Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala. While it also repeated previous calls for the dismantling of Nicaragua's contra rebels, the statement markedly shifted the focus of Central America's two-year-old peace process to the war in El Salvador and the nearly 10-year-old insurgency by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN).

The rebel organization responded angrily to the agreement, ruling out any demobilization of its forces and accusing the Central American leaders of backing the Salvadoran government's "fascist policy."

(William Branigin, Washington Post, A1)

SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS DEFY PRESIDENTS, VOW TO FIGHT ON

SAN SALVADOR -- Leftist guerrillas vowed Tuesday to keep up their month-old offensive against the Salvadoran government despite a call by Central American presidents to stop the fighting.

"The military offensive of the FMLN against the enemy continues," rebel commander Lucio Rivera said in an interview on rebel Radio Venceremos.

"The FMLN will maintain a permanent siege at the gates of the capital and its outskirts," he said.

The radio described Rivera as a field commander speaking from his position on the outskirts of San Salvador, which the rebels have repeatedly attacked since they launched a huge offensive Nov. 11.

(Adrian Croft, Reuter)

BUSH SENT KEY AIDE ON PRIVATE MISSION TO CHINA

President Bush sent a trusted aide, White House personnel director Chase Untermeyer, on a private mission to touch base with old friends in China last weekend while national security adviser Brent Scowcroft was meeting with Chinese leaders.

Untermeyer flew to Beijing with Scowcroft and Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, according to a White House official. Once in China, he privately visited with two of Bush's Chinese friends from his days as U.S. envoy in Beijing in 1974-75.

The officials said Untermeyer's purpose was to gain for Bush an assessment from his friends of the situation in China since the crackdown on pro-democracy students in Tiananmen Square last June. Untermeyer spoke with the two men who had known Bush and then returned to Washington to give Bush a personal report, the official said.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A31)

PHILIPPINE LOWER HOUSE VOTES EMERGENCY POWERS FOR AQUINO

MANILA -- The Philippine House of Representatives voted Wednesday to grant President Corazon Aquino emergency powers for 90 days to help her rebuild the country's economy and thwart further coup attempts.

The Senate was expected to approve a similar bill later Wednesday.

After the Senate approval, the two houses will then present a joint bill to Aquino, who is expected to sign it into law this week.

The proposed law would grant Aquino, who last week survived her sixth coup attempt, powers to seize firearms, take over public utilities and related businesses, fix prices, regulate power supplies and confiscate hoarded food. (Reuter)

MANILA OPPOSITION SAYS U.S. BASES MUST GO

MANILA -- Opposition leaders Thursday demanded cancellation of U.S. military basing rights in 1991, a policy reversal blamed on President Corazon Aquino's request for U.S. warplanes to put down last week's coup attempt.

Vice President Salvador Laurel, in announcing the turnaround, also warned against congressional moves to vest Aquino with sweeping powers including the right to make temporary laws without legislative consent to deal with the political and economic devastation wrought by the Dec. 1-9 insurrection.

"We did not topple a dictatorship in order to replace it with another dictatorship," said Laurel, who leads the opposition Nacionalista Party despite being the government's No. 2 elected leader.

In a radio interview, Laurel said President Bush had angered many Filipinos and Nacionalista Party members by agreeing to Aquino's request to dispatch F-4 Phantom jets to fly over Manila at a critical stage of the insurrection....

Because of the U.S. intervention, he said, "The Nacionalista Party met on Dec. 6 and passed a resolution asking for the dismantling of the U.S. military bases after 1991. No more extensions."

(Fernando del Mundo, UPI)

AQUINO OUSTS ARMY BRASS AMID FEARS OF ANOTHER COUP

MANILA -- A general and 14 other officers were stripped of their commands yesterday and the Army chief asked that the elite Scout Rangers be disbanded as President Corazon Aquino sought to ward off the threat of another coup.

But rumors of another attack by rebellious troops -- perhaps on the huge southern island of Mindanao -- continued to grip Manila as Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, the 41-year-old cashiered colonel believed to be the mastermind of a bloody coup launched Dec. 1 remained at large....

In interviews with Philippine officials and foreign diplomats, a picture emerges of Mrs. Aquino now seriously weakened by both public discontent with her leadership and by dissatisfaction in the military that goes far beyond anything she would previously acknowledge.

(Richard Ehrlich, Washington Times, A8)

BUSH SIGNS BILL TO TRIGGER NEW STEEL TRADE PROGRAM WITH 28 NATIONS

President Bush is extending steel import restraints on 28 trading partners, while giving the nations incentives to stop subsidizing their steel industries.

Renewal of the curbs through March 1992 will "eliminate trade-disorienting practices in the steel sector," Bush said in a statement Tuesday....

The legislation signed by Bush authorizes the federal government to continue the curbs for another 2½ years. The curbs, negotiated individually with leading steel-exporting nations, place annual, product-by-product limits on the volume of steel that can be shipped to the U.S. (AP)

BRITAIN DELAYS REPATRIATIONS AS U.S. LEADS BOAT PEOPLE OUTCRY

LONDON -- Britain has pledged not to repatriate any more Vietnamese boat people from Hong Kong for the time being but has denied it was because of international protests that followed the first batch of deportations.

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said Tuesday that no more deportations would take place until after a parliamentary debate next week.

He denied protests from Washington, Amnesty International and opposition politicians had forced the postponement.

Hurd defended the government against accusations that the deportation of a first batch of 51 Vietnamese, including screaming women and children, was shameful and tyrannical.

"This has been to show people who might plan to come to Hong Kong that it is not a happy voyage and will not lead to resettlement in the West," he said. (Mark Trevelyan, Reuter)

EDITOR'S NOTES: The New York Times and Wall Street Journal arrived after News Summary press time.

"Bush Prepares To Let China Have Satellites," by Frank J. Murray, appears in the Washington Times, A1.

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NATIONAL NEWS

CARDINALS HEAR BUSH VOW TO SAFEGUARD 'SANCTITY OF LIFE'

President Bush, addressing a testimonial dinner for Roman Catholic cardinals Tuesday night, confirmed his support for "the need to pursue public policies that preserve the sanctity of life."

The President did not dwell on the subject of abortion, a politically sensitive issue that has given trouble to Republican candidates who opposed abortion rights in elections this last year.

Freedom at home and abroad was the theme of Bush's prepared remarks for a dinner honoring five U.S. cardinals who serve as archbishops.

Recalling his meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev...Bush recalled that, as he spoke with a communist leader who could shape peace, "I thought of how God does move in mysterious ways." He noted that Gorbachev had met the day before with Pope John Paul II.

"Who could have imagined, even weeks ago, that this long-awaited meeting could occur?" asked Bush. And he recalled that Gorbachev mentioned the moral values of religion during his meeting with the pontiff.

(John Mashek, Boston Globe)

LEGALIZE DRUGS? DEBATE GROWS LOUDER, HOTTER

Proposals 'Scandalous,' Bennett Says;

Present Policy 'Has Failed,' Federal Judge Asserts

To national drug policy director William Bennett, it is a "morally scandalous" development: The growing calls among intellectuals for legalization of drugs, Bennett told a Harvard University audience this week, represent a "recipe for public policy disaster" that would have its most devastating consequences for impoverished minorities living in the inner cities.

Last night, U.S. District Judge Robert Sweet strongly disagreed and said that "the war on drugs is bankrupt." Sweet, a former federal prosecutor and deputy mayor of New York City under John V. Lindsay (R) became the first federal judge to call for outright repeal of the drug laws, including those banning crack cocaine and heroine....

What makes Sweet's call noteworthy, according to legalization advocates, is that unlike the academic and intellectual theoreticians denounced by Bennett, the judge's arguments were firmly rooted in his experiences on the federal bench. (Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A4)

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NORTH GETS IMMUNITY TO TESTIFY IN POINDEXTER HEARING

Oliver L. North, the former White House aide convicted of three felonies for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, returned to the witness stand Tuesday and reluctantly admitted that his former boss, Adm. John Poindexter, knew about the secret aid to the Nicaraguan Contras and the effort to cover it up. (Fred Kaplan, Boston Globe)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "OMB Chief Wielding Knife On Budgetary Explanations," by Paul Blustein, appears in the Washington Post, A23.

"Bush's Siblings In Spotlight," by Valerie Richardson, appears in the Washington Times, A1.

"\$40 Million Plan For Drugs Not Enough, Some Say," by Chris Harvey, appears in the Washington Times, A3.

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NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Tuesday Evening, December 12)

SOVIET REFORM/GORBACHEV

ABC's Peter Jennings: We begin tonight with a test of leadership for Mikhail Gorbachev -- and he passed it. In the Soviet Union today, the challenge was possible because of reform that he has supported in the Soviet political system. When the Soviet Parliament convened in Moscow today, some of the delegates were pushing the same reforms that have undermined the Communist Party's authority elsewhere.

Bob Zelnick reports that President Gorbachev's strength was tested, first by whether to debate Article Six of the Soviet Constitution guaranteeing the Communist Party a monopoly on power. Radical reformers urged debate. Weeks ago, Gorbachev had called any change in Article Six "rubbish." Today, he simply argued against discussion until the Congress received clearer signals from the Soviet public. Gorbachev prevailed, although more than 40 percent of the delegates voted against him. Gorbachev prevailed all day as the delegates repeatedly voted to keep controversial matters off the floor, or at least out of view. Andrei Sakharov showed Gorbachev a stack of telegrams urging debate on a speedy transition to private property and free enterprise. Gorbachev replied he could show an even bigger stack opposing Sakharov. When Armenian delegates sought to reopen the debate over the disputed territory of Ngorno-Karavak, the Congress voted "no." Gorbachev supporters then moved to keep all debate about nationality questions off of Soviet television, so as not to inflame public passions. The Congress agreed. Instead, Gorbachev urged the delegates to focus on the need for sweeping economic reforms and promised to present a major economic package. With socialism under siege, both in Eastern Europe and inside the Soviet Union, Gorbachev said his government must now show results, or lose control of events. While many radicals opposed Gorbachev today, enough others voted with him to make the difference. They fear that if Gorbachev is weakened, it will be hard-line conservatives who again seize power. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: With the death rattle of Communism now sounding across Eastern Europe, a historic argument today in Moscow. If Communism is not acceptable to the people of Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, why should it be the dominant party in the Soviet Union? Reformers at today's meeting of the Soviet Parliament wanted to debate that question and they encountered stiff opposition from Mikhail Gorbachev. (CBS-4, NBC-Lead)

GERMANY/BAKER

Jennings: We have an indication tonight of how the U.S. view of all the changes in the Soviet bloc is itself changing. Today James Baker became the first American Secretary of State since World War II to visit East Germany specifically to meet with its leadership. It was an unexpected visit, intended as a gesture of support for the East German government.

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ABC's John McWethy reports that in the jammed lobby of the Potsdam Hotel, Secretary Baker met with Communist Prime Minister Modrow. What Baker was doing, officials admitted, was helping to prop up this lame-duck communist regime until elections can be held in the spring. There is concern that if Modrow falls there will be chaos with no government at all in the interim. Baker offered better political and economic relations if peaceful changes continue.

(Baker: "And it is that, as much as anything else, that represents the political signal that we desire to send by being here today.")

Baker also met with East German church leaders, who form an important element in the opposition, and may one day run the country. According to U.S. officials, Baker's goal was to encourage further reform in East Germany while urging both sides to restrain themselves while this government continues to lurch away from communism toward a government elected by the people. Earlier in the day Baker met with West German Chancellor Kohl, calling for restraint of a different kind. Baker warned Kohl that the drive toward uniting the two Germanys must not be rushed; that other European nations, the U.S. and even the Soviet Union must all have a say. Although President Bush has said American officials would not dance on the Berlin Wall and gloat about the collapse of Communist rule, Baker went to the Wall anyway. He did not dance, but could not resist a little gloating.

(Baker: "I'm glad to see that there are a lot of openings in that wall.")

Baker ended his day in Brussels, where he will try to sell the Western allies a package of new ideas to help manage the sweeping changes in Europe. He believes the problems are now more economic and political than military, and he wants the U.S. to be the leader in solving them.

(ABC-2)

Brokaw reports that Secretary Baker made a surprise visit to East Germany today after first telling the Soviets that he was going in.

John Dancy: It was another snapshot on just how far things have gone: An American Secretary of State meeting with Hans Modrow, the prime minister of East Germany, the highest-level contact ever between East Germany and the U.S. Baker said it was meant to be a signal.

(Baker: "We support the process of reform in a peaceful manner, and that we are very anxious to see this process move forward in a stable way.")

Baker carefully balanced that meeting with one with East German religious leaders, who have provided much of the energy and leadership of this revolution. Both Modrow and the church leaders emphasized to Baker that their country is in desperate economic straits and in need of Western help. Baker visited the Berlin Wall, the highest-level U.S. official to go there since it opened November 9th.

(TV Coverage: Secretary Baker at the Berlin Wall.)

Baker also laid out a U.S. view of the future of Europe and called for free elections everywhere.

(Baker: "Without free elections, no rights can be long guaranteed. With free elections, no rights can long be denied.")

Baker also told West German Chancellor Kohl the U.S. supports German reunification, as long as it is gradual and West Germany stays in NATO.

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Dancy continues: So, in one day's time Baker had words of encouragement for West Germany, East Germany and the East German opposition. The clear signal was the U.S. wants to be a participant in whatever happens in Eastern Europe in coming years. (NBC-4)

GERMANY/BAKER TRIP

CBS's Bill Plante reports Secretary Baker crossed into East Germany on an unscheduled rescue mission for its Communist prime minister. The aim: Prop up Modrow's all-but-invisible government, so it doesn't fall before elections scheduled for May. The message: Keep things peaceful and stable.

(Secretary Baker: "And it is that, as much as anything else, that represents the political signal that we desire to send by being here today.")

Then, hedging his bets, Baker took that same message across the street to a group of opposition political leaders gathered at a church. But here, the same signal had a different spin: The U.S. actively encourages the reformers. Officials say both groups agreed that the headlong rush of support in East Germany for reunification is driven by people's desire for a better standard of living. While promising no U.S. aid to East Germany, Baker did say that if elections are held as promised, the West would likely come forward with the kind of help it has promised Poland and Hungary. Earlier in West Berlin, Baker toured the Wall, gazing East through a convenient hole.

(TV Coverage of Secretary at Berlin Wall, peering through.)

But even if the wall is now mainly symbolic, Baker counseled caution on reunification.

(Baker: "This very positive course will not be easy, nor can it be rushed. It must be peaceful. It must be democratic. And of course it must respect the legitimate concerns of all the participants in the New Europe.")

Baker's message to both East and West was that for the U.S., stability is the most important concern. Administration officials are deeply worried that events could spin out of control. But that's not all that worries them. Almost as bad, from the Administration's point of view, would be for the U.S. to be left behind as Eastern Europe remakes itself. (CBS-3)

E. GERMANY

Jennings reports that East German prisons opened their doors today as a result of an amnesty for all inmates serving three years or less. The amnesty was declared to end a series of widespread hunger strikes, which began when prisoners heard how the former leaders of East Germany had lived hidden lives of luxury.

John Laurence reports that for more than a week now, anti-government demonstrators have been occupying part of the headquarters of the secret police in Leipzig, once the instrument of state terror in East Germany. The citizens are proud of the wax seals they've used to protect police files from being destroyed -- evidence to be used in an investigation into past police activities. Some documents may have already been destroyed. (ABC-3, NBC-3)

Brokaw reports that in East Germany the Communist Party newspaper admitted communism failed as a social system, and called for some kind of partnership with West Germany. Also, the government announced that all regional offices of the secret police will now be closed. (NBC-3)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Brokaw reports that in Czechoslovakia, old-guard communists want the people to choose a new president, not the parliament. The reformers say that's a bad idea. Why? Because a presidential campaign right now would probably deeply divide the country, and playwright Vaclav Havel, the leading reformer, probably has enough votes in the parliament to win the job. (NBC-2)

DEFENSE STRATEGY/SPENDING

CBS's Dan Rather: Among other things, Secretary Baker's trip underscores the hope and fear in Europe of a reunified Germany, the day-to-day breakups in the Communist Bloc and budget realities here at home. All of this figures into the current rethinking of U.S. defense strategy and military spending. Some of that rethinking is underway in the U.S. Congress now, and it isn't necessarily in line with President Bush's thinking.

CBS's Bob Schieffer reports today there were signs Congress may try to cut much deeper than the Administration wants. As the budget committee opened hearings, there was dramatic testimony from a one-time architect of Ronald Reagan's defense buildup over what may now be possible.

(Lawrence Korb: "If the world goes as it has been in the last year, by the year 2000 we can have a defense budget in real terms about half of what we are now.")

And a former Pentagon chief said Gorbachev has given the West a real chance to break the bad habits of the past.

(Robert McNamara: "We, the U.S. and the West, have consistently exaggerated Soviet and Warsaw Pact strength and underestimated NATO.")

As if to underline that, angry Democrats on the Armed Services Committee charged at another hearing that when the Bush Administration presented the Pentagon budget request to Congress this year, it failed to reveal new intelligence estimates showing the Soviet threat to Europe was diminishing.

(Sen. Nunn: "So I'm asking you that if we've got this kind of performance based on the last 12 months, what can we expect with the changes that [will take] place in the next few months?")

(Sen. Glenn: "Is the budget we're going to get in January, is it going to reflect all the events of the last three months?")

(Undersecretary Wolfowitz: "The kinds of events that we've seen in Eastern Europe, while they are dramatic and in the long term they may be significant, I think are a little too quick to factor them immediately in the defense posture and start regulating your defense posture on that basis.")

The fight over defense here will be fierce, but the one expected inside the Pentagon could be even fiercer. Secretary Cheney has already told the armed forces to find ways to scale back.

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Schieffer continues: But redesigning the military to face the new reality could mean some branches of the armed forces will have to take greater cuts than others. And as Sen. Sasser was saying today, when that happens things could really get nasty.

(NBC-6, CBS-3)

U.S. ARMY

Brokaw reports that the reduced threat of war in Europe as well as budget pressures are forcing a new look at the U.S. Army. The New York Times reported that the Army has proposed changing itself into a quick reaction force. The White House and Pentagon said, however, that no decisions had been made yet.

(NBC-5)

CHINA/PRESIDENT

Jennings: President Bush may be getting ready to make another conciliatory gesture towards the Chinese government. The White House confirmed today that the President may soon lift a ban which has prevented the shipment of three communications satellites to China. Mr. Bush is already being knocked around for reopening a diplomatic dialogue with the Chinese government so soon after it cracked down so hard in Tiananmen Square, and at the very time that with U.S. encouragement, democracy is getting a foothold in Eastern Europe.

(ABC-10, NBC-13)

NBC's John Chancellor: It's not enough in politics to be able to read the words; you've also got to be able to read the music: the music of people's feelings and emotions, the music of the public's mood. In that sense it's been a season of great music in Eastern Europe as the Wall came down in Berlin, as millions of people broke with communism and moved toward freedom.... And then on our screens we saw two of the President's closest colleagues toasting the blood-stained communists who are taking one billion Chinese in bondage: the unrepentant butchers of Tiananmen Square. And that was a big surprise; we'd been listening to choirs of freedom in Europe. Suddenly we heard the clanking of chains in China. Is the President tone-deaf? There's evidence of this. When the Berlin Wall was breached, he received the news with patrician calm, and said, "I'm not an emotional kind of guy." He wasn't bubbling over, he said, perhaps because it was getting late in the day. In China Mr. Bush may have got the words right -- one billion people can't be ignored, even if they have a loathsome government. But he forgot the music. He astounded us with a goodwill mission to China when his Christmas message should have been tidings of comfort and joy to Eastern Europe. When it comes to this sort of thing, alas, our President has a tin ear.

(NBC-14)

MEXICAN DRUG KINGPIN

Jennings reports that Rafael Quintero, a man described as one of Mexico's top drug kingpins, was sentenced to 40 years in a Mexican prison today for the murder of an American drug agent. Quintero was convicted of masterminding the murder of Enrique Camarena in Mexico four years ago.

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

CENTRAL AMERICA

Rather reports the five Central American presidents called for rebels to quit fighting in El Salvador and for the contras to disband. They ended a stormy summit meeting with an agreement that supported both the right-wing Salvadoran government and the Marxist-led Sandinista regime in Nicaragua. The Moscow and Havana-backed Salvadoran rebels angrily rejected the truce call, saying it gave unconditional backing to what they see as the region's main violator of human rights. The U.S. expressed reservations about the call to break up the contras. A spokesman for President Bush said demobilization must be accompanied by democratic changes inside Nicaragua.

(ABC-11, CBS-5)

Brokaw reports that leftist guerrillas in El Salvador rejected a call to end their fighting, saying the peace plan was one-sided. The Bush Administration expressed skepticism because there was no guarantee of democratic reforms in Nicaragua.

(NBC-9)

IRAN-CONTRA

Rather: Oliver North was back in federal court in Washington today, this time as a witness in pre-trial hearings for the highest ranking defendant in the criminal case growing out of the secret missiles-for-Iran deal.

CBS's Rita Braver reports Oliver North tried to persuade a federal judge not to force him to testify against John Poindexter. North claims he would be a tainted witness because he cannot separate Poindexter's congressional testimony from "what I knew in my own mind." Judge Harold Green minced no words, pointing out that, "This witness does not desire to testify against Poindexter, and one of the ways he can do it is to bring out that his testimony is tainted by knowledge of what Poindexter said to Congress." North bobbed and weaved through the prosecutor's questioning, claiming he now can't remember things he testified about involving wrongdoing by Poindexter. Finally, a skeptical Judge Green called North's alleged confusion "pretty far-fetched."

(CBS-6)

VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

Jennings reports that the British government announced today it would not deport any more Vietnamese boat people from Hong Kong for at least another week.

ABC's Bill Redeker: It was the forceable repatriation of 51 Vietnamese boat people that led to an international protest. The U.S. condemned it.

(State Dept. Spokesman Boucher: "We believe that the British government should not proceed further with mandatory repatriation from Hong Kong.")

British officials say 44,000 Vietnamese crowded into refugee camps are considered illegal because they are here for economic reasons and not because of political persecution. British and Hong Kong officials say it's important to send that message now in order to discourage a new exodus of boat people from Vietnam.

(ABC-9, CBS-11, NBC-12)

Rather reports that one British official reacted to American criticism of the deportation by saying Americans do the same thing to illegal immigrants every day.

HAZELWOOD

Rather reports an Alaska judge refused to dismiss criminal charges against Joseph Hazelwood, captain of the Exxon Valdez. Hazelwood's lawyers argued that he was immune from prosecution because laws protect people who report oil spills, but the judge said the spill would have been discovered within minutes anyway. (CBS-10)

HELMSLEY SENTENCING

Rather: Judgement day today for one of the world's best-known women. Leona Helmsley, the billionaire real estate owner from New York who once was quoted as saying, "Only the little people pay taxes," -- tonight she faces hard time, prison time....

CBS's Richard Roth reports Helmsley was sentenced to four years in prison and more than \$7 million in fines for tax evasion. The sentence was stayed pending an appeal. (ABC-6, NBC-7, CBS-Lead)

U.S.-CANADA FISHING RIGHTS

Jennings reports that this morning a Canadian warship fired warning shots across the bow of a U.S. fishing ship and chased it out of a Canadian fishing zone. U.S. officials say the Canadians appear to have been justified, and charges may be filed against the American boat. (ABC-7)

UNICEF

Jennings reports that the U.N. Children's Fund has published its annual report on the state of the world's children; it is a very bleak picture this year. UNICEF says that more than 100 million children will die from illness and malnutrition in the 1990s even though there are cures for so many illnesses.

ABC's Bettina Gregory: The report says 40,000 children die every day, half of them from preventable illnesses like dehydration, and respiratory infections like pneumonia or diseases like measles, for which there is a vaccine. UNICEF says one reason the plight of children is getting worse is that Third World countries are heavily in debt and lack money for children's health care. Also, Third World military spending has shot up to \$145 billion a year. UNICEF says millions of children could be saved if all the nations of the world would divert their military spending for just one day. UNICEF is calling for a summit next year to try to solve this crisis. It would be the first meeting to bring together leaders from all over the world to deal only with the problems of children. (ABC-8, NBC-10)

BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC

CBS's Deborah Potter reports on corn-starch biodegradable plastic, all touted as safe for the environment. Degradable plastics came under attack today from an unexpected source. A coalition of environmental groups said they are no solution and called for a consumer boycott. In fact, scientists say that in landfills, sealed off from sunlight, so-called degradable plastics last just as long as any other kind. Out in the open, when they do fall apart they may cause more harm than good. Plastic manufacturers admit the degradable product is no cure-all, but they say it's what the public wants. (CBS-9)

ELECTRICITY

ABC's Barry Serafin reports an unusual door-to-door campaign is under way in New England to replace old light bulbs with new state-of-the-art fluorescent bulbs that give off the same amount of light at big savings to consumers. In addition, utility workers are using powerful fans to help find air leaks. Caulking and extra installation will cut electricity use by as much as 40%. Utility companies and environmentalists have joined forces and come up with a plan in which both get what they want. Eleven utility companies in five states are involved, and the conservation program could cut future electricity demands in the region by a third or more. Over its lifetime, a single high-efficiency bulb eliminates the need for up to 1,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. (ABC-12)

STREET CRIME

NBC's Bill Schechnerr, in the second installment of a four-part series entitled "Four Corners" (which reports on the lives of people living on four corners of a block in Newark, New Jersey), tells of a group of young people who have found a way to stay safe, mock the larger world, and turn a profit -- by stealing cars. This corner is a magnet; the lure is action and money. A brisk underground economy centers around the sale of parts and the contents of the cars. (NBC-11)

GORBACHEV

Brokaw reports that a Paris fashion designer group now has awarded Mikhail Gorbachev its Best of '89 award, citing his "Elegant style of living and working." A Soviet spokesman said Gorbachev was very touched. The prizes: A gold pen, a bottle of champagne and a one-week vacation with the person of his choice. (NBC-15)

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EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

THE CHINA TRIP

Was This Trip Necessary? -- "...The furtiveness with which this mission was mounted, along with its flat-out contradiction of the Administration's 6-month-old ban on such contacts, and the appearance it has left of Washington approaching Beijing as a supplicant, all foster an impression of a foreign policy driven more by whim and uncertainty than by clear vision. Behind this supposed act of political pragmatism lies an embarrassing moral flabbiness.... Bush, on reflection, argues that 'I do not want to isolate the Chinese people,' while other high officials contend that the American approach bolstered China's political moderates. But the isolation of the Chinese people is solely the doing of their own government.... As for helping the so-called moderates in the Chinese regime, anyone who lacked sufficient credentials as a hard-liner seems to have been driven from office and disgraced in the crackdown that followed the June repression. At this point there isn't a shred of evidence that China's government plans to end its human rights abuses."

(Los Angeles Times, 12/12)

Mission To Beijing -- "President Bush was right to send two ranking emissaries to brief Chinese Communist leaders on his Malta summit with Soviet President Gorbachev. China has one-fifth the world's population, nuclear bombs and a national interest in the U.S.-Soviet relationship that translates into a right to be informed. Keeping China isolated would only undercut efforts by the two leaders to lessen world tensions.... China was no democracy when President Nixon and national security adviser Kissinger opened the Sino-American dialogue. Its human rights practice improved afterward.... And lastly, it was reported that Deng Xiaoping, through an interpreter, expressed satisfaction with President Carter for sending Messrs. Scowcroft and Eagleburger. Mr. Deng is 85...and clearly slipping in his personal faculties. His imminent departure and the consequent uncertainty shrouding the gerontocracy are reasons enough to keep in touch.... The Presidential veto of a bill to grant automatic extensions of visas to Chinese students was an unnecessary and unwise solicitude to Beijing. But none of that is involved in the perfectly sensible mission to Beijing."

(Baltimore Sun, 12/12)

Why Go To China? -- "A major Communist nation stamps out a peaceful demonstration for democracy. Soldiers fire indiscriminately into crowds, and tanks crush unarmed civilians. Thousands are killed. How should the United States treat the totalitarians responsible for such a ruthless massacre? With anger and contempt, right?... No, not according to George Bush, at least when it comes to China.... Secretary of State Baker defends the mission by saying the U.S. should not compound the June tragedy 'by isolating China from the international community.' But that's getting it backward. China isolates itself through its inhuman actions. It is not the U.S. that should send emissaries to Beijing to thaw out relations -- and on terms of secrecy demanded by the Chinese. Rather, it is the Chinese who should come to the U.S. and other civilized nations, hats in hand, apologizing for their actions and offering credible guarantees of change."

(New York Daily News, 12/12)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

THE CHINA TRIP

"Attempt To Slow Down"

"In a manner that helped Beijing keep face, Bush called upon China to take on its responsibility for global politics...but this move will not change domestic policy dogmatism. However, Scowcroft's visit will strengthen realists and pragmatists in China's leadership to defuse the dangerous re-ideologization of China's foreign policy. George Bush's initiative is poison for those forces within the leadership who back an ideological walling-in and a confrontational course against East and West."

(Stuttgarter Zeitung, West Germany)

"Kowtow In Beijing"

"'Geopolitics,' an inglorious term from German history, is resurrecting in the United States. Those who talk about a rapprochement to China talk about geopolitics or about a geostrategy...and human rights that were of prime objective for the United States are now only of secondary significance." (Siegfried Maruhn, Westdeutsche Allgemeine, West Germany)

"Exchanging Toasts With Tiananmen Conquerors"

"No official justifications for the mission can hide the substantial meaning of the U.S. initiative. Scowcroft and Eagleburger...were filmed by China's state television as they were exchanging toasts with the Tiananmen conquerors. The filming lasted five minutes and the news was given top attention by Chinese TV newscasts.... In order to play the Chinese card, Bush had to ignore the card of U.S. public opinion."

(La Repubblica, Italy)

"Signs Of A Diplomatic Masterstroke"

"The weekend's unexpected visit to Beijing by the U.S. National Security Adviser, Mr. Brent Scowcroft, shows all the signs of becoming the first real diplomatic masterstroke of the Washington Administration of George Bush.... On a simple level, the dawning of realistically close cooperation between Washington and Moscow opened the strategic need for Beijing to be reassured that the previous Washington-Beijing axis had not turned into a Washington-Moscow axis.... History eventually may show the Scowcroft solution to have as much meaning in Asia as the crumbling of the Berlin Wall has had in Europe."

(Australian Financial Review)

"Time For Japan To Normalize Relations"

"Now is the time for Japan to look for a good opportunity to normalize relations with China while working closely with the United States. A new, post-Cold War world order can hardly be conceived without China.... Of course, we should not forget or condone the bloody Tiananmen Square incident.... We should continue to press Beijing to respect the human rights of the Chinese. Isn't it the time to resume stepped-up dialogue with and assistance to China for its democratization?"

(Yomiuri, Japan)

-End of News Summary-

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1989

Sir:

Per your request the following House of Representative employees have been invited for a photo in the Oval at 7:50 am on Wednesday, December 13th:

OFFICE

1. Ernest Petinaud (retired)	Dining Room
2. John Corbin	Dining Room
3. Sarah Crowe (Sally)	Dining Room
4. Doris Boyd	Sergeant at Arms
5. Jack Russ	Sergeant at Arms
6. Dennis Fogle →	Gym
7. Lou Hubbard	Gym
8. Helen Winfield	Republican Cloakroom
9. Eleanor Thomas	Republican Cloakroom

Immediately following the photo, I will escort them over to the East Wing for a "special" tour.

Thank you.

Bridget Montagne

12/13

Dennis Fogle did not show.

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

To: Officer-in-charge
Workers and Visitor Entrance System
Room 065, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on Wednesday, December 13, 1989
for THE PRESIDENT of _____
(name of person to be visited) (agency)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</u>
1. Doris Boyd		
2. John Corbin		
3. Sarah Crowe (Sally)		
4. Dennis Fogle		
5. Lou Hubbard		
6. Ernest Jackson Russ		
7. Helen Winfield Sewell		
8. Eleanor Thomas		
9. Ernest Petinaud		

(b)(6)

PLEASE NOTE: (1) van and (1) car will need to be cleared through the Southwest Gate.

MEETING LOCATION

Building West Wing /Oval Office Requested by Bridget Montagne
Room No. _____ Room No. _____ Telephone X7123
Time of Meeting 7:45 am Date of request 12/12/89

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to five (5) names or less.

WAVES Center: SIG/OEOB — 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE — 456-6742

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 13, 1989

PHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY KISSINGER
(b)(6)

Call after 2:15. (at your convenience)

Patty Presock

(I told General Scowcroft who talked to
Kissinger yesterday -- may be calling on
1. China or 2. German Reunification.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Patty:

I talked to Condi. Jerry Weintraub is working on the last minute changes.

(i.e. cutting 4 or 5 imates, adding Malta footage, adding 1 shot of President Reagan).

After Weintraub makes these changes -- it is ready to go.

Condi asked if the President would like her to have the tape dubbed in Russian for Gorbachev.

Bridget

B tell Condi:
Whatever
Condi
wants to do
but not
Necessary -

POTUS spoke to Jerry
5:45 pm -- all is well -- P.

B

I spoke w/ Karen in Weintraub's ofc
last evening around 6:30 p.m.
told her POTUS couldn't return call
until today

find out from Condi if she has talked to
Weintraub yetwhat status of tape is

etc then POTUS will call

many thnkas

P

Document Originally
Attached to
Following Page

**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

December 12, 1989
4:05 pm

Patty,

Karen in Jerry Weintraub's office called.

Mr. Weintraub is requesting that the President return his call. Karen did not know what the call was in regard to.

office: 213/312-1301
home: 213/457-5821

Bridget

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 12-13-89

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

Laurie -

Invite to
W.H. event
of some
kind

- Jimmy

John & Stabile
Nashua

2 David -
Elsie Vartanian

Salem N. H

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Bush Library Photocopy
George Bush Handwriting

Presidential Phone Calls



DATE:

12-13

TIME:

5:40 PM
incoming/outgoing

WITH:

Terry Weintraub

SUBJECT:

Well Don Malta

Discuss Book Tape

No action

FOLLOW UP:

Bush Library Photocopy
George Bush Handwriting

Presidential Phone Calls



DATE: 12-13-89 TIME: 10 ⁴⁰
incoming/outgoing

WITH: Brady

SUBJECT: Family Savings
Plan. very good

BBB very favorable

very worth it

debate goes to savings
momentum in 1990

FOLLOW UP:

Savings plan more important
turn off area &
admirals

unimpressed with

wants to know how Simpson
me & Robson need

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12/13/89

Sir

Mrs. Bush is pleased to join you
for lunch today and asked that
I invite Chase Untermeyer and
Greg Petersmeyer. She is anxious to
hear all about Chase's trip to China.

LUNCH IS SCHEDULED FOR 12:15.

Mrs. Bush has Betty Molster's Book
Club coming in around 1 p.m. -- just fyi

Patty

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Pete:

I thought you might like to have the real "hand clasp" picture. Thanks for sending along the cartoon. Keep up the good work.

Love and holiday cheer to you and yours.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Peter F. Secchia
American Ambassador
Rome

891214



To Pete - I hope this handshake helps in
your important work. Keep up the good job
Dec. 1989 Ag. Bush

American Embassy, Rome

12/4/89

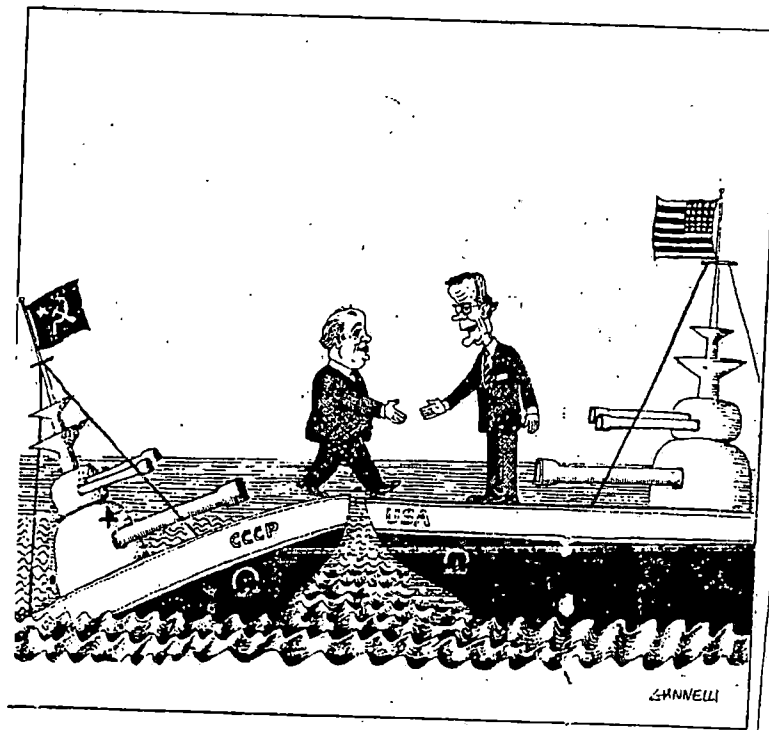
G.B. % Patty P.

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO
SEE THIS ITALIAN NEWSPAPER
CARTOON. IF YOU WANT THE ORIG.
LET ME KNOW.

THINGS ARE STILL GOING WELL.
MY BEST TO THE FAMILY FOR A
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Peter F. Secchia
Ambassador

la Repubblica
domenica 3/lunedì 4 dicembre 1989



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Bishop Browning:

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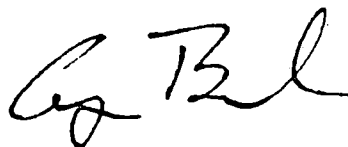
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At the same time, we must also make sure that leaders of our own Episcopal faith are sensitive to the fear and useless loss of life of innocent civilians caused by the renewed violence of the FMLN terrorists. I would hope that they are also concerned that humanitarian and church organizations not open themselves to manipulation by the guerrillas.

The Salvadorans are brave people who have worked hard to give birth to a free and democratic government. We must urge the FMLN to stop its campaign of violence and reach a cease-fire agreement with the duly elected government of President Cristiani. And, in turn, I assure you we will continue to press for a thorough, intensive, and successful investigation of the tragic murder of the priests and punishment of those responsible.

Sincerely,



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815 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10017

*Merry Christmas to You
and Yours - GB*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 12, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached is the letter you requested to the Presiding Bishop on El Salvador. NSC concurs.

Thank you.


James W. Cicconi

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

1989 DEC 11 PM 7:58

December 11, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES W. CICONI

FROM: G. PHILIP HUGHES

SUBJECT: The President's Letter to Bishop Browning on El Salvador

Jim, Please provide a copy of the signed letter so that we can present it to State & Justice

The NSC staff concurs with the draft letter from the President to Bishop Browning, with the changes noted.

The letter mentions that the President has instructed Secretary Baker to write President Cristiani, and that has already been done.

Tab A Letter to Bishop Browning

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1989

TO: PHILIP HUGHES

FROM: JAMES W. CICONI
Assistant to the President and
Deputy to the Chief of Staff

Please see attached note from
Andy Card.

Could you try to turn around the
attached ASAP today? A cover
note to POTUS is not needed-- I'll
handle that. I simply need your
clearance on the draft. Thanks.

JWC

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GB/NSC/JC/JC/emu (pc-12pres)

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The Salvadorans are brave people who have worked hard to give birth to a free and democratic government. We must urge the FMLN to stop its campaign of violence and reach a cease-fire agreement with the duly elected government of President Christiani. And, in turn, I assure you we will continue to press for a thorough, intensive and successful investigation of the tragic murder of the priests and punishment of those responsible.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 12-9-89
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FOR: *Jim Licconi*

FROM: ANDY CARD *Andy*

- ☒ Action
- ☐ Your Comment
- ☐ Let's Talk
- ☐ FYI

*The President asked for
a letter to go to Bishop Browne.
NSC has helped with this.
Please make happen ASAP!*

Dear Bishop Browning:

I read in the paper that you and others were disappointed that I had not spoken out about the horrible tragedy of the murdered priests in El Salvador. It is a matter of deepest sorrow and concern to me, as is the renewed violence which has taken ^{thousands} ~~hundreds~~ of other ~~innocent~~ lives. On November 16 a statement was released from the White House condemning ^{the Jesuit Killings} in the strongest possible terms ~~[the outrageous actions.]~~ Additionally, I have spoken directly to President Christiani about the need for the most vigorous possible investigation ~~[of the murder of the priests]~~ and the need to bring those responsible to justice. I have offered the investigative assistance of experts from our own Department of Justice.

Hopefully, you and your colleagues had a constructive and candid meeting with Assistant Secretary of State Bernard Aronson on the situation and our efforts. ^{After the meeting,} I requested Secretary Baker to write President Christiani to state our concerns again ~~[after the meeting,]~~ and to meet with ^{the group} ~~you~~ himself soon.

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Sincerely,

NOON 10:00

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

November 16, 1989

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

We condemn in the strongest possible terms the outrageous murder of Father Ignacio Ellacuria, Rector of the University of Central America, and the other Jesuit priests in El Salvador. The six priests and two university employees were killed by unknown gunmen earlier today. We understand that the Salvadoran Government has begun an investigation, and we will be watching this investigation closely.



THE PRESIDENT

Dec. 13, 1989

Dear Gary -

Thanks for yours of
Nov. 28. It was indeed good
being with you in Chicago -
Don't worry about the UN.

I am glad you were
there and I know it can
be frustrating - I'm glad
you went up there.

I hope you have
a great Christmas and a
wonderful New Year

Cy B

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Gary MacDougal
80 Central Park West #24A
New York, New York 10023

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Helen:

Many thanks for your good note. Barbara and I are pleased that you and Jack could join us for the special evening with President Aquino.

I'm glad to know that my friendship with Will proved so prosperous at the Downs. Congratulations!

Warm best wishes to you and Jack, in which Barbara joins.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Jack A. Laughery
1780 Hunter Hill Road
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

1730

Mrs. Jack A. Laughery
1780 Hunter Hill Road
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804

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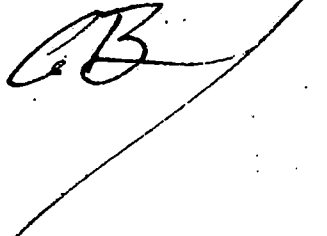
December 13, 1989

Dear Philip:

After I read your good letter of December 12th, I talked to Brent and I just want to assure you that I have full confidence in you as does he. I would like to see you fully engaged in a challenging assignment in our Administration.

Thanks for the note. Warm regards to you and yours. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and that 1990 is your best year ever.

Sincerely,



The Honorable G. Philip Hughes

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G. Philip Hughes

(b)(6)

December 12, 1989

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

(b)(6)

It has been a great privilege to serve in your White House during the first year of your Presidency. I hope that my efforts and the many long hours put in by my staff have helped contribute, at least in a small way, to the many successes of your first year in office. It has always been my goal to serve you loyally and well and to earn and keep your respect. I have been honored to enjoy your support and encouragement for these last nine years. I am reassured that, with Chase's and Brent's efforts, I will have the opportunity to continue serving in your Administration. Rest assured that, whatever my next assignment, I will again strive to contribute to the success of your Presidency and to sustain the confidence that you have shown in me.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Bush for a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,



(See ID 083348)



THE WHITE HOUSE

Rear Admiral V. L. Hill, Jr., USN
Superintendent
U. S. Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland 21402



THE PRESIDENT

December 13, 1989

Dear Admiral Hill,

I was sorry to hear the news about Steve Janson, but I'm grateful to you for being such a good friend to him. His life and courageous struggle will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Thanks for
my silver
"ticket" to The Game. I love it
S

Joni Stevens
John Hilboldt
w/ticket

Jan Burmeister

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

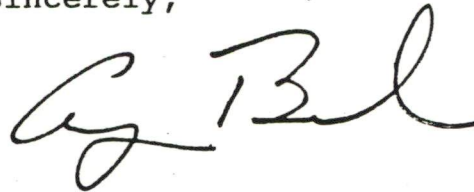
Dear Mike:

That first baseman's mitt, complete with the American flag is the most beautiful baseball equipment I've ever seen. Bob McAdam sent it along to me. Now, I've got to get my grandson up from Florida to play some catch.

Will you please thank everyone on the San Francisco Giants for this wonderful present. That ball club has inspired a lot of us all year long.

Good luck next year and my sincere thanks to you and all the Giants.

Sincerely,



Mr. Michael Murphy
San Francisco Giants
Candlestick Park
San Francisco, California 94124

Equipment Manager

bcc: Gift Unit
Jan Burmeister

415-468-3700

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

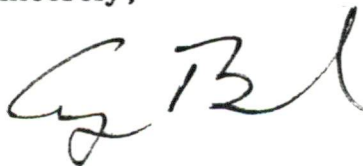
Dear Mr. Belefonte:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning a pay increase for Members of Congress and top Federal officials.

I have asked my staff to respond to this issue in more detail, but I did want you to know I read your letter and appreciate your sharing your views with me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Joseph C. Belefonte
221 North Lexington Avenue
Havertown, Pennsylvania 19083-5005

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Mr. Altman:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning funding for Medicare in the FY 1991 budget.

I have asked my staff to respond to this issue in more detail, but I did want you to know I read your letter and appreciate your sharing your views with me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Mr. Richard D. Altman
1437 Tuttle Avenue
Wallingford, Connecticut 06492-3320

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Mrs. Mambi:

Thank you for sharing with me your father's deep love for America and for its greatest symbol -- the flag. He knew that it represents and reflects the fabric of our nation -- our very fiber as a people.

I was deeply saddened to learn of your father's passing. He obviously was a good man and a true patriot. You and your family have my heartfelt sympathy.

I know you are proud of your father's service in World War II. The Battle of Iwo Jima was one of the greatest chapters in the history of American military conflict. Our nation will be forever grateful to those brave men who fought and sacrificed for the ideals represented by our flag. You can be sure that, for the sake of the fallen, for those who served to defend it, and for every American, I will continue to support measures to protect Old Glory.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes to you and your family.

God bless you.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Delores Mambi
Post Office Box 62
Wetumka, Oklahoma 74883

cc: J. Burmeister

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Morgan:

Your mom kindly forwarded your letter to me.
I enjoyed hearing from you.

Horses are wonderful animals -- I understand
why you would like to have one of your own.
While I would love to get you a horse for
a dollar, unfortunately, I cannot do so.
Presidents cannot set the price that owners
charge for their horses. I know you will
understand.

But if you start saving your money now, and
work hard, you may make your wish come true.

Mrs. Bush joins me in sending our warmest
wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,



Miss Morgan Kathleen MacGavin
3024 Nob Hill Drive
Casper, Wyoming 82601

cc: J. Burmeister

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Mr. Liddell:

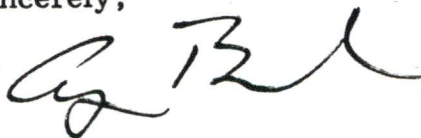
I was delighted to learn about the tremendous contributions you are making in behalf of the needy in your community.

The home-grown produce you provide to the Connecticut Food Bank is a significant benefit in their efforts to help feed the homeless and those less fortunate in the New Haven area. Your generosity is a remarkable example of caring for one's neighbors. You truly are making a difference in the lives of countless individuals, and I commend you for this effort.

I believe that the true measure of a successful life is service to others. Mr. Liddell, you are a shining example of the great good that just one individual can accomplish. I join with your neighbors and with all those you are helping in thanking you.

Barbara and I send our warmest personal regards.
God bless you.

Sincerely,



Mr. Bill Liddell
720 Evergreen Avenue
Mount Carmel, Connecticut 06518

cc: J. Burmeister



THE PRESIDENT

Dec 13, 1989

Dear Bob,

I was thrilled to get
the 1st baseman's mitt -
it's a beaut. I did
write the Giants a Mike
Murphy - Many thanks Cy B

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Robert McAdam
McAdam's Sporting Goods
324 Broadway
Millbrae, California 94030

bcc: Gift Unit
Jan Burmeister

Note: Separate letter written to Michael Murphy of the
San Francisco Giants



THE PRESIDENT

December 13, 1989

Dear Gene:

Bo Polk told me of your hip operation. I hope this note finds you on the way to a speedy and complete recovery.

From the entire Bush family, warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

*You and Nick
Brady can challenge
each other — Merry Christmas*

RJTB

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Gene **Scott**
Hospital for Special Surgery
535 East 70th Street
Room 850
New York, New York 10021

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

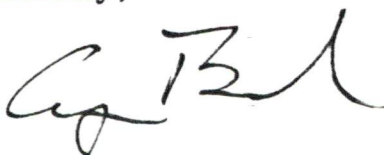
Dear Captain Schaar:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning
H.R. 1231.

I have asked my staff to respond to this issue
in more detail, but I did want you to know I
read your letter and appreciate your sharing
your views with me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Captain Dennis C. Schaar
1035 Penny Lane
Rapid City, South Dakota 57702

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Mrs. Blakely:

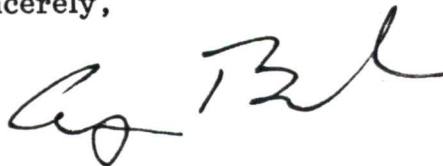
Through the thoughtfulness of your daughter, Annette, I have learned of your great personal courage and genuine concern for others. With faith and determination, you have faced adversity and triumphed over the life-threatening heart condition that plagued your youth. You have demonstrated a wonderful zest for living and for making the most of every opportunity.

You have also demonstrated a strong belief in community service through your involvement in the IMAGE program. With your help and encouragement, women participating in this program have been able to enjoy the unlimited rewards of learning. I know you have been a great inspiration to them.

America relies on people like you -- people who give of themselves to those in need of support and guidance. You are a shining source of hope, one of those thousand points of light that illuminate our country. Please accept my heartfelt thanks as you continue to be a force for good.

Barbara joins me in sending our best wishes to you and your family. God bless you.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Pat Blakely
Director
IMAGE
Western Texas College
Snyder, Texas

cc: J. Burmeister

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Monsignor Dollen:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning a pay increase for Members of Congress and top Federal officials.

I have asked my staff to respond to this issue in more detail, but I did want you to know I read your letter and appreciate your sharing your views with me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



The Right Reverend
Monsignor Charles J. Dollen
St. Gabriel's Church
Post Office Box 867
Poway, California 92064

cc: J. Burmeister

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Friends:

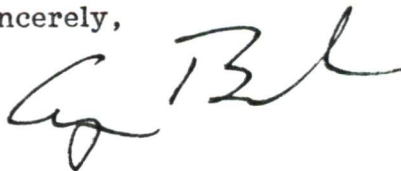
Thank you for your thoughtful letter. Your deep concern for your fellow citizens as they strive to escape the deadly grasp of chemical dependency is inspiring and heartwarming.

As you understand, our National Drug Control Strategy is designed to strengthen not only the authority of law enforcement officials but also the personal resolve of all Americans to fight drug trafficking and substance abuse. Like you, we believe we must stress for all Americans the importance of self-control, self-respect, and respect for others. Because people learn by example, we should also ensure that our own lives reflect strong moral values, respect for authority, and a sense of personal responsibility. Only with a change in our nation's attitude toward drug use, including casual use, can we ultimately claim victory.

Your courageous and unselfish work meets far more than your patients' immediate needs -- it also helps your community, your State, and our country. Through your compassion for the victims of substance abuse and through your determination to treat not only the symptoms but also the cause of their drug habits, you are indeed a powerful inspiration.

May God bless you and those you serve.

Sincerely,



The Eleanor Capron Institute
for Rehabilitation
Post Office Box 7021
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80933

cc: J. Buemeister

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

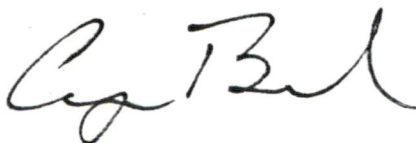
Dear Sister Mary Therese:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning
military aid to El Salvador.

I have asked my staff to respond to this issue
in more detail, but I did want you to know I
read your letter and appreciate your sharing
your views with me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Sister Mary Therese Johnson, OP
Rosary College
7900 West Division Street
River Forest, Illinois 60305

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 15, 1989

Dear Mrs. Reed:

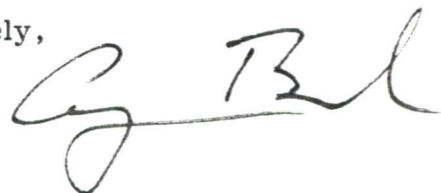
Barbara and I send you our warmest greetings for the holiday season.

As the Nation pauses to celebrate this holy season, our thoughts are with those who long to be reunited with loved ones held captive in Lebanon. It is our fervent hope, and the prayer of every American, that those held hostage in the Middle East will soon be released. Let me assure you that my Administration remains firm in its resolve to bring Frank home.

We also hope that the timeless spirit of the holiday season brings comfort to you, to each of the hostages, and to all those who have suffered as a result of the tragic conflict in the Middle East. May God reward your faith and courage with peace and happiness in the new year.

With best wishes from the Bush family to yours,

Sincerely,



Mrs. Famiyeh Reed
Apartment 21
525 Highland Avenue
Malden, Massachusetts 02148

God Bless you
husband

cc: J. Burneister

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Captain Hyatt:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning
H.R. 1231.

I have asked my staff to respond to this issue
in more detail, but I did want you to know I
read your letter and appreciate your sharing
your views with me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Captain William A. Hyatt
20 Cavray Road
East Norwalk, Connecticut 06855

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1989

Dear Dr. Dreher:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning
military aid to El Salvador.

I have asked my staff to respond to this issue
in more detail, but I did want you to know I
read your letter and appreciate your sharing
your views with me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Diane E. Dreher, Ph.D.
Department of English
Santa Clara University
Santa Clara, California 95053

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

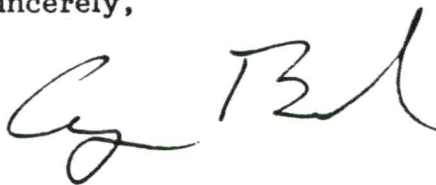
December 13, 1989

Dear Ms. Duswalt:

Barbara and I were saddened to learn about Martha Redfield Wallace, and we share in your sorrow. She will be greatly missed.

We send our most sincere condolences, with our prayers for strength and peace for you in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "G." and the last name "Bush" clearly distinguishable.

Ms. Susan Duswalt
435 East 52nd Street
New York, New York 10022

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

Bridget Montagne
West Wing

PRESS BRIEFING
BY
DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY STEPHEN HART

December 13, 1989

The Briefing Room

11:29 A.M. EST

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

PRESS BRIEFING
BY DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY STEPHEN HART

The Briefing Room

December 13, 1989

11:29 A.M. EST

MR. HART: Well, good morning.

Q Where's Marlin?

MR. HART: Marlin? Delayed by the snow.

Q He's hiding under his desk.

Q Snow? What snow?

MR. HART: He'll be in later. He'll be in later. Snow. What snow. I have five inches, I don't know about you guys. He was at the party last night.

Q What party last night?

Q Partied late last night, is what you're trying to tell us?

MR. HART: No, no. I'm not suggesting that.

Just to go through the schedule this morning. The President participated in his normal intelligence briefings, met with Governor Sununu and met, as you know, with Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan at 10:00 a.m. I have a brief readout on that.

At 10:00 a.m., the President met with Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan. The meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes. The discussion centered on regional developments in the Middle East, as well as the Jordanian bilateral relationship with the United States. In addition, the Crown Prince discussed the recently-concluded, successful parliamentary elections in Jordan, and outlined the positive impact this has for the future. The President noted that he is pleased to see this important and positive change. The President stated that the United States regards Jordan as a key player in the region and a valued friend for the United States. The President thanked King Hassan for Jordan's help in the peace process. The Crown Prince is here on a private visit. And I think you heard some of the talk out on the stakeout.

He continued his schedule this morning with the budget meeting with Darman at 10:45 a.m. He will, following lunch, participate in the signing ceremony for the wetlands legislation which is S804. This is -- or called the North American Wetlands Conservation Act which provides up to \$26 million annually to buy or protect North American wetlands as water fowl habitat and also authorizes the Interior Department to match federal and private funds for wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Following that, later in the afternoon at 1:50 p.m., the President will receive -- by the way, the wetlands signing is open photo-writing pool in the Roosevelt Room.

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At 1:50 p.m., he will receive the Harry S. Truman Award from the National Guard Association in the Oval Office.

Q What's that?

MR. HART: This is a an award that's given no more than once a year to those -- to recognize their life-long support of strong defense. It recognizes distinguished Americans whose contributions to the defense and security of the United States have been of great significance at the national level. And I have some background; if you're interested, we can share with you later on the criteria. Participants --

Q Is that open for coverage?

MR. HART: That will be wire photos.

Q The Vice President will be there?

MR. HART: He is not on the list at this point. We'll have a number of -- (laughter.) All right, all right. Moving right along. There's another budget review meeting this afternoon, followed by personal staff time. Oh, I skipped over one meeting, I'm sorry. At 1:30 a.m., the President will meet with Sheikh Gad al-Haq, who is from Cairo. He's a visiting -- he's here on a private visit. He's a scholar at the Al-Azhar University in Cairo and a very prominent figure in the Islamic world. This is in keeping with other meetings the President has had with prominent scholastic people, as well as religious leaders.

Q Does this 804 meet Bush's pledge of no net loss of wetlands?

MR. HART: Yes. It's a real good step along those lines.

Q It's a step, or does it meet it fully?

MR. HART: Yes.

Q Does the meeting with the Sheikh have any particular focus, like the hostages?

MR. HART: No, it's a brief meeting where they'll be discussing his leadership in scholarly matters, as well as in the religious community in the Islamic world.

Q Who are the budget meetings with?

MR. HART: Well, we don't discuss who they're with.

Q Why not?

MR. HART: Because it's all part of the '91 budget process.

Q Then why do you tell us he's having it?

MR. HART: Because we feel it's important that you know what he's doing. (Laughter.)

Q But not who he's doing it with.

MR. HART: You're all familiar with how we deal with the budget process.

Q Perhaps a 2:00 a.m. call-out we'll get some more details.

MR. HART: We can arrange that. I'll call you tonight. You're the only one who'll get it, Frank.

Q You're pool, Frank.

Q In the budget process, is the administration going to stick to this 2.6 percent of growth of GNP figure for the budget --

MR. HART: I don't comment -- we don't comment on those projections.

Q We don't comment?

MR. HART: That's correct. Marlin covered it yesterday.

Q Is it true that the budget will go up on the 22nd, even before Congress opens?

MR. HART: That is what the law requires, yes. The budget process has not been completed yet. But that's according to -- there was an adjustment made because of the late reconciliation bill coming that allowed OMB more time to prepare for the '91 budget.

Q Did he sign the reconciliation bill?

MR. HART: The reconciliation bill is not here yet. We're still waiting to receive it from the Hill.

Q Has he decided whether to sign the nurse's immigration bill?

MR. HART: I'm not familiar with that.

Q It's the bill which apparently would allow approximately 10,000 nurses who are in this country already to apply immediately for citizenship because the country needs their services.

MR. HART: Why don't I look into that. Visit me afterwards and I'll see what I can come up with for you.

Q Robert McNamara and Lawrence Korb have testified that the defense budget could conceivably be cut in half over the next few years, taking into account the reduced Soviet threat. Does the President think in the long run that that figure is reasonable?

MR. HART: Well, I won't react to that specific comment. But we are looking at the defense budget, and we'll have to see what decisions he makes when the budget is announced.

Q But the idea -- does he totally reject the idea of a defense budget cut in half during the next decade?

MR. HART: I haven't had any discussions with him about it. I can't answer that question.

Q Steve, Bernie Aronson was quoted as saying the drug summit will be in Cartagena -- a one-day affair. Does he know what he's talking about? Could you confirm that here?

MR. HART: Well, the President is committed to a drug summit. We haven't seen the details of Aronson's comments and I can't confirm to you at this time a date or location for the summit.

Q So he doesn't know what he's talking about?

MR. HART: I can't confirm for you.

Q Well, what about, Steve, that when Aronson says about the length of it, is that the thinking here, to keep it as short as possible?

MR. HART: I don't have anything for you at this point on the length, the date, or the location. No final decision has been made yet.

Q Do you have anything new on the satellites for China?

MR. HART: Like what?

Q Are they going to go forward or --

Q Have you made the decision --

MR. HART: No, there's been no decision made. That's under review.

Q Is there a deadline on that or a date for a decision?

MR. HART: I'm not familiar with any deadline.

Q Does Prescott Bush stand to make any money if --

MR. HART: I've heard the stories and Marlin talked to the President last night and to Prescott, and both of them were unaware of the impact this would have on Hughes. There's a quote that I'd be happy to share with you. I believe he was quoted in The L.A. Times this morning.

Q Who was?

MR. HART: Marlin. Marlin said, "I talked to the President. He said he is unaware of any relationship or any activity involving Hughes Aircraft. Then I called Prescott, and he was also unaware of any association involving Hughes Aircraft."

Q Whose association?

MR. HART: Prescott's. He is apparently a consultant to Hughes.

Q When he says he's unaware, why is he using that language as opposed to "I have no association"?

MR. HART: Well, he has an association because he is a consultant.

Q But what does he mean, "I am unaware of any relationship"?

MR. HART: I'm unable to flesh that out for you anymore.

Q It doesn't make any sense.

Q Who called Prescott? Was it the President or was it Marlin?

MR. HART: Marlin did. Marlin did.

Q Well, can you tell us what that sentence means?

MR. HART: No, Lesley, I can't. All I can do is leave -- I have not talked to Prescott.

Q Why did he talk to him?

MR. HART: Because there were some questions that were raised yesterday about the affiliation.

Q On what? Whether he had something to do with the

satellite sale or pushing it?

MR. HART: Well, he is connected to it -- not so much to Hughes. He's connected to Asset Management, International, which is a New York firm. He is a consultant to it. And there was some question whether or not this sale -- this export of satellites would be advantageous to this firm which he is a consultant to.

Q Has he had any conversations with anybody in the government about this?

MR. HART: Not that I am aware of.

Q Have we asked him that question?

MR. HART: I have not asked him, no. But it's clear from his statement that he was also unaware of any association involving the satellites.

Q I don't think it's clear from the statement. I think that's weasel words.

Q It doesn't rule out the possibility that he's talked to people in government, though.

MR. HART: All I can tell you is that I am unaware of any contacts. I know that Prescott has been very careful in his dealings. He deals internationally. He is cognizant of his brother's position and has been, in the past, outspoken that there is no relationship in his business dealings with those of the government or the President.

Q Has the White House Counsel looked into this matter?

MR. HART: I don't know, Frank. I can ask on that.

Q Has the President discussed this matter with his brother?

MR. HART: Not to my knowledge.

Q At all? In the general area of the sensitivity of his dealing in international business?

MR. HART: Not that I'm aware of.

Q What you're saying is that Marlin talked to the President and the President said he was not aware of any tie-in?

MR. HART: That's correct.

Q And Prescott said the same thing.

MR. HART: That's correct.

Q Steve, I heard you say there was no tie with Hughes, but there are several other parties in this deal -- AUSAT and ASIASAT. But Prescott's own company said yesterday that there is no way it can't benefit Asset Management. They're our computer networker, after all.

MR. HART: What's the question?

Q Well, you've said that both Marlin and the President checked as to whether he had an affiliation with Hughes, and that's a very limited question.

MR. HART: No, they asked --

Q And you said that he doesn't. But what about the

other affiliations and what about the derivative benefit? I mean, I don't work for Hughes either, but I might work for the other company that could benefit from it. You can benefit without working for Hughes.

MR. HART: And what's the point you're driving at?

Q About closing the other areas in which he might benefit. Why limit the question to him only to his relation to Hughes? Why not ask him if he's going to benefit from the deal?

MR. HART: I'm at a bit of a loss because I didn't participate in the conversation. Marlin is not here. I'd be happy to check with him and see what other aspects they covered in the conversation. All I have for you is --

Q Does that mean that the President is limited -- I mean, Marlin is a government official. If he talks to Prescott about his business interests, what if he says yes and tells him he has link? What does the President do then?

MR. HART: No, I'm not sure that has any impact on the decision. The decision is made on the merits of the export, and that's what is under consideration right now.

Q Will you post these answers, whatever you find out?

MR. HART: Sure, I'll try and so something for you there. Are you taking down some of these? Thanks.

All right.

Q I just want to clear up one thing. You said that Prescott Bush said he was not aware of any impact on Hughes?

MR. HART: Of any association involving Hughes Aircraft.

Q That he has no association --

Q You mean Prescott Bush says he's not aware of his own association with Hughes Aircraft?

MR. HART: Yes.

Q I mean, either he has an association or he doesn't. How could he not be aware?

MR. HART: Well, he is associated with Assets Management.

Q Right.

MR. HART: Assets Management apparently has some interest in the deal or some association, and I'm not aware of the link.

Q Well, is he saying --

MR. HART: And he may not be aware of the link either. That's what this statement seems to indicate.

Q He said he's not aware of Asset Management's --

MR. HART: That's correct. He's not affiliated directly, as I understand it, with Hughes Aircraft. But he is a consultant to Asset Management, which apparently has some link in what -- I'm trying to ferret this out here. That the satellite's installation or this export of the satellites, they have some business interests in the use of the satellites once they are installed. That's my understanding.

Q Asset Management?

MR. HART: Asset Management. That's correct.

Q Also, on China, did Chase Untermeyer report back to the President on his discussions with the President's friends?

MR. HART: Yes.

Q Who did he see and did they think it was a wise idea for the President to re-establish top level contact with the Scowcroft visit?

MR. HART: Well, I don't have anything that I can share with you as to the substance of the discussions. But Chase did go along; he was asked to go by the President. Chase had traveled with the President both as a private citizen to China in the '70s and also as Vice President in the '80s, and was familiar -- these people that he saw were acquaintances of his as well as the President.

Q Who did he see?

MR. HART: I can't share that with you. These are private contacts.

Q Were they Chinese nationals or --

MR. HART: Yes. One was a mid-level government official and the other was a former government official.

Q Why was that a secret? When you finally revealed the trip. I mean why was --

MR. HART: Why was it a secret? It was unconnected -- I mean it was unconnected to Scowcroft's visit.

Q Did he fly separately?

MR. HART: No, I think he accompanied him on the plane, but he didn't --

Q How unconnected can you be when you are on the same plane?

MR. HART: Well, my point there is that while Mr. Scowcroft was meeting with government officials, Mr. Untermeyer was having contacts of a private nature with former -- or friends, acquaintances of the President at his behest.

Q But privately, at the direction of the President. So it seems like -- the President sent everybody. So it would seem like the two visits are related.

MR. HART: Certainly, they are related in the narrow aspect that he is getting information and reaction at a different level, yet at a different level than what Mr. Scowcroft would have done.

Q Were his conversations cleared with the Chinese government? And were they aware of who Untermeyer was talking to?

MR. HART: I am not aware of that. I don't know.

Q Did the President go on that trip? (Laughter)

MR. HART: She gets the gold star today, guys.

Q Well, what else was on the --

MR. HART: In spirit.

Q Did Chase or anybody else -- did Scowcroft or Eagleberger or Chase have any contact, discussions with Fang Lizhi in the Embassy?

MR. HART: Not to my knowledge, no.

Q Why?

MR. HART: I don't know that I can answer that question. Roman, do you have anything?

MR. POPADIUK: No contact as far as we know.

Q -- try to stop the --

MR. HART: No contacts as far as we know.

Q -- Kennedy awards committee from giving an award to Fang Lizhi?

MR. HART: Who?

Q Why did the administration stop the Kennedy -- what is that group?

Q Try to stop.

Q Try to stop the -- what's that group called? Robert F. Kennedy Foundation to give Humanitarian Award to Fang Lizhi?

MR. HART: I am totally unfamiliar with that. I'll have to look into it for you.

Q Secretary Baker yesterday raised the issue of U.S. aid to East Germany. Do you have anything further and can you flesh that out about what sort of aid the U.S. may be contemplating for East Germany?

MR. HART: No, I don't have anything. I am not aware of any. I'd have to refer you to the State Department and see if they can help you.

Q A federal judge in New York has called for legalizing all illegal drugs because he considers current drug policies a failure. Does the administration plan to revisit it's drug policy?

MR. HART: We'll we have a pretty -- you all know what our position on drug policy is. And the legalization is exactly contrary to all that we've been working for. We don't feel that that merits serious consideration.

Q What's your position on federal judges who call for legalization? (Laughter.)

MR. HART: I can't help you with that.

Q Do have anything on retail sales?

MR. HART: Retail sales? I have a little. Let me see if I can find it here. Well, retail sales rose by .8 percent in November, reversing most of a 1.3 percent decline recorded for October. The only other thing I can say is that the economy continue to grow at a somewhat slower pace.

Q What other advisors or assistants were on the trip to China? And did they stay in the Embassy while they were there?

MR. HART: Frank, I'm not familiar with that. I'm sure we can help you after the briefing.

Q Were there others?

Q Can you post that?

MR. HART: Not that I know of. Roman, do you have anything?

ROMAN POPADIUK: There were some NSC personnel. I'll check the names.

MR. HART: Roman will answer that after the briefing.

Q And whether they stayed at the Embassy while they were there -- did they?

MR. POPADIUK: I don't know where they stayed. I'll check on that.

Q Does the administration see the kind of sweeping changes witnessed in Eastern Europe taking place in South Africa?

MR. HART: Can you help me with that one, Roman?
(Laughter.)

MR. POPADIUK: We'll look into it.

MR. HART: We'll look into it.

Q How many countries stockpile chemical weapons?

MR. HART: I'm sorry, Helen, I just don't know.

Q There's a story in The Post that there was tampering in testimony with one of the arms control officials where he actually said only six countries actually stockpile chemical weapons, whereas it was changed to 20 because the President's been using 20.

MR. HART: I'm unfamiliar with the story.

MR. POPADIUK: We've never put out a definitive list as to the countries, naming the countries which stockpile chemical weapons, Helen.

Q Well, what's closer to it?

MR. HART: Roman is saying we never put out a --

Q Why?

Q Six and 20 are the two numbers.

ROMAN POPADIUK: Six and 20? We'll I don't know if the story says producing or stockpiling.

Q No, stockpiling is what it said.

MR. POPADIUK: Okay. The latter number is closer to the truth, but let me check on that to verify it for you.

Q On the decision by the Communist Party Central Committee in Moscow not to change the article of their Constitution restricting their system to a one party system, the President has many times said that the signals of reform in Eastern Europe and so forth are a creation of multiparty systems and free elections and so forth. Is he disappointed that the Soviet leadership made this decision? Does he look forward to a day when the Soviets will have a multiparty system?

MR. HART: That's a matter for the internal -- it's an

internal matter for the Soviet Union to decide. I won't have anything further on it.

Let me read an announcement here. The President is announcing today U.S. participation in a short-term bridge loan for Poland. The Department of Treasury will be providing such financing as part of a multilateral arrangement now under discussion, which is expected to total up to \$500 million. The U.S. share is expected to be up to \$200 million. U.S. participation in this arrangement reflects support for Poland's economic reform program designed to restore a sustained growth.

Q Is that different from the stabilization fund?

MR. HART: This is different. It's different, yes.

Q How long is the bridge loan?

Q What countries are involved in this?

MR. HART: I don't have that here. I think I'm going to have to leave it for much further detail to the Department of Treasury to help you.

Q You have no information on the length of the loan?

MR. HART: Is it six months?

MR. POPADIUK: Well, the maximum is six months, but I don't know the timeframe of this particular --

Q Do you know --

MR. POPADIUK: Well, Treasury will know. They still have to finalize the agreement with IMF and then they'll put a timetable. So I don't know -- it could be days, it could be months. The Treasurer will know the exact time.

Q Is this part of a prelude to an IMF program or some sort of IMF financing?

MR. POPADIUK: Parts of an IMF program.

Q Does that mean they're having a problem implementing their economic program or there have been hitches or problems with developing the --

MR. POPADIUK: No, this has been a long-term negotiation which has been going on with IMF and the Department. The Treasurer will have the exact details as how this came about.

Q Do you know what they're going to use the loan for? I mean, it's not to pay debt?

MR. POPADIUK: No, I don't know.

Q It's not to pay debt, is it?

MR. POPADIUK: I don't know what.

MR. HART: We don't know.

Q Is this IMF money or is this U.S. money?

MR. POPADIUK: This is U.S. money that Treasury provides. It's a loan.

MR. HART: It's money out of Treasury's reserve.

Q How much is this loan?

Q Who pays -- where's this coming from?

MR. HART: It's \$200 million.

MR. POPADIUK: It's a multinational effort.

Q Do you know what we're bridging? I mean, what financing is being bridged?

MR. HART: The short-term bridge loan is distinct from a \$1 billion multilateral stabilization fund, which is being established on behalf of Poland. This fund is established to support a new exchange rate policy, which is part of Poland's overall economic reform program. The stabilization fund -- I'm addressing now Pascal's question. The stabilization fund will also serve to complement the IMF program. The U.S. contribution to the stabilization fund would be \$200 million in the form of a grant. That's distinct from this \$200 million loan. Let me see if I have anything else here.

Q Who's going to pay for the rest of the loan?

MR. HART: I don't know that the other participants are in this.

Q Is that the group of 24?

MR. HART: I'm going to have to leave it to Treasury to flush it out any further for you.

Q Is this an interest-free loan?

MR. HART: Again, I don't have that detail.

Q Did they ask for it?

Q You said there's a total of \$500 million -- the U.S. contribution is \$200 million?

MR. HART: That's correct. It's expected to be up to \$200 million.

Q Who else is participating in the loan?

MR. HART: I'm sorry. I don't have the list of other participants. Treasury will have to help you with that.

Q Next time, let Treasury announce it.

Q The request for this loan came from where and when?

MR. HART: I don't have those details either, unless Roman has something.

MR. POPADIUK: They've been discussing this with Treasury for a few months.

MR. HART: Apparently, this has been under discussion at Treasury for a few months.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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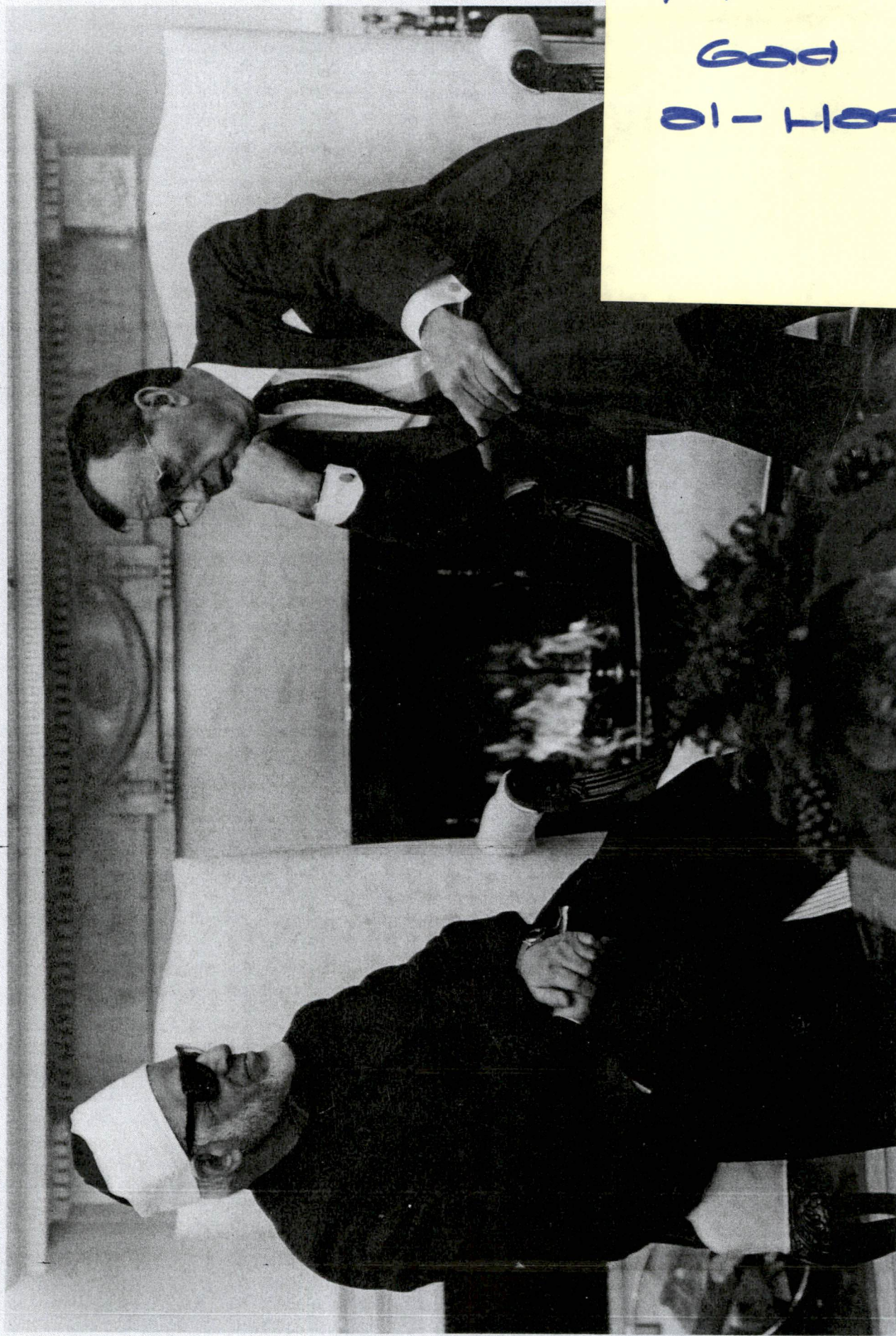
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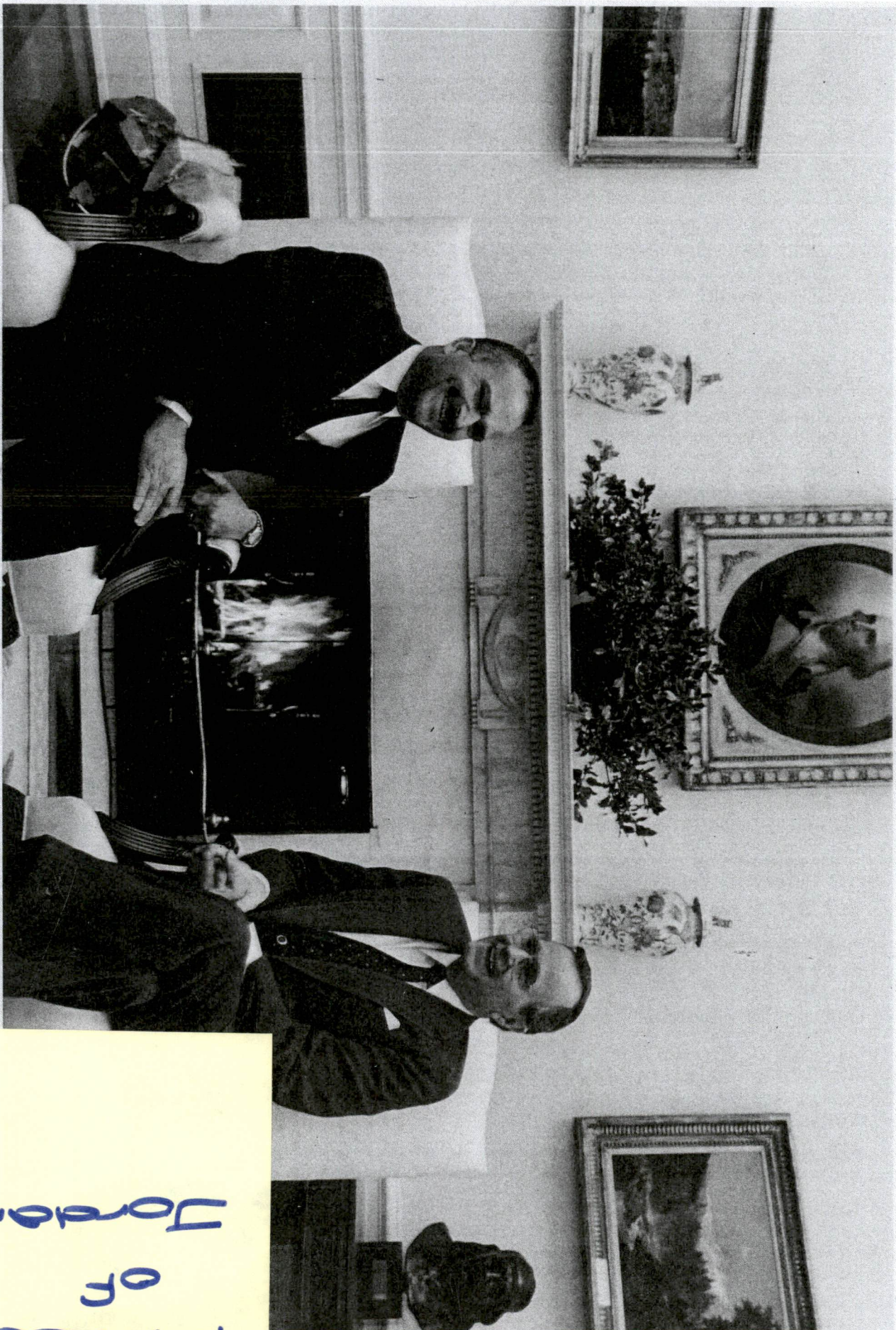
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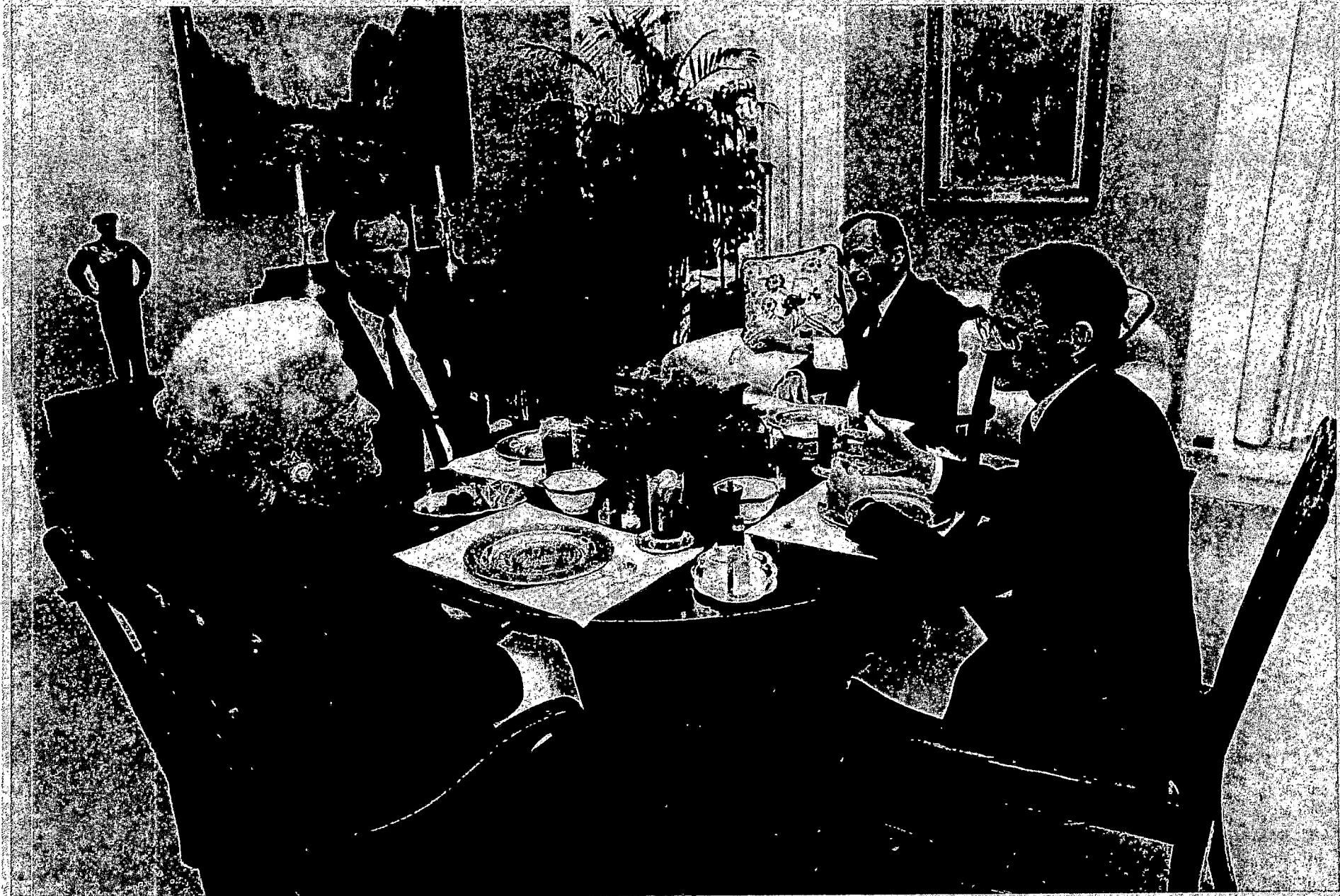
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Dear David:

Many thanks for your warm note. Barbara and I are glad that you enjoyed your evening at the White House.

I appreciate your work on the statue and am looking forward to the finished product.

Warm best wishes, in which Barbara joins.

Sincerely,



*It was a joy having you here.
That you enjoyed the Lincoln
Bedroom so much
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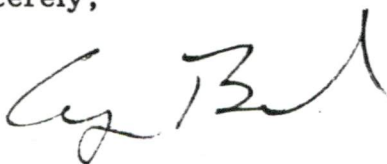
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I have asked my staff to respond to this issue
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With best wishes,

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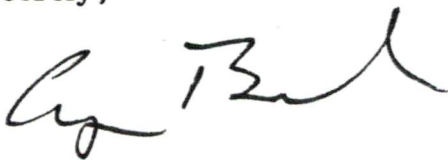
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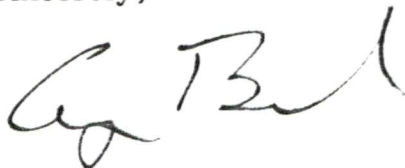
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I want to thank you and your staff for your outstanding work in coordinating the relief efforts of the Federal military forces in the wake of Hurricane Hugo.

The prompt response of your office and of all the service branches to the many requests for assistance that poured in was invaluable in meeting the emergency needs of the people affected by this devastating storm. This was particularly true on the island of St. Croix, where the timely movement of troops at your direction restored order and calm to a frightened population. The continued presence of those troops has ensured that life on the island can return to normal and that St. Croix can begin the road to recovery. Your performance in your role as Director of Military Support was critical in ensuring the success of this mission, and you are to be commended.

Although all of us pray that we will not have to experience a storm like Hugo again, I and the American people can take great confidence in the fact that, should such a disaster occur again, you stand ready to respond. Thank you again for your service, and my regards for a job well done.

Sincerely,



Major General James D. **Smith**, USA
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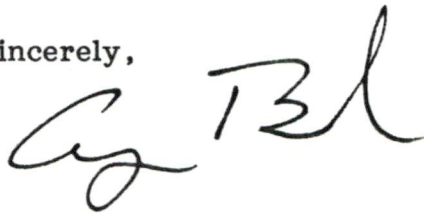
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

Just a note of thanks for your tireless efforts in helping to organize the San Jose Hemispheric Summit. I realize the hard work and long hours that were required to make such a complex event run smoothly, and I am grateful for all your outstanding contributions.

Please extend my appreciation to the many people on the Embassy staff who helped make this historic summit the success that it was.

Sincerely,

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Mr. J. Todd Stewart
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