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Tim

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Friday, February 23, 1990

7:50 am (5 min)	<u>Photo with Stephen Kennedy</u> (Card)	(TAB A)	Oval Office
8:00 am (15 min)	<u>Intelligence Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)		Oval Office
8:15 am (30 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)		Oval Office
8:45 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>		Oval Office
9:15 am (45 min)	<u>Administrative Time</u>		Oval Office
10:00 am (20 min)	<u>Meeting with Norwegian</u> <u>Prime Minister Jan P. Syse</u> (Scowcroft) (Distributed Separately)		Oval Office
10:30 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Senators Sam Nunn</u> <u>and John Warner</u> (Scowcroft) (Distributed Previously)		Oval Office
11:05 am (10 min)	<u>Meeting with Arthur Fletcher</u> (Bates)	(TAB B)	Oval Office
11:25 am	<u>The President departs for the</u> <u>American Red Cross National</u> <u>Headquarters for the February</u> <u>Board Meeting</u> (Demarest)	(TAB C)	South Lawn
11:55 am	<u>Arrive White House</u>		South Lawn
12:00 pm (40 min)	<u>Lunch with the Vice President</u>		Oval Office
12:40 pm (1 hr 50 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>		Oval Office
2:30 pm (15 min)	<u>Participate in Send-off Briefing</u> <u>for the OPIC Sponsored Investment</u> <u>Mission to Panama</u> (Demarest)	(TAB D)	Roosevelt Room

UNP 02/22/90
6:00 pm



2:45 pm (15 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
3:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Secretary Baker</u>	Oval Office
3:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
4:00 pm	B <u>Depart for Camp David</u>	South Lawn

Photocopy from George Bush Presidential Library

7:28 Polus in Oval 7:29 add Issa Massoud (Potus tailor)

7:32 Massoud out 7:47 add Hagin 7:58 Hagin out

7:59 add Jacki Kennedy + Husband Steve Kennedy 8:00 add Gov. Sununu

8:02 add Scowcroft, Gates, + (b)(3) 8:22 (b)(3) out

8:23 add V.P. 8:44 Gates + Scowcroft out 9:20 Sununu out

9:23 V.P. out 9:55 add Gates + Scowcroft to Oval

10:07 add Fitzwater 10:07 add P.M. Sype et al 10:39 all out

10:41 add Sununu 10:42 add Sen. Warner + Sen. Nunn + Neil Scowcroft

11:14 all out except Scowcroft 11:19 add Card 11:24 Scowcroft out
add Art Fletcher + David Bates

11:28 Polus, Fletcher, Bates + Card to Motorcade 11:30 dpt WH
(see Tab C')

11:58 in Oval w/ Card 12:01 Card out 12:03 add V.P.

12:45 V.P. out 12:48 dpt Oval to Scowcroft office 12:55 dpt Scowcroft off.

12:56 in Oval 1:19 Polus to Motorcade 1:20 dpt WH to St. John's Church

2:07 dpt St. John's Church 2:09 in White House 2:11 in Oval

2:30 Polus to Rosewell Rm - OPIC briefing 2:43 in Oval w/ Andy Card

2:51 add Scowcroft 3:01 add Baker 3:17 add Sununu

3:30 Sununu out 3:35 add Sununu 3:39 Baker out

3:41 Scowcroft out 3:49 Sununu out 3:56 add Amb. Walters
UNP 02/22/90
6:00 pm

3:57 Polus + Walters to S. Grounds

4:02 dpt WH en route Camp David

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

February 23 , 1990

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	8:44 AM	10:05	Conference Call: Prime Minister Tashiki Kaifu Hotel Okura, Tokyo, Japan 582-0111 x5214	LW with Mr. Matsuura 9:30 AM Tlkd-ok 9:54 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. Karl D. Jackson White House Situation Room White House Signal 2-2264	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. John R. Malott Office, Washington, D.C. 647-6601	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Conference Call: Mrs. Ines Duarte Residence	Tlkd-ok 2:44 PM
INC	2:40 PM	2:46		
OUT	AM		(b)(6)	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. David Pacelli White House Situation Room White House Signal 2-2264	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mrs. Barbara H. Phillips Office, Washington, D.C. 647-2193	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Ms. Linda Casey Office, Washington, D.C. Secure Voice x7100	Tlkd-ok 4:27 PM via Secure Satellite
INC	4:26 PM	4:28		
OUT	AM		General Brent Scowcroft Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 2-2260	Tlkd-ok 6:12 PM
INC	6:10 PM	6:15		
OUT	AM		Mrs. Margaret Bush Red Oak Cabin, Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1720	Tlkd-ok 6:18 PM
INC	6:17 PM	6:20		
OUT	AM		Ambassador Vernon A. Walters Maple Cabin, Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1730	Tlkd-ok 6:21 PM
INC	6:21 PM	6:22		

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

FEBRUARY 23rd

, 19⁹⁰

PRESIDENT BUSH

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	8:27 AM	8:28	SECRETARY JAMES A. BAKER III OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 420	TLKD-OK
INEX OUT	XRM AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	8:30 AM	8:30	SECRETARY JAMES A. BAKER III OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 420	TLKD-OK
INC	XRM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
IT	9:24 AM	9:51	SENATOR DAVID L. BOREN WASHINGTON, DC 463-2400	TLKD-OK 9:49 A.M.
INEX OUT	XRM AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	9:27 AM		MRS. BARBARA BUSH RES: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 551	PRESUS CA
INEX OUT	XRM AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	9:53 AM	9:54	SECRETARY JAMES A. BAKER III WASHINGTON, DC CAR PHONE 580-9551	TLKD-OK
INEX OUT	XRM AM			
INC	PM			
IT	11:16 AM	11:23	AMBASSADOR WALTER H. ANNENBERG RES: RANCHO MIRAGE, CA 619-328-4493	TLKD-OK
INEX OUT	XRM AM			

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PRESIDENT BUSH

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	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	XXXX		MR. JOHN E. "JEB" BUSH <div style="background-color: black; color: black;">(b)(6)</div>	TLKD-OK 12:13P.M.
INXX	12:10 PM	12:19		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUTX	XXXX		MR. C. BOYDEN GRAY WASHINGTON, DC NO TELEPHONE NUMBER	TLKD-OK
INC	12:39 PM	12:42		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XXXX		MRS. LAURIE ANN GREEN FIRESTONE OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 672	CA
INXX	1:03 PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XXXX		MRS. LAURIE ANN GREEN FIRESTONE OFC: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 672	TLKD-OK
INXX	2:19 PM	2:21		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUTX	XXXX		THE VICE PRESIDENT RES: WASHINGTON, DC WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 408	TLKD-OK 2:23 P.M.
INC	2:22 PM	2:26		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
UT	AM			
INC	PM			

PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

Washington, D.C.
LOCATION Camp David, Maryland

DATE 23 February 1990

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0727	South Grounds
0729	Oval Office
0928	South Grounds
0929	Oval Office
1130	South Grounds
1131	Depart South Grounds via Motorcade
1133	Arrive Red Cross National Headquarters
1156	Depart Red Cross National Headquarters via Motorcade
1157	Arrive South Grounds
1159	Oval Office
1318	South Grounds
1320	Depart South Grounds via Motorcade (LOW KEY)
1322	Arrive St. John's Cathedral (LOW KEY)
1408	Depart St. John's Cathedral (LOW KEY)
1411	Arrive South Grounds (LOW KEY)
1413	Oval Office
1557	South Grounds
1603	Depart South Grounds via Marine One
1635	Arrive Camp David, Maryland



News Summary

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1990 -- 6 a.m. EST EDITION

TODAY'S HEADLINES

TRIP NEWS

Bush Calls For Reduction Of Malpractice Threat To Doctors -- President Bush urged doctors Thursday to avoid practicing "defensive medicine" and called for adoption of a common-sense approach to reduce the threat of malpractice suits. (Boston Globe, Baltimore Sun, Washington Post, Washington Times, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Soviets Urge Deeper Cuts In Troops In Central Europe -- The Soviet Union suggested Thursday that the conventional arms treaty being hammered out in Vienna be extended to cover not only U.S. and Soviet troops stationed in Central Europe but should set further ceilings on all domestic and foreign forces in the region. (Washington Post)

NATIONAL NEWS

Reagan Backs Bush Story On Contra Aid -- President Bush's repeated denial that he promised to favor Honduras with aid in exchange for its support of the contra guerrillas was backed up in sworn testimony by former President Reagan released Thursday. (UPI, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, Washington Post)

NETWORK NEWS (Thursday evening)

REAGAN TESTIMONY -- Former President Reagan insists he never knew that money from arms sales to Iran was being diverted to contra forces.

FLAG BURNING -- A federal court in Seattle rejected a new law making it a crime to burn the American flag.

B-2 BOMBER -- Congress was told it should limit spending on the B-2 until it can be sure it works.

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TRIP NEWS

HOPKINS GIVES BUSH HONORARY DEGREE Students, Faculty Protest The Award

BALTIMORE -- In a speech that touched on issues raised by rain-drenched protesters outside, President Bush told medical experts at the Johns Hopkins University that America faces "unprecedented" health problems, including high infant mortality and millions of uninsured families.

"There's an unease in the health care community that for all this nation's wealth, for all the money put into the system, America's medicine still faces unprecedented problems," Mr. Bush told 1,000 people in a packed Shriver Hall moments after receiving an honorary doctorate in humane letters.

"Medical malpractice, uninsured families, an aging population, cancer, heart disease, AIDS, drug addiction, Alzheimer's, mental illness -- the price tag is staggering." ...

Advocates for AIDS research, the homeless, the environment, child care, abortion rights, health insurance -- and even a woman wanting to save the manatee -- watched as a masked stand-in for the President was given a mock citation and an "alternative honorary degree" for his contributions toward "building an obstacle to the health of Americans." ...

In accepting the degree, Howard Chilcoat, the masked Mr. Bush, who is a graduate student in the Department of Mental Hygiene, mixed a few Bush metaphors: "Read my lips, if you can't afford it, just say no to illness." ...

Mr. Bush's speech...had some lighter moments.

Glancing at the five tiers of doctors seated behind him, the President said he felt nervous when he heard he would appear "in a gown with a group of doctors." But, he added, "at least this one buttons up the front."
(Jonathan Bor & Dennis O'Brien, Baltimore Sun, A1)

Honorary Dr. Bush Issues A Prescription For Healthy Life

BALTIMORE -- President Bush, who brought hot dogs, hamburgers, pork rinds and Miller Lite to the White House, called on Americans Thursday to eat sensibly and take "a daily dose of individual responsibility" to avoid the doctor's office.

Mr. Bush...said, "We're not talking about lifestyle, we're talking about life."

Dr. Bush's prescription: "Eat sensibly. Exercise. Wear seat belts. Don't smoke -- and if you do smoke, stop. Don't abuse alcohol, and don't abuse drugs."

The Chief Executive's message came after he charged that medical malpractice expenses are pushing health costs out of the reach of most Americans.

"Clearly we must find a fair and reasonable solution to the malpractice crisis," Bush said. In his address, however, he offered no new solutions or programs.
(Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A5)

Bush Calls For Reduction Of Malpractice Threat To Doctors

BALTIMORE -- President Bush urged doctors Thursday to avoid practicing "defensive medicine" and called for adoption of a common-sense approach to reduce the threat of malpractice suits.

Speaking to an audience at Johns Hopkins University, Bush said there was "unease in the health care community" because of unprecedented problems. Among them, he cited the "crisis" of malpractice....

"Those who think our medical problems today are unsolvable or solvable only by money ought to understand how far we've come," Bush told the by-invitation-only audience in a brief reference to federal dollars.

Malpractice, however, was the dominant theme of the speech.

(John Mashek, Boston Globe)

Bush Urges Malpractice Revisions

BALTIMORE -- With 200 Johns Hopkins University students and faculty members protesting outside, President Bush Thursday pledged government help to "restore common sense and fairness to America's malpractice system."

Bush, who visited Hopkins to receive an honorary degree, said he had asked his domestic policy council to study and make recommendations on the problem of large malpractice awards and their effect on medical care....

In the university's Shriver Hall, the President was accorded a lavish academic ceremony and a degree praising his "commitment to the advancement of education...and health care in our nation."

But in a steady rain outside, students and professors gathered with placards and a megaphone to portray the presidential visit in a different light.

"By his being here, we are supporting his image as a public health and education president, when he has not done anything to support that," said Linda Hanna, an assistant professor in the School of Public Health and Hygiene.

"He doesn't deserve a doctorate," said Lisa Long, 24, a graduate student in the School for Continuing Studies. "Bush's policies on health -- whether it is reproductive rights, birth control in the Third World, infant mortality at home, or the environment -- he gets an F on all of them."

It was one of the biggest demonstrations in the last few years at Hopkins.... And, while virtually every presidential trip draws some protest, it was among the largest since Bush took office.

This week, nearly 700 Hopkins students and faculty members -- including half the first-year medical school class -- signed a petition denouncing Bush's honorary degree.

(Amy Goldstein & Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A8)

Protesters Jeer Bush On Health Policies

BALTIMORE -- More than 200 sign-waving demonstrators chanting "Health, not Stealth!" jeered President Bush as he arrived at the prestigious Johns Hopkins University Thursday to participate in a salute to health care.

The protesters, mocking Bush's defense spending policies with the stealth bomber reference, also shouted: "Hail to the Chief. He's a liar, he's a thief," as the President and his entourage walked across the university's Baltimore campus....

A crowd of students, faculty and staff at Hopkins gathered outside to take issue with the President's appearance, charging that Bush has a horrible record for public health issues and helping the poor. (UPI)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The New York Times arrived after New Summary press time.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

JAPAN STOCKS SUFFER FIFTH-LARGEST LOSS

TOKYO -- The average Tokyo stock price tumbled by more than 2.5 percent Friday to cap Tokyo's worst week since the "Black Monday" crisis of October 1987 and analysts said the fall would continue amid "quite bearish sentiment." The Nikkei Average of 225 selected issues plunged 935.87 yen, a loss of 2.6 percent, to close at 34,890.97 yen, its fifth-worst single-day decline in history....

"It has turned from what previously was thought to be a one-day technical correction (Wednesday's fall) to now a quite bearish sentiment," said Tad Lindsey, a trader with Nomura Securities Co.

"The downward trend could not be stopped unless some major bright news emerges," said a broker at a major securities company. (UPI)

CHENEY WARNS CONGRESS AGAINST WIDENING ASIA TROOP CUTS

TOKYO -- U.S. Defense Secretary Cheney cautioned Congress Friday against demanding more than a 10 percent U.S. troop reduction in Japan and neighboring countries, saying drastic cuts could spark regional arms races and possibly war.

"If we were to withdraw our forward-deployed forces from the Asia-Pacific region, a vacuum would quickly develop," Cheney told reporters at the Japan National Press Club.

"There almost surely would be a series of destabilizing regional arms races, an increase in regional tensions, and possibly conflict," he said....

"I am confident Congress will do the right thing," he said, asserting that the Soviet military threat to Japan and its neighbors is as big as ever.

"There has been no equivalent change in Asia to the collapse of the Warsaw Pact in Europe," he said. "(The Soviet Union) is and will remain a major military power in the region, despite the reductions of troop strength on the Soviet border with China." (Stewart Slavin, UPI)

Cheney Trip

TOKYO -- Defense Secretary Cheney confirmed publicly for the first time Friday that the U.S. is considering reducing its troops in Asia by about 12,000, or 10 percent.

But the U.S. intends to maintain a major presence in the Pacific Rim, he said.

The first phase of the pullout could take place over the next three years, Cheney said in a speech to the National Press Club that wrapped up his two-week visit to Pacific Rim countries.

The reductions should not be seen as a "first step toward withdrawal" from the Pacific, even if they go farther than now foreseen, he said. (AP)

SOVIETS URGE DEEPER CUTS IN TROOPS IN CENTRAL EUROPE

VIENNA -- The Soviet Union suggested Thursday that the conventional arms treaty being hammered out in Vienna be extended to cover not only U.S. and Soviet troops stationed in Central Europe but should set further ceilings on all domestic and foreign forces in the region.

Submitted informally thus far, this would supplement President Bush proposal to cut U.S. and Soviet troop levels in Central Europe to 195,000 on each side....

The U.S., Britain and France swiftly rejected the Soviet suggestion at Thursday's session, according to Western diplomatic sources. "The Western impression at Ottawa was that this was the end of the personnel question," commented a senior NATO negotiator. "There is a degree of bad faith involved. If they persist in this it will prolong the negotiations." (Michael Wise, Washington Post, A20)

BUSH, KOHL TAKE GERMAN REUNIFICATION TALKS TO PRIVACY OF CAMP DAVID

This weekend's meeting between President Bush and West German Chancellor Kohl brings together two leaders who have tiptoed side by side through the volatile international debate over German reunification....

The meetings may serve as a vehicle for eliciting renewed assurances from Bonn on several sensitive subjects, analysts and diplomats said this week....

One Western diplomat, who asked not to be identified, said Bush needs to prod Kohl to reiterate his assurances, particularly to douse speculation that reunification has "set the clock ticking for U.S. withdrawal from Europe."

In recent weeks, as momentum for reunification picked up speed, British and French fears that Bush had surrendered too much control to Kohl have been eased, the diplomat said. "They (Bush Administration officials) are making the best of handling a very difficult situation." ...

"The reason Bush is having the meeting is to at least give the appearance of having some say over what is going on in Central Europe," said James Blaker, director of national security studies at the Hudson Institute, a political think tank. "The most dangerous thing for the Bush Administration is the appearance of either not being influential or not appearing to know what is going on." (Tom Baden, Newhouse)

BONN SEEN MOVING TO EQUAL SWAP OF MARKS THAT WOULD COST IT BILLIONS

BONN -- Government sources said Thursday that West Germany has tentatively decided that the only way to prevent an exodus of millions of East Germans is to exchange relatively worthless East German marks for the stable West German mark at a 1-to-1 rate -- a move that could eventually cost Bonn \$100 billion.

Halting a mass movement of East Germans into the West by giving people powerful economic reasons to stay home is the primary goal of Chancellor Kohl's offer to unify the German economies in the coming weeks.

But replacing the almost useless East-mark with the stable West German mark will raise the hopes of East Germans only if they get enough West German money to begin working toward a Western lifestyle, Bonn officials have concluded. (Marc Fisher, Washington Post, A1)

BONN CURRENCY DECISION COULD DRIVE UP GLOBAL INTEREST RATES

...The apparent choice by the West German government to exchange its currency for that held by East Germany on a 1-to-1 basis indicates that West Germany is prepared to commit itself to payment of huge subsidies to East German citizens and businesses, according to U.S. experts.

An accompanying decision not to raise taxes to pay for those subsidies means the Bundesbank, the West German central bank, will have to decide whether to boost interest rates sharply to prevent a surge in inflation. If it makes that choice, as most observers expect it would, then the higher interest rates will attract a flood of money to Germany and raise the value of the already strong West German currency to that of other major currencies, including the U.S. dollar.

The rise in rates there would pull up rates in many other countries as well. In the U.S., that could limit an expected pick-up in economic growth later this year by undermining home building and hurting business spending for new plants and equipment, all of which are routinely financed with borrowed money.

(John Berry, Washington Post, A19)

\$5 BILLION PLEDGED TO EAST EUROPE Head Of World Bank Signs Polish Loan

WARSAW -- The head of the World Bank promised more than \$5 billion to Eastern Europe Thursday and said that about half the money will go to Poland, the region's leader in free market reform.

"We are tremendously impressed by the courage of Poland's massive and very fast-moving adjustment process," World Bank President Barber Conable said after signing a \$360 million loan agreement that he called only the beginning of the bank's involvement here.

(Blaine Harden, Washington Post, F1)

BAKER OPENS POSSIBILITY OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH NICARAGUA

Secretary of State Baker says the U.S. would be prepared to recognize a Nicaraguan government, including a Sandinista regime, that fairly wins Sunday's national elections.

Baker told the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Thursday that the Sandinistas have used intimidation against some opposition candidates and blocked funds designed to help the opposition wage its campaign in the Central American country....

Baker said, "We are prepared to recognize a government that wins a free election."

He continued, "We would be prepared to improve relations with that government if it institutes genuine democratic institutions, promoted national reconciliation and puts an end to the subversion of other governments in the region."

(Jim Anderson, UPI)

WHITE HOUSE TO MAKE UP ITS OWN MIND ON FAIRNESS OF VOTE

The Bush Administration will use its own judgement, and not that of international observers, to determine the fairness of Sunday's Nicaraguan elections, Secretary of State Baker said Thursday.

Even if the ruling Sandinista Front wins, Mr. Baker said, Washington will not improve its ties until the Marxist regime proves its commitment to an open political system and halts arms shipments to rebels in neighboring El Salvador....

Mr. Baker, responding to questions by Rep. Studds (D.-Mass.) said that "in light of experience...it's important that the United States make its own judgement" about whether the elections are free and fair.

(Warren Strobel, Washington Times, A10)

VICE PRESIDENT BACKS STRONGER POWERS
FOR ORTEGA IN NEW TERM

MANAGUA -- President Ortega's powers should be strengthened and new faces brought into the government if the Sandinistas win the general elections Sunday, Vice President Sergio Ramirez said....

The oft-blurred lines between the leftist Sandinista National Liberation Front and the state should be more sharply defined and "the authority conferred on President Ortega by the constitution should be strengthened still more in the next presidential term," Ramirez said....

Many critics say Ortega's power is already too great....

Secretary of State Baker said in Washington Thursday that the U.S. would not necessarily accept the election as fair, even if neutral observers certified it.

(Adrian Croft, Reuter)

ORTEGA SAYS FAIR ELECTION WILL
LEAD TO NORMALIZATION WITH U.S.

MANAGUA -- President Ortega, saying it was time to "put away the olive green" and rebuild, predicted Thursday a free and fair vote in Sunday's national elections would lead to normalizing relations with the U.S.

In a news conference...Ortega predicted he would win and said that if he does, he would call a "political truce" with opposition groups to help rebuild the country's shattered economy.

"I hope this election process closes a chapter in the United States-Nicaraguan confrontation and opens a new chapter in cooperation between the United States and Nicaragua," Ortega said....

"If the United States is going to be able to overcome its differences with China and overcome its differences with the Soviet Union, why could not the United States normalize its relations with a small country like Nicaragua?" Ortega asked.

(Douglas Tweedale, UPI)

TEHRAN PAPER CALLS FOR UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF HOSTAGES

TEHRAN -- The English-language Tehran Times, which usually voices the opinions of President Rafsanjani, called Thursday for the unconditional release of all foreign hostages being held in Lebanon, saying that Iran can continue its "rightful struggle against the West" in other ways.

Diplomats and analysts here and abroad said it was unclear just what would be the effect of the call, which appeared in no other Iranian news media. In Damascus, however, Peggy Say, sister of Terry Anderson, the longest-held American hostage, wept at the report and called it "the most encouraging news that I have heard," Reuter reported.

The Tehran Times said all the factions in Lebanon "should regard the hostages as victims of imperialistic policies of the West and make attempts to get them all freed." It complained that the continued captivity of the hostages has benefited Western propaganda against Iran, and said, "Maybe 1990 will be the year for the release of all hostages."

(Sharif Imam-Jomeh, Washington Post, A20)

U.S. PRESSURING ISRAEL TO STOP RESETTLEMENT OF SOVIET JEWS IN OCCUPIED LANDS

The Bush Administration, apparently concerned that Middle East peace talks could be hurt by the resettlement of Soviet Jews in the occupied territories, Thursday increased its pressure on Israel to stop the practice.

Secretary of State Baker, in testimony on Capitol Hill, said the U.S. would like Israel to adopt a "clear and definitive policy" against placing Soviet emigres in the West Bank and Gaza strip....

While conceding that more than 99 percent of the new residents are being settled within Israel proper, Baker added that there was "genuine concern" about what would happen in the future.

"That's why a clear and definitive policy approach...would go a long way toward helping secure the problem," he said.

(Adam Pertman, Boston Globe)

BAKER LIKELY TO VISIT NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

Secretary of State Baker is likely to travel to Namibia next month as the head of a U.S. delegation to that southern African nation's independence ceremony, according to State Department officials.

The trip...would be aimed at underlining the prestige Washington gained for engineering the accord that led to Namibia's independence.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Baker has not reached a final decision on whether to make the trip, although one said the secretary is expected to do so over the weekend.

(Warren Strobel, Washington Times, A11)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Weinberger Foresees Danger If Germany Rejects NATO," by Peter Almond, appears in the Washington Times, A6.

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NATIONAL NEWS

POINDEXTER WANTS BUSH ON THE STAND

Former President Reagan's testimony that he had "no inkling" of key events in the Iran-contra scandal could spark a new battle to put President Bush on the witness stand.

"Things about which Reagan had a hazy recollection, maybe he (Bush) had a better recollection," said Richard Beckler, lawyer for Iran-contra defendant John Poindexter....

But "there's no apparent reason for believing" Bush knew of Poindexter's activities, Judge Greene said in Thursday's USA Today.

A 293-page transcript of Reagan testimony, given last weekend, was released Thursday.

In it...Reagan said: "A good deal of the time" during strategy meetings, Bush was "present alongside me."

(Lee Michael Katz, USA Today, A1)

Reagan Doesn't Link Bush To Iran Affair

...Reagan's testimony...did little to shed new light on what President Bush may have known in the Iran-contra affair....

Poindexter's lawyer, Richard Beckler, slipped in a reference to a picture he showed Reagan of Bush with Carl (Spitz) Channel. Channel pleaded guilty to fraud in connection with fund raising for the contras.

And, in initial questioning in which Beckler sought to establish Poindexter's presence in Reagan's meetings on national security matters, Reagan volunteered that "a good deal of the time, the Vice President would be present alongside of me."

Bush has said throughout the more than three year since the Iran-contra affair became public that he missed many of the key meetings -- on one occasion, for example, because he was attending a fund-raising event for a congressional candidate in Pennsylvania, and another because he was at the Army-Navy football game.

At one point, Reagan's testimony placed Bush at a crucial meeting of the National Security Planning Group during a period when the Administration was looking for ways to support the contras despite a congressional ban on U.S. funding for the rebels. And Reagan quickly noted that Bush sought to keep the support within legal boundaries.

(James Gerstenzang, Los Angeles Times)

Reagan Backs Bush Story On Contra Aid

President Bush's repeated denial that he promised to favor Honduras with aid in exchange for its support of the contra guerrillas was backed up in sworn testimony by former President Reagan released Thursday.

"In talking about someone else helping, we must not make any promise of something we would do for them in return for that," Reagan said, summarizing Bush's comments during a meeting of his senior aides in 1984....

Reagan and Bush were pleased that Honduras was cooperating in allowing the use of its territory against neighboring Nicaragua, but Bush has said his visit with Honduran President Suazo in March 1985 was not set up as a "quid pro quo" of aid in exchange for such cooperation....

The former president said that statements by Bush that there should be no congressional opposition to the administration's encouraging aid for the contras from individuals and countries "made sense" as long as nothing was offered in return.

"And that was the same as saying not breaking the law," Reagan summarized Bush's statement. "No, we couldn't -- we couldn't offer a quid pro quo." (UPI)

Reagan Says He Told Aides 'We Don't Break The Law'

In videotaped testimony Thursday, former President Reagan returned to his earliest explanations of the Iran-contra affair, insisting that he did not trade arms for hostages and saying he had not seen "one iota" of evidence that profits from the transfers were diverted to the Nicaraguan contras.

Reagan testified he always told his aides that "we don't break the law" and said he was confident his former national security advisers, Robert McFarlane and John Poindexter, replied truthfully to the congressional committees seeking information about secret White House efforts to aid the contra rebels and the U.S. arms sales to Iran....

The 79-year old former president seemed earnest and careful in his responses but he had recurring difficulty recalling specific decisions, meetings, dates, and even the identities of key members of his Administration and Congress.

But he did recall that as president he authorized the sending of U.S. aid to Honduras in exchange for Honduran support for and assistance to the thousands-strong force of contras based in that country. Reagan testified that "in return for our help in the form of security assurances as well as aid," his administration expected Honduras' cooperation. There was, he said, "an obligation on their part too."

(Joe Pichirallo, Washington Post, A1)

PRODDER BY QUAYLE AND CHENEY, BUSH BECOMES
FERVENT SUPPORTER OF STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE

To many who have watched him over the years, it's an unlikely development: George Bush is positioning himself as a champion of the Strategic Defense Initiative.

And for that turn of events, SDI supporters owe particular thanks to Vice President Quayle and Defense Secretary Cheney. Mr. Quayle has been the key behind-the-scenes player in the evolution of the Bush Administration's surprisingly robust advocacy of SDI, and has helped fuel Mr. Cheney's recent gung-ho support of the program as well....

Skeptics still doubt that Mr. Bush really is deeply committed to SDI. They suspect he is mostly posturing, in an effort to ensure that conservatives who champion SDI won't blame him when Congress slices up the program's budget later this year.

"I don't think he's been converted," says Frank Gaffney, head of the Center for Security Policy. "I think what he's trying to do is avoid responsibility for the free-fall the defense budget is going to take in the next few months."
(Gerald Seib, Wall Street Journal, A12)

B-2 COSTS COULD RISE SHARPLY

The Air Force's B-2 "stealth" bomber has serious manufacturing and technical problems that could impair its performance and drive the price far above the estimated \$530 million per plane, according to the government's first comprehensive unclassified report on the controversial aircraft....

The GAO report is certain to fuel mounting political opposition to the expensive aircraft, which has flown only seven times since its maiden flight last July. Legislation has already been introduced to halt production until more testing is complete, and Rep. Aspin has warned that the Air Force, under the best of conditions, may get only 30 of the 132 bombers it wants.

The report also asserted that weight problems could affect the bomber's mission range and found that improperly drilled holes and other defects have caused costly slowdowns in the manufacturing process.

The GAO also said production and testing schedules for the aircraft have slipped dramatically from original estimates and warned of further slowdowns as a result of manufacturing and other problems.

(Molly Moore, Washington Post, A1)

BRADY: QUICK-BUCK MENTALITY HURTING U.S.

Treasury Secretary Brady called Thursday for changing the U.S. financial climate to give investors and corporate executives a longer-term perspective, saying, "We can't innovate and produce the products needed to capture world markets by focusing on results one quarter at a time."

Although Brady did not advance any new proposals, his remarks were laden with hints that the Bush Administration may propose significant changes in various laws and regulations, including new taxes on short-term trading by pension funds and higher down payments on stock futures....

In one particularly striking passage, Brady denounced the tendency of pension fund managers to devote enormous energy to earning maximum returns in the current quarter. "Why shouldn't they adopt long-term strategies which have served investment pioneers like John Templeton and Warren Buffett so well?" he demanded. "Who is in charge? Who picks the pension fund managers?"
(Paul Blustein, Washington Post, F1)

BENTSEN RESISTS ALTERNATIVE TAX PLAN

Sen. Bentsen Thursday threw cold water on an emerging Democratic alternative to the proposal of Sen. Moynihan to cut Social Security payroll taxes.

Bentsen's opposition may further complicate Democratic efforts to develop a consensus on how to respond to Moynihan's plan, which has badly divided the party.

Earlier, Bentsen had said he opposes Moynihan's proposal...because it would enlarge the federal budget deficit. That view is shared by other Democratic congressional leaders.

In an interview Thursday, the Texas senator said he also had serious reservations about another idea that has been discussed by a Democratic task force that is exploring alternatives to the Moynihan plan. It calls for an income tax credit for middle-income taxpayers linked to their Social Security taxes.

Bentsen said he is particularly concerned about linking Social Security tax payments and income taxes, saying that could "throw the Social Security program into controversy."

Moynihan also opposes the Democratic alternative, calling it "bonkers" to couple the Social Security trust fund to general revenue.

(Dan Balz, Washington Post, A5)

FLAG-BURNING RULING STIRS NEW CALLS FOR AMENDMENT

A Seattle judge's decision to void the 4-month-old flag protection law reignited impassioned calls in Congress on Thursday for a Constitutional amendment to ban flag burning.

Several Republican members urged prompt action on an amendment, while Democratic leaders in the House and the Senate counseled patience until the U.S. Supreme Court reviews the lower court decision -- probably by July.

Meanwhile, activist groups...promised massive flag burnings if Congress attempts to pass a Constitutional amendment. "They're going to have flag burnings from sea to shining sea," said Dave Blalock of Vietnam Veterans Against the War....

"The flag burners have won another victory," Sen. Dole said in a floor speech. "So far, the flag protection bill has not protected a single flag."

Democratic leaders expressed disappointment with Judge Rothstein's ruling but continued to insist that the criminal statute they fashioned would be upheld when it reached the Supreme Court.

"The fact remains that the flag protection law is Constitutional until the Supreme Court says that it is not," said Sen. Biden....

Rep. Brooks (D.-Tex.) said the law would pass Constitutional muster when reviewed by the high court. (Steve McGonigle, Dallas Morning News)

JUDGE CLEARS WAY FOR EXXON-U.S. OIL SPILL DEAL

A federal judge in Alaska removed a major roadblock to a deal that would allow Exxon Corp. to escape criminal prosecution over last year's Alaska oil spill.

Justice Department officials said a ruling late Thursday by U.S. District Court Judge H. Russell Holland in Anchorage allows negotiations between the government and the giant oil company to proceed on an out-of-court settlement.

The judge refused to block a negotiated end to the criminal liability case.
(Robert Kearns, Reuter)

Proposed Plea Bargain Over Exxon Spill Assailed

LOS ANGELES -- Alaska state officials and several environmental groups Thursday sharply criticized a proposed federal plea bargain with Exxon Corp. to settle criminal penalties from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

State Attorney General Douglas Baily said accepting the agreement by Thursday's deadline, as the state had been asked to do, would be "to accept a pig in a poke under unreasonably short time constraints, and that pig smells awfully bad."

David Ramseur, spokesman for Gov. Cowper (D.), said reports that Exxon was offering a \$500 million fund for cleanup and restoration expenses were seriously distorted, judging by language in the agreement that Alaska officials have seen....

Eleven environmental groups and other plaintiffs filed legal papers in federal and state court in Anchorage Thursday opposing a plea bargain that would "limit Exxon's responsibility to fully restore the Alaskan environment," according to a statement by one of the groups, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC).

Jay Hair, president of the National Wildlife Federation, said, "From all counts, the Bush Administration is giving Exxon a wink and a nod. John Adams, NRDC executive director, said, "A hasty and ill-considered move here will only intensify our concerns about the President's environmental policies."
(Jay Mathews, Washington Post, A3)

ENVIRONMENTALISTS DON'T WANT TO PRESERVE SUNUNU

The environment movement stepped up its attack on John Sununu this week, as senior Administration officials sought to downplay reports of a split between the White House chief of staff and EPA Director Reilly.

Mr. Sununu's detractors -- representatives of six leading environmental groups -- publicly called him "Darth Vader" Wednesday. Some in the Administration returned the compliment by calling the environmentalists "tree huggers."

Meanwhile, White House officials said privately that the criticism of Mr. Sununu's moderating influence on environmental policy that has appeared in the New York Times and elsewhere is coming from EPA staffers, not the director....

The critics claim Mr. Sununu had persuaded an otherwise amenable President Bush that Mr. Reilly's initiatives to protect the environment cost too much or are bad for business. (Ralph Hallow, Washington Times, A3)

JUDICIARY PANEL VOTES 12 TO 1
TO PUT THOMAS ON U.S. BENCH
Don't Assume Way Is Clear To Supreme Court Seat,
Democrats Warn

With Democrats repeatedly cautioning that they were not endorsing a candidate for the Supreme Court, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 12 to 1 Thursday to recommend confirmation of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

The lopsided vote for the controversial and iconoclastic chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) should mean swift Senate approval of the 41-year-old black lawyer whom many conservatives have predicted will become a leading candidate to replace Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.
(Bill McAllister, Washington Post, A21)

CALIFORNIA EARLY-PRIMARY BILL IS VOTED

The California Senate Thursday approved a bill to move the state's 1992 presidential primary from the end of the nomination process to near the beginning, but the chances for final passage dimmed as Gov. Deukmejian (R.) expressed reservations about the measure....

Deukmejian said he prefers the bill adopted by the state assembly, which has one critical difference: it calls for two primaries in 1992, a presidential contest the first week in March and state and local primaries to be held on their traditional date in early June.

(Paul Taylor, Washington Post, A4)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "Durenberger Ethics Case To Proceed," appears in the Washington Post, A1.

"Airlines Endorse Child Safety Seats," by Don Phillips, appears in the Washington Post, A3.

"SHORT TAKES -- Unlikely Pairing: Kennedy Will Join Quayle On Chile Trip," appears in the Washington Post, A21.

"In Trade Talks, Japan Knows The U.S. Team -- Often All Too Well," by Jill Abramson & Eduardo Lachica, appears in the Wall Street Journal, A1.

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NETWORK NEWS

(Thursday Evening, February 22)

REAGAN TESTIMONY

ABC's Peter Jennings: Here in Washington today, we learned what President Reagan had to say under oath about the worst scandal in his Administration: the Iran-contra affair. It was here today that 293 pages of testimony given by President Reagan last week in California were released. Throughout the eight hours of testimony Reagan insists on two points: Yes, he did authorize the secret sale of arms to Iran in an effort to win freedom for American hostages. But no, he never knew that money from those arms sales was being diverted to the contra forces trying to overthrow the government of Nicaragua -- at least not that he remembers.

ABC's Tim O'Brien reports that in the tapes played for reporters in Washington today, the President still claims to be remarkably ignorant of the Iran-contra story. Reagan appeared totally unfamiliar with the findings of his own Tower Commission, which three years ago publicly documented that the money went to the contras in Nicaragua. As for if he ever authorized any member of the NSC to destroy or alter documents, "I cannot recall." Reagan said he was unable to recall more than a hundred times. The former President denied ever authorizing John Poindexter to mislead Congress, and it's unclear whether his testimony will help him in his upcoming trial. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: When former President Reagan agreed to be interviewed on videotape for the Iran-contra trial of his former national security adviser, John Poindexter, the two big questions were, What did he know?, and How much does he remember? It turns out the answer to both questions is, not much. Today, reporters were allowed to see the videotape deposition, but not to broadcast it.

NBC's Carl Stern reports that in the eight hours of videotape, Reagan came across as confused and defensive. Reagan was sometimes angry, repeatedly blaming the press for what he called erroneous stories. Poindexter got very little help from Reagan's testimony. Reagan implied he was kept in the dark much of the time, and still doesn't know what happened. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: Former President Reagan insists in new, sworn testimony released today that he didn't authorize or know about any lawbreaking in the "weapons-for-Iran what-happened-to-the-money" case. Reagan also testified repeatedly that he simply could not remember key events.

CBS's Rita Braver reports that the overwhelming themes that emerged from the deposition are: That Ronald Reagan cannot recall important details of the Iran-contra affair; that he claims he never authorized any of his subordinates, including Poindexter, to commit illegal acts; and that he still doesn't think anything illegal occurred.

Braver continues: Deputy independent counsel Dan Webb called Reagan's answers on White House support for the contras "completely unresponsive." And the President, in a slight flash of impatience, said that what he wants to talk about is how the Tower Commission was never able to find out what happened to extra money from the Iran arms sale. Over and over Reagan claimed no one had ever proved the money was diverted to the contras. "I to this day do not recall ever hearing there was a diversion," he said. Finally, Webb showed him the Tower Commission report on diversion, which came out in 1987. "This report -- this is the first time that I have ever seen a reference that actually specified there was a diversion," Reagan said.

CBS's Phil Jones reports that it comes as no surprise to hear Ronald Reagan plead a loss of memory on several complex but key Iran-contra questions. When Reagan was asked under oath last week to explain to the members of the jury who Gen. John Vessey, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman from 1982 to 1985, was, answered, "Oh dear. I could ask for help here. The name, I know, is very familiar." Robert McFarlane made big headlines when he plead guilty in court to withholding information from Congress. But when Reagan was asked if he knew of the plea, he said, "No, I was not aware of that." The former President did recall one detail which appeared to contradict President Bush's claim that he was absent from many of the national security meetings. Reagan testified, "A good deal of the time, Vice President Bush was present alongside of me." (CBS-Lead)

FLAG BURNING

Rather: National fallout today from a federal court ruling in Seattle rejecting a new law making it a crime to burn the American flag. This is now reviving calls made by President Bush and others to flat-out change the U.S. Constitution to outlaw flag desecration.

CBS's Lesley Stahl: I told you so. That's the White House reaction. President Bush, who made flag desecration a hot issue in the campaign, said all along that the flag protection law would not pass muster in the courts. Now, he wants to renew his call for a Constitutional Amendment, and he's not alone.

(Sen. Dole: "So far, the flag statute is receiving a flunking grade. Despite its marquee billing, the so-called Flag Protection Act of 1989 hasn't protected a single flag.")

The Seattle ruling sends the issue back to the Supreme Court, which touched off the whole controversy last spring by deciding that flag-burning is protected by the First Amendment.

(TV Coverage: Burning flag being hoisted up flagpole.)

(Rep. Schroeder: "In a time where we're seeing all over the world people being released from prison who spoke out and burned their own country's flag, we look a little petty if we adopt the repressors' method just as all the repressors are being overthrown.")

Critics of a flag amendment say they don't want to tamper with the Bill of Rights.

(Speaker Foley: "I do not favor a Constitutional Amendment, and believe that it would be wrong to amend the First Amendment, particularly which contains the most sensitive of all American freedoms of expression.")

Stahl continues: President Bush was able to smother Michael Dukakis in the campaign with a blanket of political attacks questioning his patriotism. Even after the election, the President was accused of wrapping himself in the flag.

(President Bush, Sept. 1989: "Our flag is too sacred to be abused.")

Some in Congress are suggesting that the Supreme Court may yet uphold the flag protection law, but others want to act now.

(Rep. Carroll Hubbard: "Those of us who were insisting last year that we need a Constitutional Amendment to ban malicious flag-burning by those who hate the United States, but enjoy living here, those of us will now double our efforts for a Constitutional Amendment to ban malicious flag-burning.")

After the issue was debated last year, the polls showed that the public prefers a law to amending the Constitution. This is not an issue the White House was hoping would come up again. (CBS-2)

NBC's Lisa Myers reports three protesters were in court today in

Washington, D.C. because they had burned a flag on the steps of the Capitol last October to challenge the new law banning desecration of the flag.

(TV Coverage: File footage of demonstrators being arrested; burning flag on Capitol steps.)

Before today's hearing on their case, they celebrated yesterday's ruling by a Seattle judge on a similar case that the new law is unconstitutional. And they vowed the burning will continue.

(Protester: "Every time a politician wraps himself in a flag, or sends troops off to invade yet another Third World country, we will be there, Zippos in hand, to oppose him.")

Charges were dismissed yesterday against four Seattle protesters who set fire to a flag at the post office last fall.

(TV Coverage: Burning flag being hoisted up flagpole.)

Federal Judge Barbara Rothstein ruled that they were exercising their First Amendment rights. After the ruling, one of the protesters burned another flag, and spit on it. Politicians on Capitol Hill denounced the Seattle decision.

(Rep. Hubbard: "Well, I can assure these Seattle flag-burners that if they will just go and live in Tehran, Iran, my Kentucky constituents will be glad to buy them one-way airline tickets to Tehran.")

Constitutional scholars predict that when these cases reach the Supreme Court, perhaps as early as this summer, the justices once again will rule that the Constitution protects flag-burners. That is almost certain to set off another political battle over amending the Constitution, and over which party will save the flag. (NBC-2)

ABC's John Martin reports that in the Washington case, Attorney William

Kunstler, speaking for the protesters, said his clients were singled out by the law for expressing contempt while others were free to exploit the flag, even for commercial gain. But a government attorney argued that Congress had expressed strong national interest in protecting the flag from physical harm, and that the courts usually defer to the intent of Congress. Judge June Green shot back, "We're also bound by the Supreme Court, aren't we?" (ABC-4)

B-2 STEALTH BOMBER

Jennings reports that Congress was told today it should limit spending on the B-2 until it can be sure it works.

ABC's Bob Zelnick reports that the GAO today told Congress the Air Force is in to much of a hurry to buy, given the fact that test flights on the Stealth bomber have so far proved only that it can fly, and that it will be a year or more until they test its electronics system and its ability to avoid radar detection.

(Frank Conahan, GAO: "Under the current acquisition plan, 31 aircraft will be on order and over \$48 billion will have been appropriated before anyone knows whether the B-2 can actually do its job.")

Waiting for the test results would save several billion dollars in the short run, but it could also force the manufacturer, Northrop, to fire workers and engineers and drive up the cost of each plane.

(Rep. Kasich: "Is there any way out of this predicament? I mean, what kind of an alternative buying strategy could you have where if you slow it down it costs more and if you don't slow it down you're going to produce something where you're probably going to have a lot of errors?")

Committee sources say they will likely delay B-2 purchases long enough to see if the plane works, and compensate for each plane's higher cost by buying fewer of them. The Air Force, which wants 132 Stealths, may eventually have to settle for 50 or less.

CBS's David Martin reports the B-2 may also be in trouble with the law.

On Valentine's Day, the FBI raided B-2 headquarters at the Northrop Corp., and seized documents apparently related to a fraud investigation. (ABC-9, CBS-3)

Brokaw reports that the Air Force was criticized today for underestimating the cost of major weapons programs by tens of billions of dollars. An audit by the GAO cited bad accounting, and said actual costs could not even be determined. (NBC-11)

NIGHT VISION GOGGLES/ARMY

NBC's Katherine Couric reports that the night-time surprise invasion of

Panama was made possible with night-vision goggles, allowing pilots to fly low and undetected by radar. Army aviators have a great deal of confidence in night-vision goggles. Though the goggles are being hailed for their role in Panama, at a congressional hearing last year critics called the Army's night-vision training program inadequate, and said the goggles are responsible for too many training deaths. Since 1984, 60 men have died in Army accidents involving night-vision goggles. But according to Army statistics, the goggles themselves have been cited as a contributing factor in only five of 47 nighttime flying accidents. With the goggles, peripheral vision is limited, depth perception can be a problem and power lines are often impossible to see. But the drawbacks, the pilots say, can be overcome with proper training. (NBC-12)

SPY/U.S. NAVY

NBC's Fred Francis reports the Navy has asked Michael Walker, who is in prison for stealing state secrets (and is the son of convicted spy John Walker), to speak of his crimes on videotape, hoping other sailors would heed his warning.

(Michael Walker, on videotape: "...During my entire espionage career...I received a total of \$1,000. That might compute to about 25 cents a day for every day I do for the next 25 years. That's a joke. You can't pay me enough to stay one extra day in this prison.")

A Navy investigator said Michael's remorse may win him an early parole. (NBC-15)

NICARAGUA/U.S. RELATIONS

Rather: Secretary Baker said today U.S. relations with Nicaragua will not automatically be normalized, even if President Ortega wins a fair and square election Sunday. Baker said Ortega must first show a "substantial period of good behavior." (CBS-10)

NICARAGUAN ELECTIONS

CBS's Juan Vasquez reports that Daniel Ortega's new image is part populist, part Bruce Springsteen. The Sandinista leader has not only changed his appearance, he even claims to have renounced communism.

(Daniel Ortega: "I never said the Sandinistas were a Marxist Party. We're nationalists with a universal ideology.")

The opposition is selling democracy. Though their rallies have drawn big crowds, they lack the glitter and the resources employed by Ortega's political machine. Opposition candidate Violetta Chamorro has been hampered by a broken knee, and weakened by the perception she is more a symbol than a leader. She brings a promise of better relations with the U.S., American aid, and cheaper tortillas. Ortega points to victory in the war against the contras. It is a campaign of symbolism, devoid of solutions for Nicaragua's social and economic problems. (CBS-11)

ABC's David Ensor reports that opposition candidate Violetta Chamorro is not a politician, and her campaign is often disorganized and short on specifics. But she does promise change.

(Violetta Chamorro: "Ten years of government, ten years of lies, ten years of betrayal. I don't believe that the people of Nicaragua will vote for Manuel Ortega.")

But despite economic hardship here, the incumbent manages to turn out even bigger crowds than Chamorro. Most polls suggest Ortega is ahead. Chamorro is painfully slowed by a broken knee, and her 14-party coalition is uneasy. But there's nothing she can do about what has turned out to be a major liability: President Bush's support -- U.S. money for her campaign. That has hurt her with the many Nicaraguans who resent what they see as U.S. interference. Chamorro admits it's an uphill battle, but insists she will win.

(ABC-3)

LEBANESE HOSTAGES/IRAN

Jennings reports that a newspaper in Iran which often reflects the views of President Rafsanjani called for the release of all Western hostages in Lebanon with no preconditions. (ABC-2)

WORLD BANK/POLAND

Jennings reports that the president of the World Bank signed an agreement for what will eventually be \$2.5 billion in aid to Poland.

ABC's John Donovan reports that nothing is guaranteed anymore in Poland since Solidarity's government started forcing Poland this year to work like a Western economy with competition. One factory manager says fear is spurring everyone to work harder. The workers are having nightmares about losing their jobs. For a change, meat is plentiful and getting cheaper, but only because farmers cannot afford to feed their animals. (ABC-10)

REUNIFICATION/POLAND

Brokaw reports that West Germany today rejected Poland's request to join international talks on German reunification. Poland fears a unified Germany might try to take back areas given to Poland at the end of World War II, and wants its border guaranteed. Today, West Germany said only a reunified Germany could give such a guarantee. (NBC-8)

REUNIFICATION/ECONOMY

NBC's Peter Kent reports that East Germans are increasingly resentful of what some see as the ruthlessly competitive society next door. As the campaign for next month's elections picks up, small left-wing parties are trying to exploit those frustrations, urging their countrymen to resist quick reunification and not to be blinded by visions of Western wealth. (NBC-9)

JAPANESE CHARITY

Rather reports a Japanese official said today his government is considering giving tax breaks to Japanese companies that contribute to charitable causes in the U.S.

CBS's Bill Whitaker reports that a new Japanese corporate strategy to win over the American public is now out: a primer from the Japanese Chamber of Commerce on the benefits of good deeds and charity. But critics say it's just a PR ploy.

(Rep. Bentley: "You know, Americans aren't dumb. Americans will realize that what they're really trying to do is buy our goodwill by doing some volunteer work and by contributing to charities.") (CBS-4)

OIL TANKER EXPLOSION

Brokaw reports of an explosion today in the Persian Gulf on a Kuwaiti oil tanker sailing under the American flag. The captain and first mate, both Americans, were reported killed; 23 other crewmen were rescued. (NBC-10, CBS-6)

CALIF. PRIMARY CHANGE

Brokaw reports the California Senate voted today to move up that state's presidential primary to March 3, putting California right up among the first primaries in 1992. (NBC-13)

NBC's John Chancellor: ...The party that has lost five of the past six presidential elections has come up with a new idea for the next one.... It's designed to produce a Democratic presidential nominee quickly, and give him or her an early start. That is, if any Democrat wants to run against George "Read my polls" Bush.... If [Jesse Jackson] ran against a pack of other Democrats [in California], he would probably win, and winning California could win him the nomination. The irony is, many Democrats want Jackson out of presidential politics. (NBC-14)

CHILD SAFETY SEATS

ABC's Bettina Gregory reports that the nation's airlines demanded today the FAA insist on infant seats for children under two years of age. If adopted, the proposal would require parents to buy tickets for children under two who now fly for free, as well as bring their own safety seat. (ABC-6)

NBC's Robert Hager reports that the government says there have been very few plane accidents in which infant seats might have made a difference. Getting the final government regulation on the books may take more than a year. (NBC-5)

SPRAY CAN STREAMERS

NBC's Tom Brokaw reports the federal government today recalled five brands of a product a lot of children like to play with, called aerosol string streamers. The product can catch fire when sprayed. The Consumer Product Safety Commission said that six children and two adults have been burned by it. (ABC-5, NBC-6, CBS-9)

FAT SUBSTITUTE

Jennings reports the government today approved the first of so-called "fake fats." It is made by Nutra-Sweet, from milk and egg whites, and has about half the calories of real fat. It can only be used in cold foods. (ABC-7, NBC-7, CBS-11)

STANDARDIZED TESTS

ABC's Bill Blakemore reports that performance-based assessment tests, which involve students researching facts, drawing up written reports, and giving oral presentations, are starting to replace standardized, computerized testing. However, in education, Americans have been wary of it. But that's changing; educators are beginning to use many new ways to assess their students. Some testing companies are beginning to offer more essay exams and open-ended math questions that can be solved in a number of ways. And some states are developing portfolio assessments, a collection of the student's work through the year as a way of measuring improvement. (ABC-11)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

NICARAGUAN ELECTIONS

U.S. Should Decry Shenanigans But Back Process -- "...The Bush Administration should walk a fine diplomatic line as Feb. 25 approaches.... Former Attorney General Elliot Richardson noted that while the campaign has been generally fair, Sandinista intimidation of opposition candidates has the potential for undermining the credibility of the process.... Walking a fine diplomatic line does not mean the Bush Administration should keep quiet in the face of electoral irregularities.... Having veered away from the Reagan Administration's policy of squeezing the Sandinistas militarily by providing aid to the contras, Bush must be particularly alert to Sandinista wrongdoing in the political process. But though the U.S. should protest any and all specific acts of electoral intimidation and harassment, nothing will have been gained by unfairly discrediting the elections beforehand." (Dallas Morning News, 2/8)

A Not-Too-Imperfect Process In Nicaragua -- "...The outlook as glimpsed by a variety of impartial international observers is for a relatively free and fair contest, at least by the region's not always tidy standards.... Polling in Nicaragua is hardly state of the art, but the preponderance of surveys show President Ortega in the lead for the presidency. The likelihood of his winning, in a free and honest vote, cannot be discounted. Alas, the Bush Administration is not alert to the possibility and could be caught flatfooted if Ortega won fair and square. After all the time and effort Washington has expended in the name of liberating Nicaragua, is President Bush about to be exposed as unwilling to accept democratic election results there? If not, why won't he say so?"

(Atlanta Constitution, 2/16)

If Ortega Wins... -- "...While critics continue to cite incidents of government intimidation and other foul play, the consensus among observers, including former President Carter, is that unless the Sandinistas steal the elections after the fact, the 1990 elections may be the freest in Nicaragua's history.... Now that it's become clear that the Sandinistas stand at least an even chance of winning, the White House must decide how to react if they do. Is it prepared to deal with them as the legitimate government of Nicaragua?... Or would it merely dismiss the elections as fraudulent and renew the contra war? Now that the unthinkable has become possible, the Administration needs to articulate the full range of U.S. policy options that it may be considering toward post-election Nicaragua." (Miami Herald, 2/7)

What If The Sandinistas Should Win The Election? -- "...Although some incidents have marred the contest, by most accounts the election campaign is very close and very real.... Then why all the badmouthing of the Feb. 25 election by the Bush Administration? Because in Nicaragua, the Administration is stuck in a time warp. It has never gotten over its view of the Sandinistas as an advance guard of the Soviets.... It only makes the United States look stupid and vindictive to discredit the campaign.... Instead of resisting, the Administration should be prepared to accept the results of a free and fair election -- and it should say so.... It should make clear that no matter who wins in a fair contest, Washington would honor the results by calling off the trade and credit embargoes and move to enter into normal relations with Managua." (New York Newsday, 2/13)

Big 'Ifs' For Nicaragua -- "Secretary Baker said last week it's possible the U.S. might improve relations with Nicaragua even if the U.S.-backed opposition candidate, Violeta Chamorro, loses the election to Daniel Ortega. Baker puts on a ton of conditions, but even the discussion of normal diplomatic relations with a Sandinista government in Nicaragua indicates a disturbing change in attitude.... Ortega has refused to permit a U.S. congressional delegation to observe the elections.... Meanwhile, the Sandinistas have been disrupting opposition political activities and holding up political funds earmarked for the Chamorro campaign.... The Soviet Union reportedly is still sending heavy weapons into Nicaragua.... The Bush Administration should continue demanding fair and free elections...and pressuring the Soviets to stop sending weapons to the Sandinistas. But before seriously talking about normalizing relations with the government of Daniel Ortega, the Bush Administration should have irrefutable proof that the Sandinistas have truly changed their ways."

(Birmingham News, 2/5)

If The Sandinistas Win -- "...Suppose the Sandinistas win in a contest judged fair by monitors like Jimmy Carter and Elliot Richardson. Will President Bush honor the outcome? Bush could yield to the clamor on his right flank and find a pretext for disputing the result. But this would be pique, not policy. More important, it would also ignore changing realities, dishonor principle and mock hopes for peace and pluralism in Central America.... Bush is thus positioned to make the most of real gains for democracy in Nicaragua. He could condition an end to sanctions on continued acceptance of genuine pluralism. But fairness would also require Washington to demobilize the contras, as stipulated by the same peace pact Nicaragua is asked to honor. By so doing, the President would reciprocate Soviet President Gorbachev's wisdom in letting smaller countries seek their own way."

(New York Times, 2/17)

Election Intimidation In Nicaragua -- "...Washington's decision to abandon its official efforts to monitor the election is hardly surprising. It would defeat the whole purpose of the enterprise if the Nicaraguan Marxists were allowed to veto observers they don't like.... Doubtless, the Sandinistas were emboldened in their decision to refuse the visas by the relatively clean bill of health their election practices received from the U.N., the OAS and from an observer mission led by former President Carter. But, in fact, the three teams didn't deem the election process problem-free. As Allen Weinstein of the Washington-based Center for Democracy points out, the U.N., OAS and President Carter simply 'accentuated the positive.'... Meanwhile, it's well to note that OAS observers have reported major election-law violations in the Sandinistas' use of government resources -- including the state-owned media. In short, the playing field looks decidedly uneven."

(New York Post, 2/15)

The Sandinista Vote -- "...If [Violeta Chamorro wins], the U.S. surely must end sanctions and demobilize the contras. To do otherwise would mock the principal rationale -- democratic choice -- of its policy of the past decade.... If, as now looks at least possible, the Sandinistas win and are certified by the various monitoring groups to have done so fairly, things get stickier. Having endorsed elections..., the Bush Administration could not ignore an outcome validated by hundreds of observers.... A certified Sandinista victory would leave the Bush Administration under considerable domestic and international pressure to accept the result, lift sanctions and move on."

(Washington Post, 2/19)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

CARTAGENA DRUG SUMMIT

"Bush Was The Greater Attraction"

"To convince the public of its seriousness, the Medellin drug cartel surrendered three of its biggest cocaine factories to the Colombian government.... In the end, however, George Bush was the greater attraction, since he courageously entered the lions' den, thereby increasing his popularity in the U.S." (Die Welt, West Germany)

"Cartagena Taught U.S. A Lesson"

"...The Cartagena summit taught the U.S. a lesson. The very country that created the demand and whose citizens are willing to pay billions of dollars for drugs cannot refuse to start fighting the war on this front. Washington's drug policy is rightly criticized since it emphasizes police missions and persecution over prevention and treatment." (Westdeutsche Allgemeine, West Germany)

"Bush Was On Defensive"

"The Cartagena Summit forced President Bush to acknowledge that his strategy of a U.S. military intervention in Latin America against narco-traffickers is unfeasible.... Notes from behind the scenes of the Cartagena summit...confirm that Bush was on the defensive most of the time.... The pact signed in Cartagena represents nonetheless a success in the international war on drugs." (La Stampa, Italy)

"Bush Did It Again"

"President Bush did it again. His pleasantness has often succeeded in creating a good mood in meetings with leading politicians. This is what happened during the Cartagena summit. Now tensions have apparently relaxed.... It is important for Latin American self-esteem that Bush confirm that the U.S. has given up the idea of military actions against drug trafficking." (Dagens Nyheter, Sweden)

"No Impressive Results"

"...It is not an impressive result...to which the cartel has given birth at the summit.... It is an expanded cooperation between the four countries, in which the police and military aspects are still the crucial elements.... As long as nothing is done about the cocaine market, and as long as the producers are given no realistic alternatives, the problem will exist." (Information, Denmark)

"Great Improvement In International Anti-Drug Effort"

"...There is no doubt that a great improvement has been made in the international effort to combat drug addiction.... However, the optimism derived from the Cartagena Summit must be tempered because the causes of drug addiction and the evident imperfections of the Bush Administration's drug program remain." (Unomasuno's, Mexico)

"Bush Demonstrated Bravery To U.S. Public"

"The Cartagena Summit ended in a pile of words.... No surprises. What constituted a clear triumph for George Bush is that he demonstrated to the U.S. public that his bravery is such that he dared to travel to a fort protected by 5,000 men in the frightening country of Colombia.... The surprise of the summit came from the multiplicity of secondary agreements which indicated disagreement with the original text of the communique."
(La Prensa, Colombia)

"Propaganda Show"

"Exaggerated publicity was the only concrete thing that emerged from the so-called presidential summit in Cartagena.... At a high cost to Colombia in image and resources, the President of the United States will be able to return to his country surrounded by an immense air of heroism.... What took place was a propaganda show...not a serious effort to resolve the economic problems of our peoples."
(El Siglo, Colombia)

"Cornerstone In Hemispheric Relations"

"The Cartagena Declaration is a cornerstone in hemispheric relations because the signatories have committed themselves to carry out a multilateral anti-drug effort that puts emphasis not only on military and police actions...but more importantly on social and economic aspects of the problem. This is a step forward in regard to the rigid position the U.S. held just a few days before the meeting."
(El Universal, Mexico)

"Repressive Measures Are Not Enough"

"A positive result of the Cartagena Summit was the recognition that repressive measures are not enough to combat narco-trafficking. Without an alternative to the 'coca economy,'...there is little hope that repressive actions will have a lasting effect."
(Folha de Sao Paulo, Brazil)

"Bush Proved To Be Able Listener"

"...President Bush's decision to attend the four-nation drug summit...was a gesture of acknowledgement that his country shares a measure of culpability with the producing nations. Bush continued to champion aggressive military action.... [But] the President proved himself able to listen to and compromise with the Latin Americans."
(Toronto Globe and Mail, Canada)

"U.S. Has Give Up On Military Approach"

"For a country that places so much faith in the wisdom of the marketplace, the U.S. has been distressingly slow to fully recognize the need to fight its war on drugs on the economic front. Washington hasn't given up on a military approach. And the economic remarks were not always accompanied by practical measures. Still, Washington is getting on the right theoretical track."
(Montreal Gazette, Canada)

HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

"China's Sins"

"It is noteworthy that the report named Deng Xiaoping and other elder leaders as those solely responsible for abusing the human rights of the Chinese.... It is certain that the human rights report will have a tremendous (adverse) effect on the future U.S.-China relationship."

(NHK-TV, Japan)

"State Department Blames China"

"The report is expected to strengthen congressional voices of criticism toward the Bush Administration's China policy." (Asahi, Japan)

"U.S. Report Attacks Beijing Over Human Rights Abuses"

"The U.S. criticized China for human rights abuses, highlighting killings in Tibet and the crackdown in June on peaceful pro-democracy protesters in Beijing.... The blunt language could complicate President Bush's efforts to maintain high-level contacts with the Communist government in Beijing, and is bound to fuel congressional criticism of his China policy." (Financial Times, Britain)

"Kudos For USSR, Censure For China"

"On China, the blunt language of the report...seemed likely to complicate President Bush's already controversial efforts to maintain high-level contacts with Beijing." (Independent, Britain)

"Washington's 'Worrisome' Friends"

"U.S. allies are the big losers in this report. China is one of the main culprits.... No one is spared, neither the Israeli ally nor the Salvadoran or Honduran friends.... The document will not help the Presidential policy -- already highly criticized -- of normalization with Beijing." (Liberation, France)

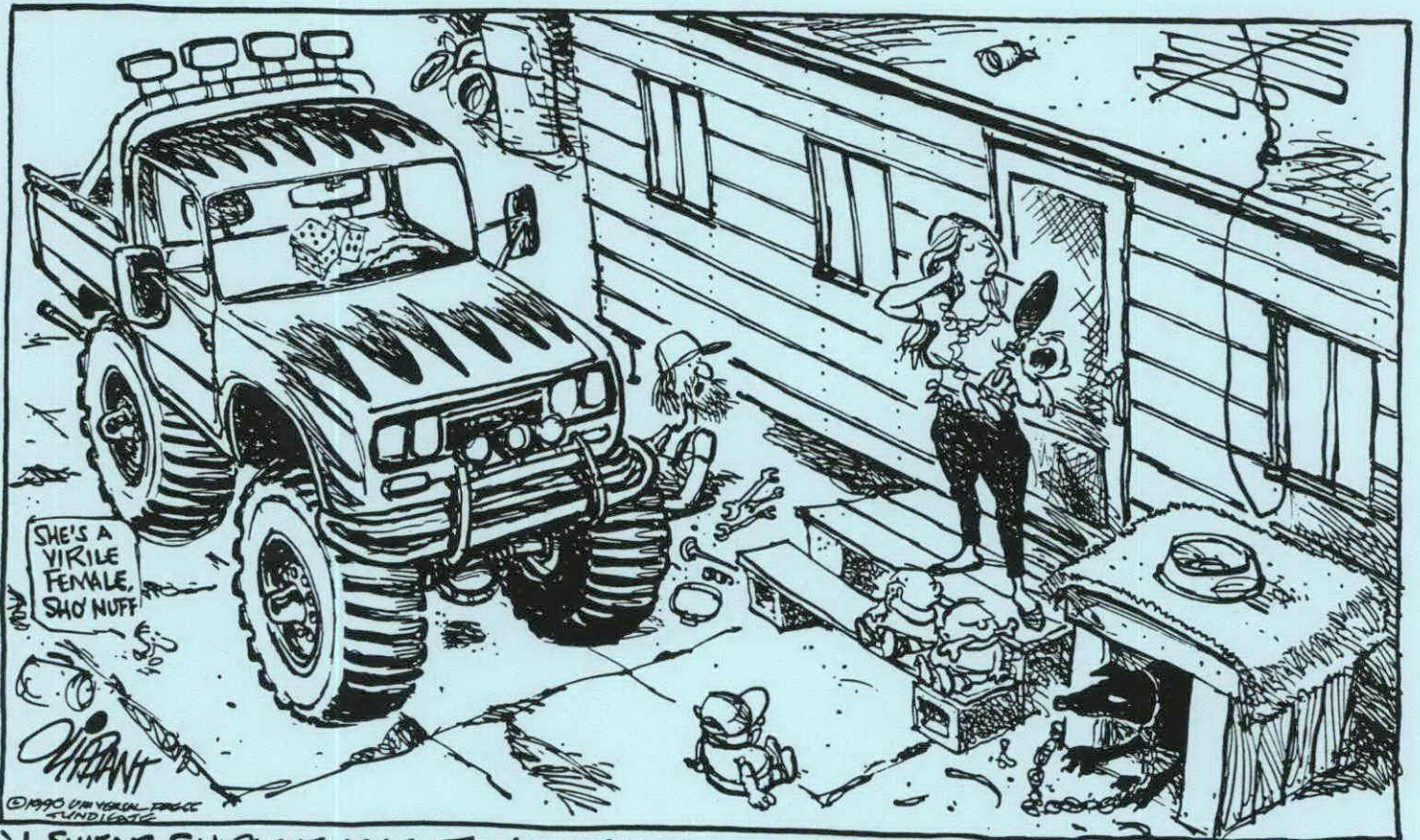
"Panama And The Territories"

"We are still entitled to wonder about American hypocrisy which condones the murder of citizens in Latin American countries by either U.S. troops or local collaborators. Israel should retaliate by publishing its own annual report condemning the violation of human rights in Panama and elsewhere." (Davar, Israel)

"Human Rights Report, 1989"

"There is an appreciable difference between the State Department's human rights report of 1988...and the 1989 report. The earlier report...practically ignored the violent context of insurrection, and its accusations against Israel took the form of sweeping generalizations.... This year's report, by contrast, states very clearly that the 'territories' are a place of military occupation under conditions of a violent uprising." (Jerusalem Post, Israel)

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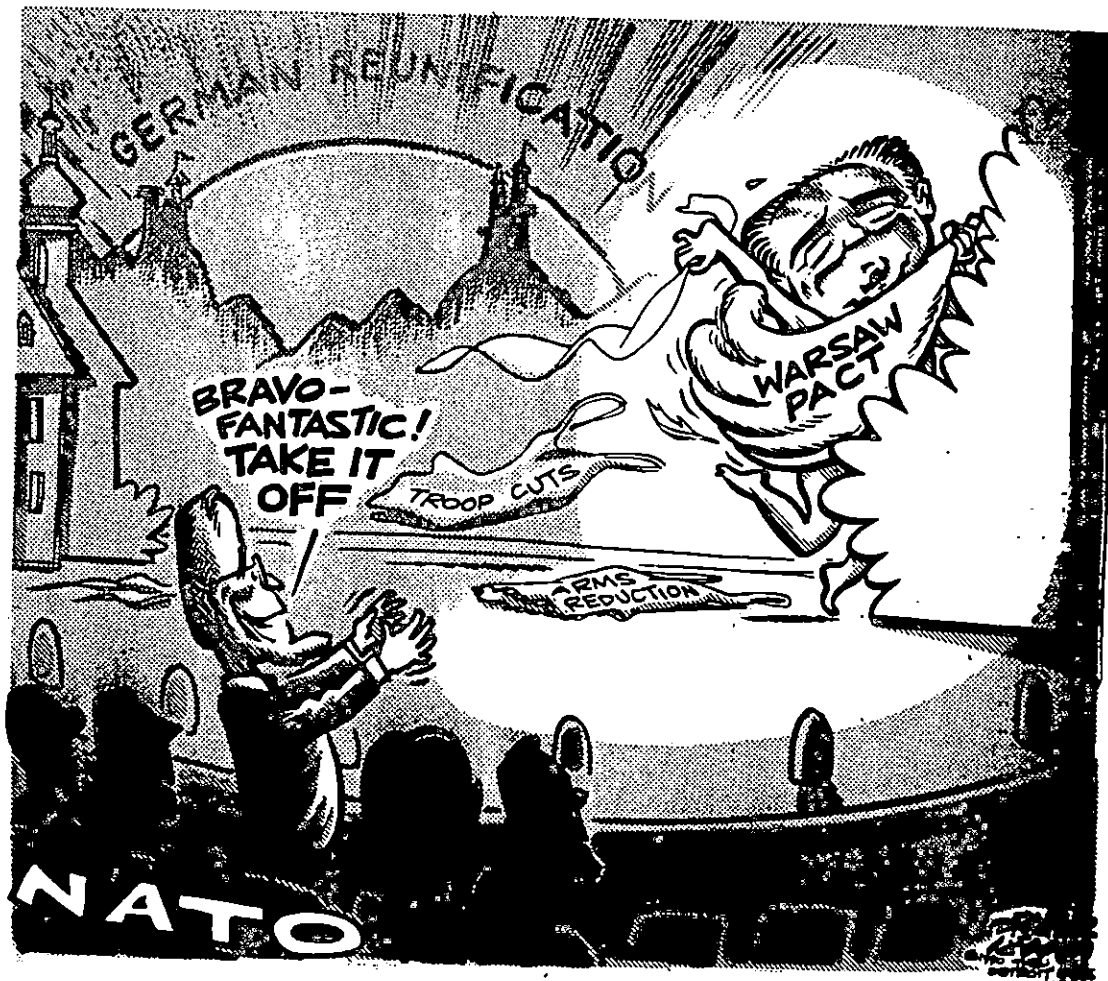
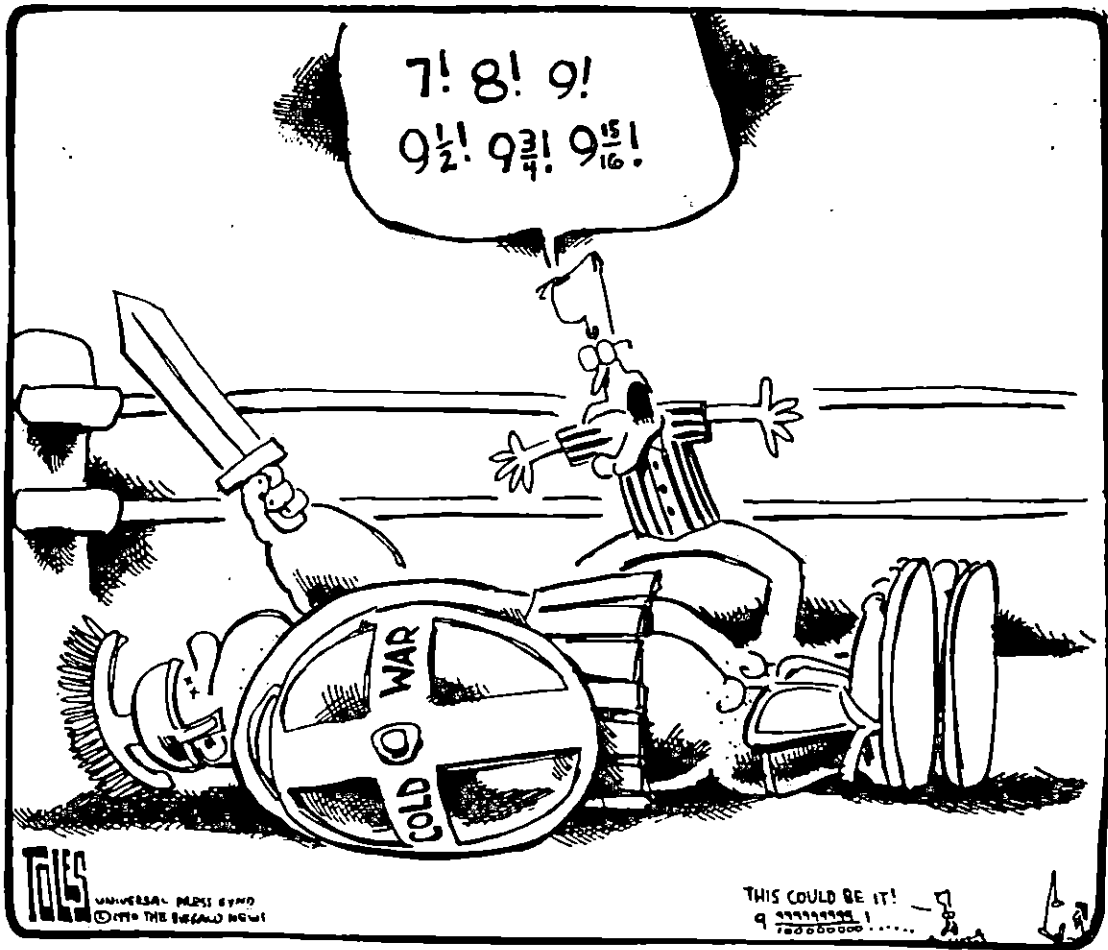


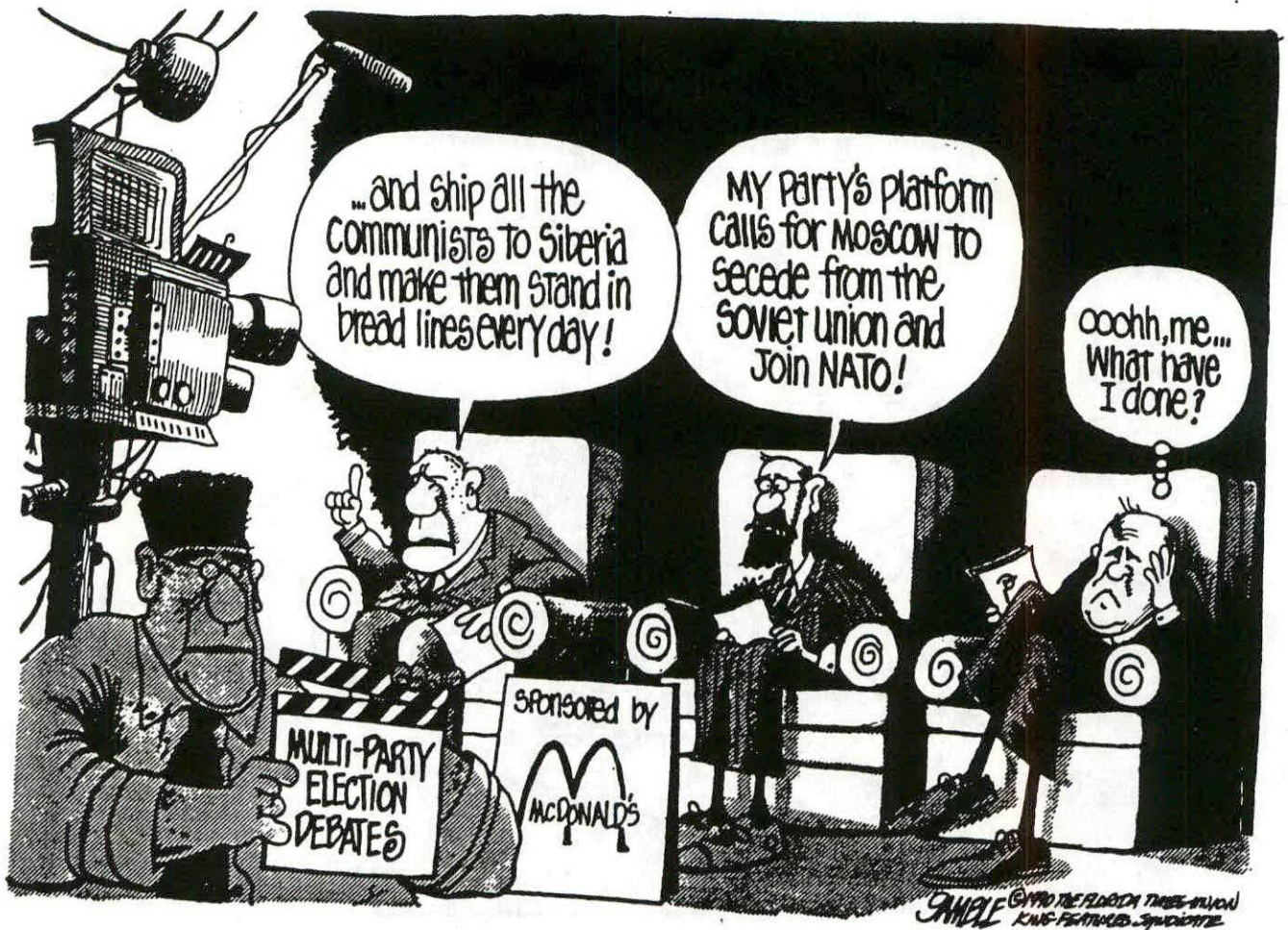
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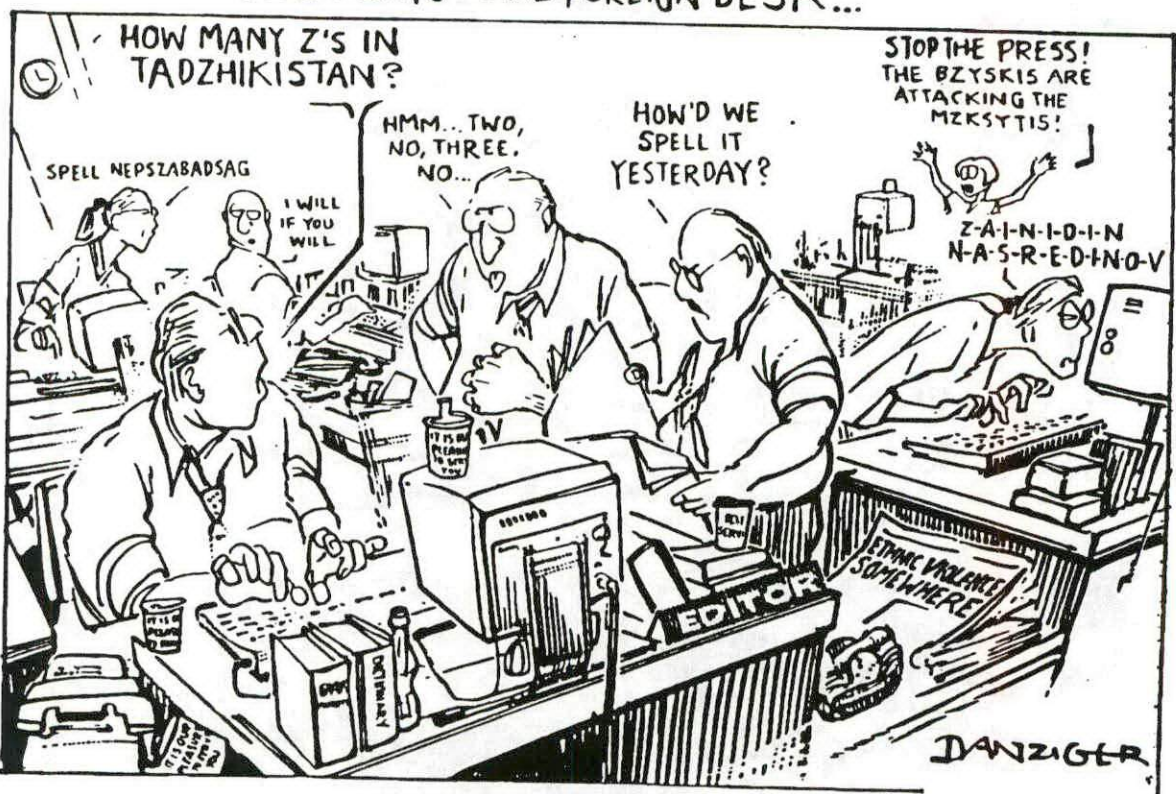
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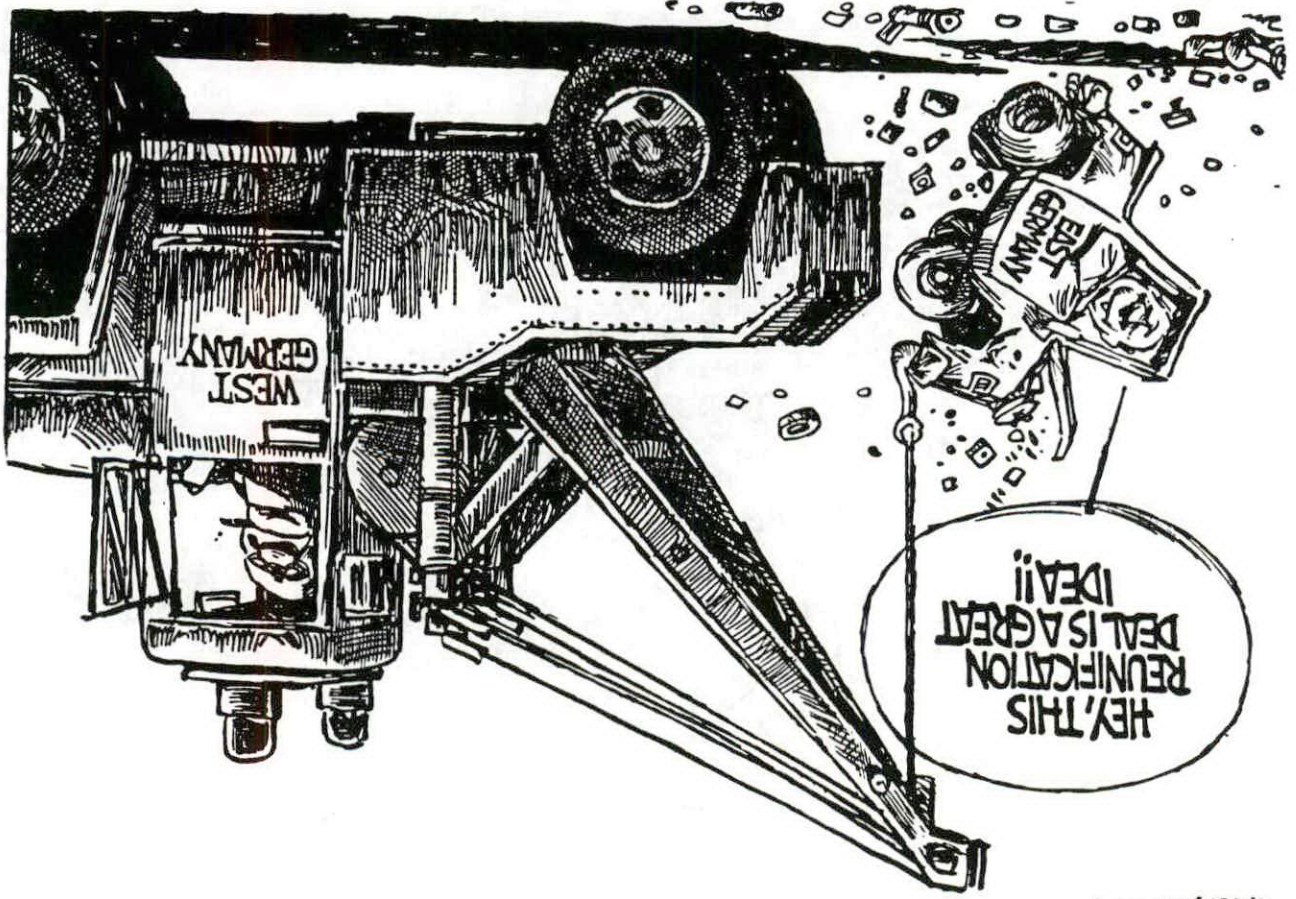
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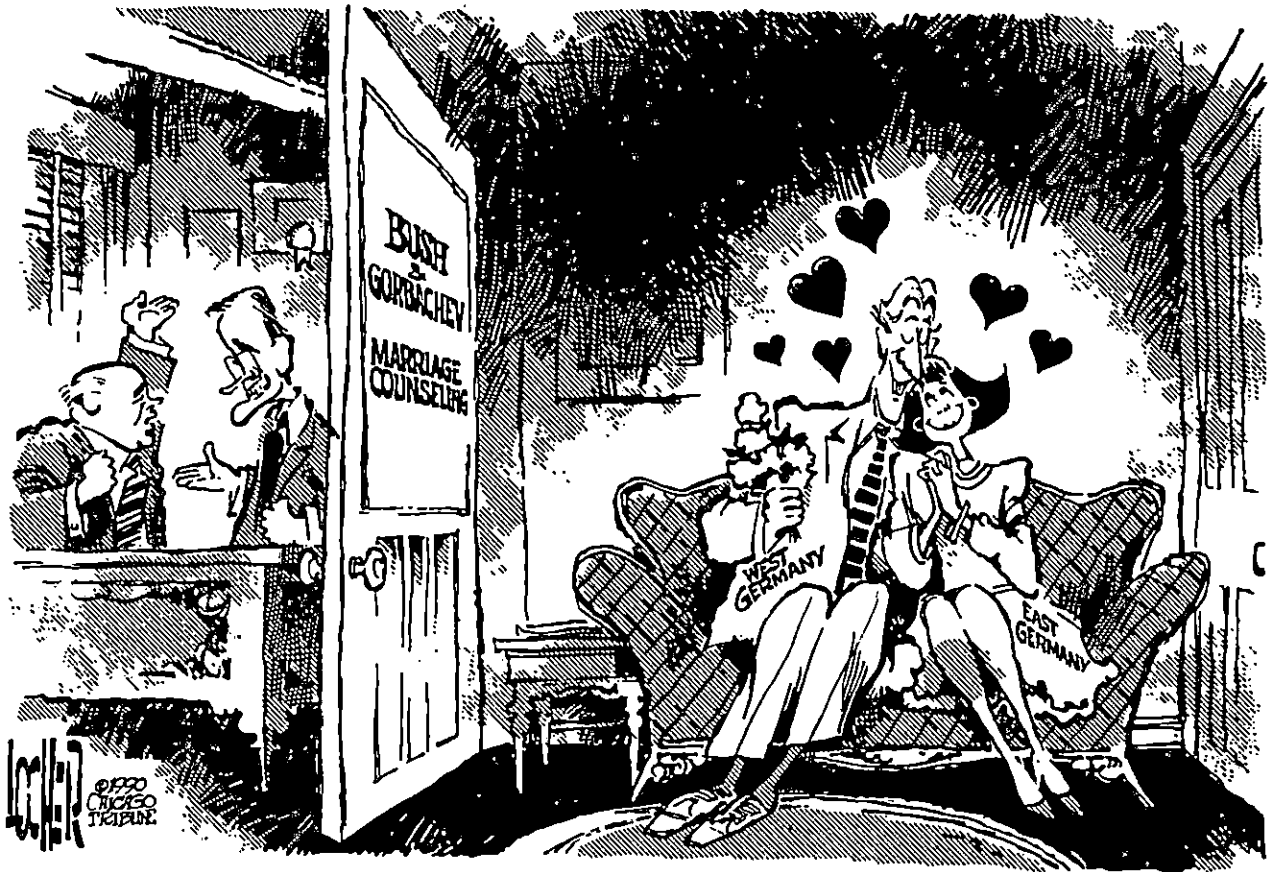
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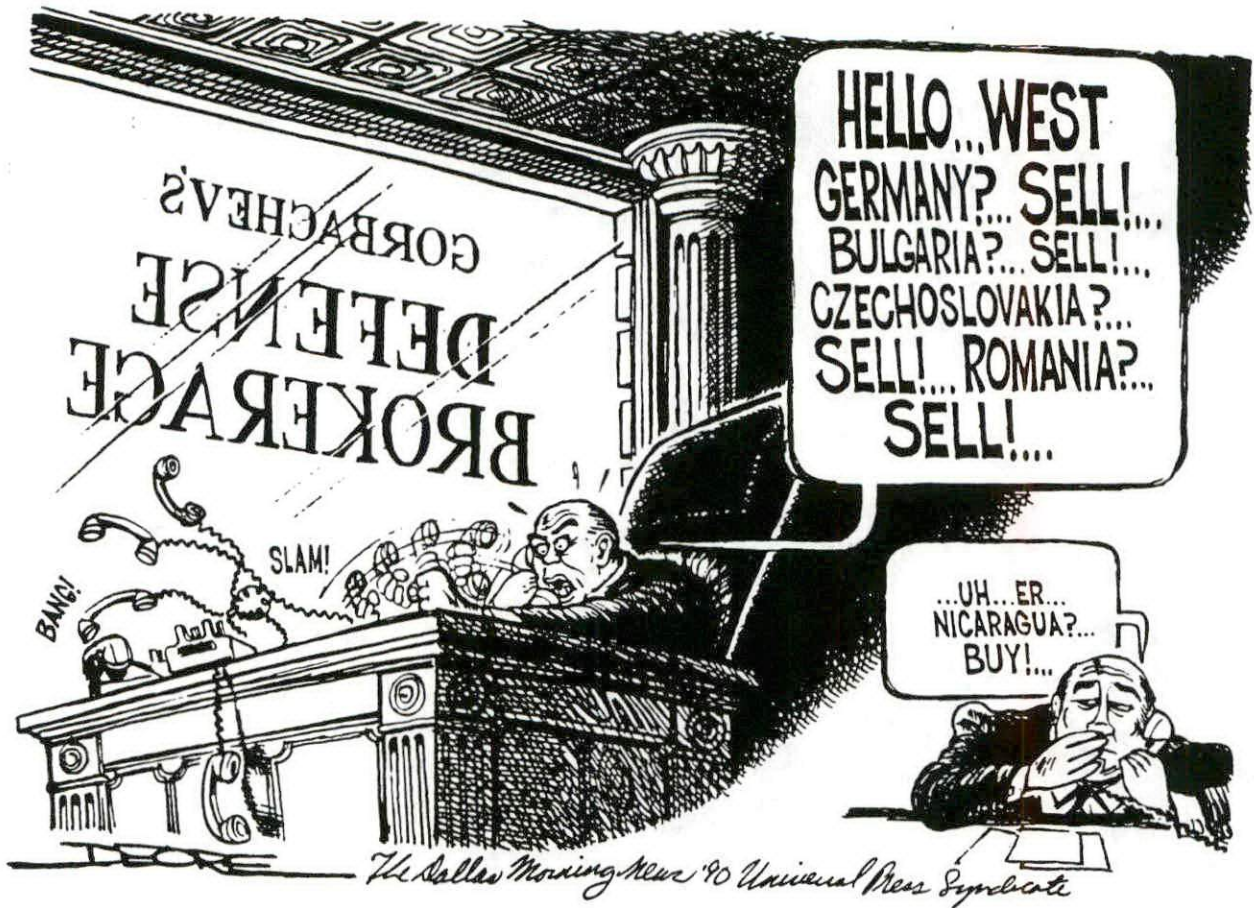




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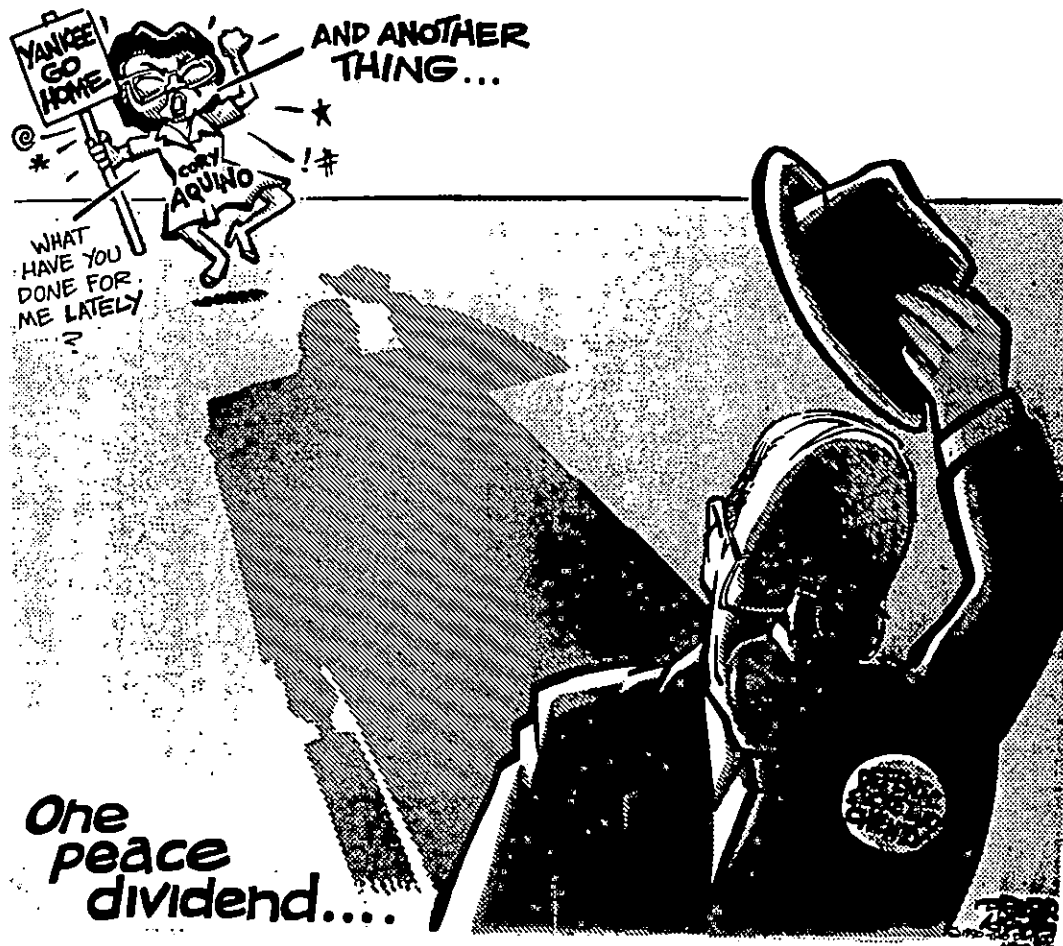
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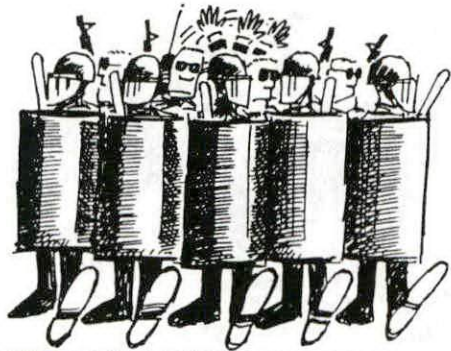


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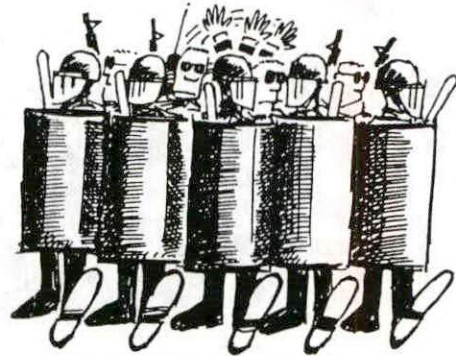
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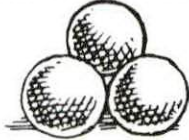


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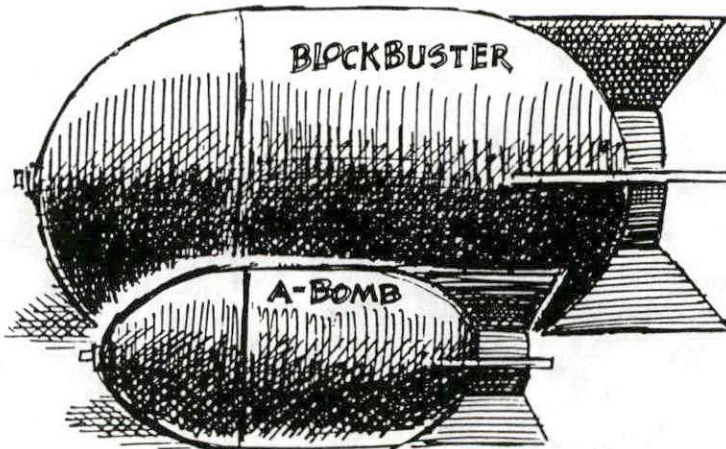
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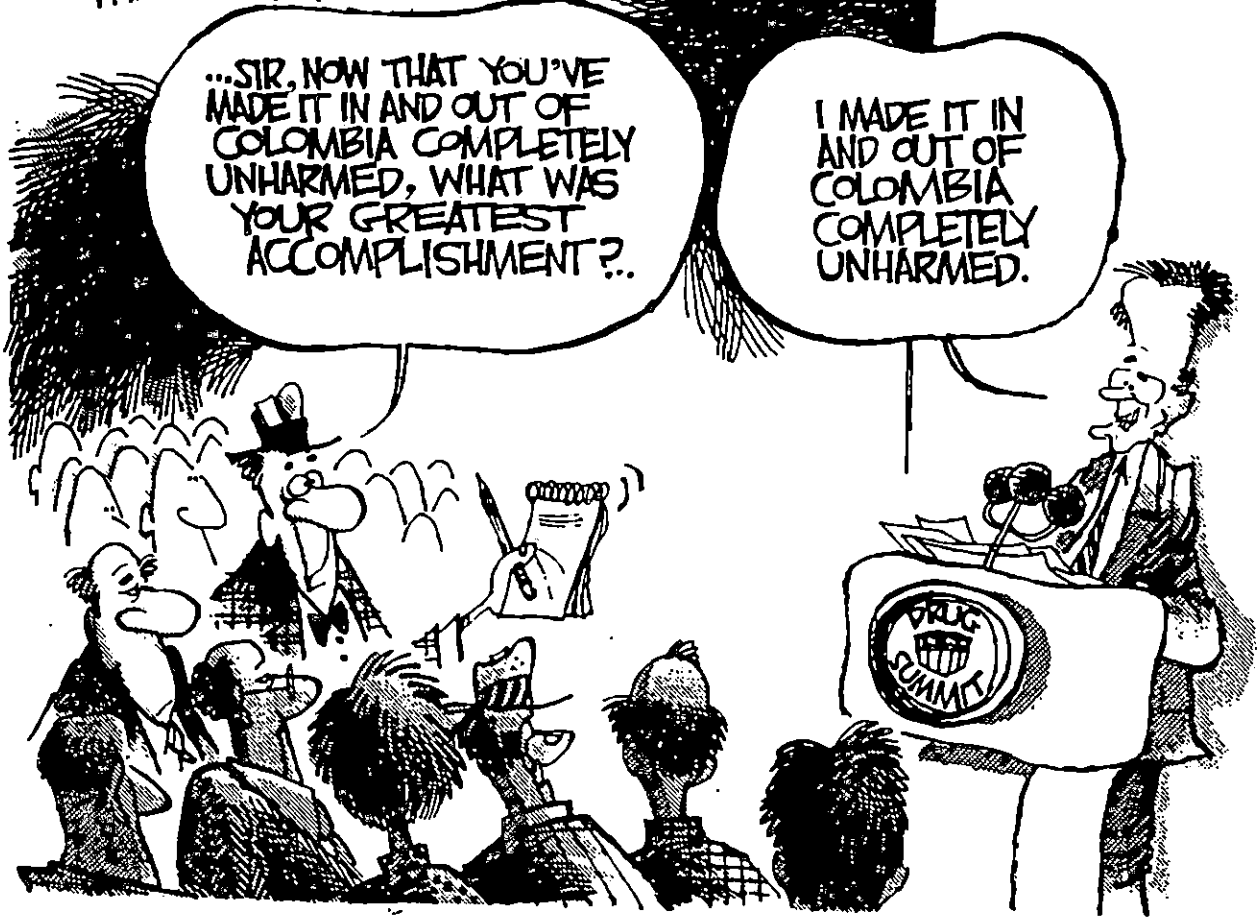


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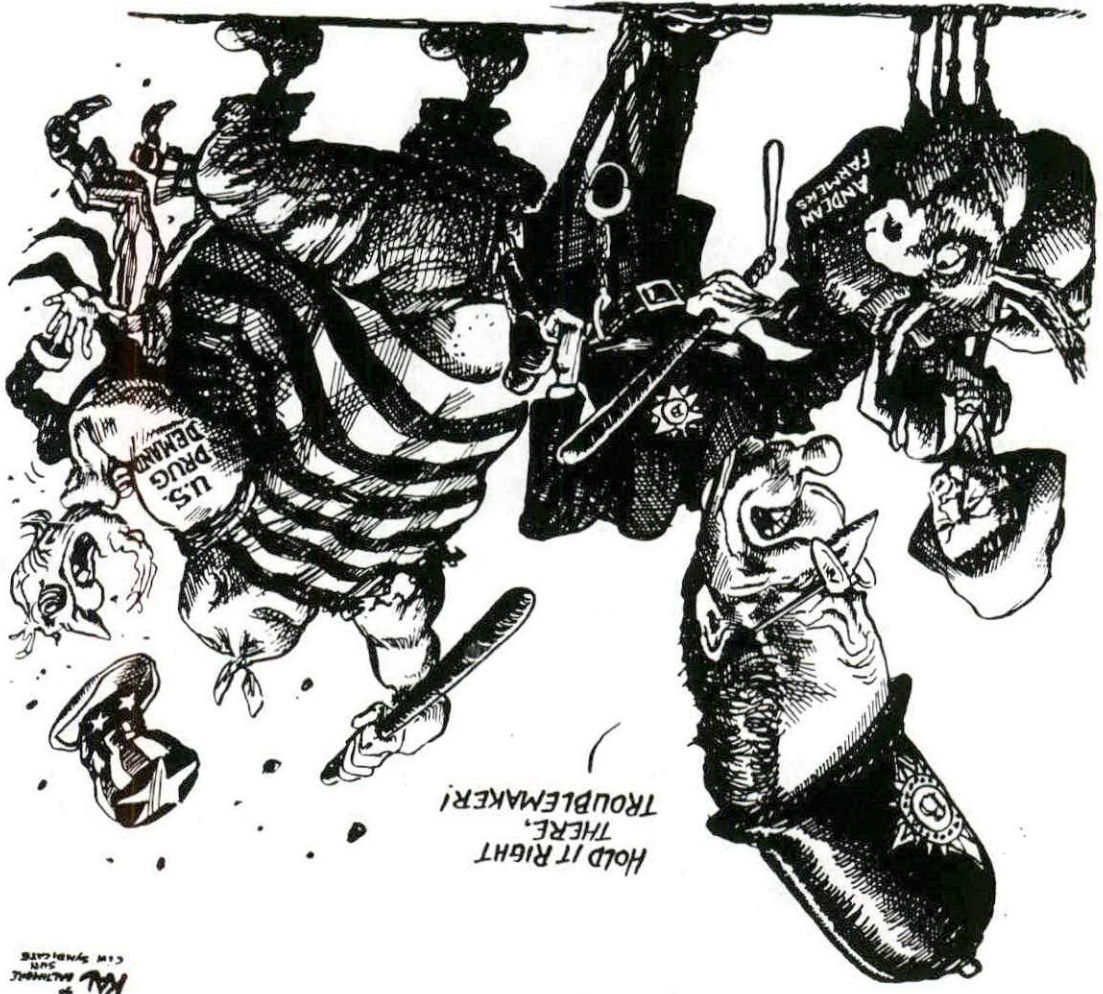
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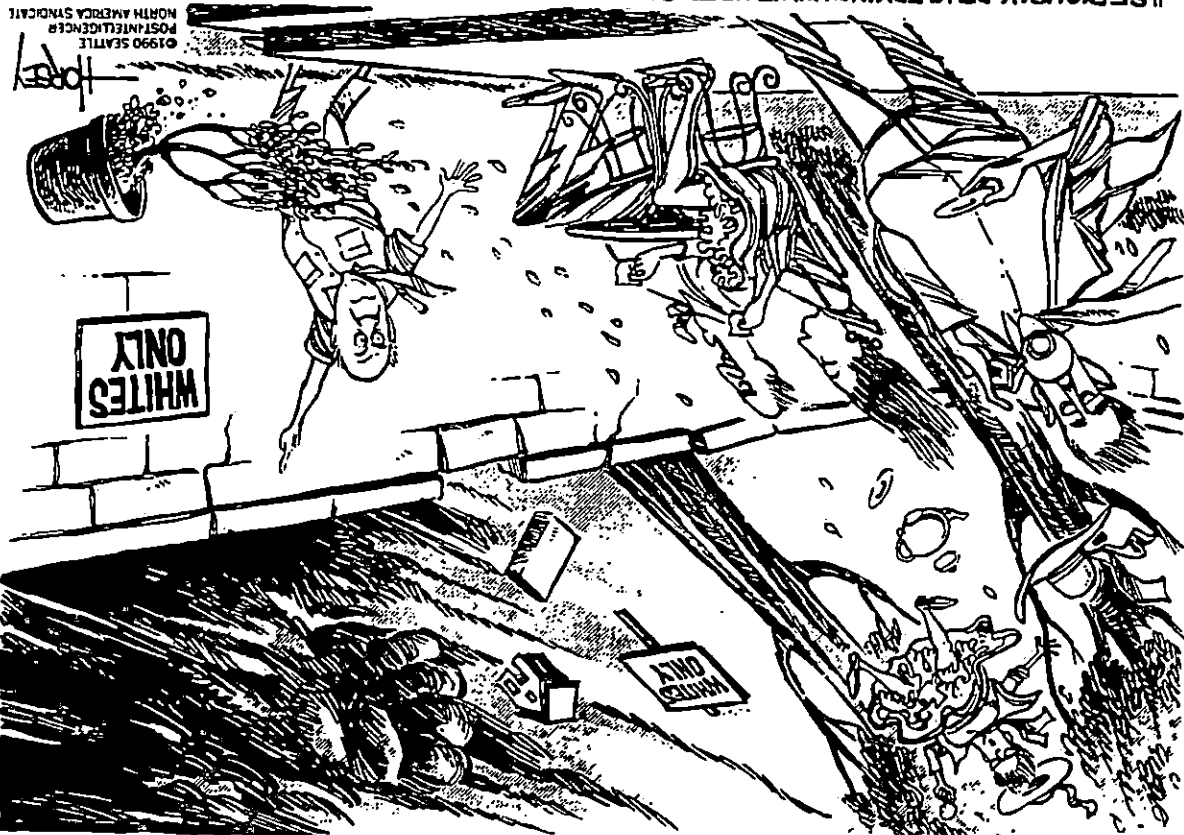


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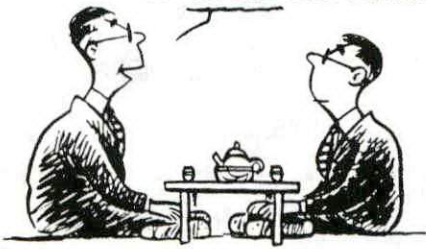
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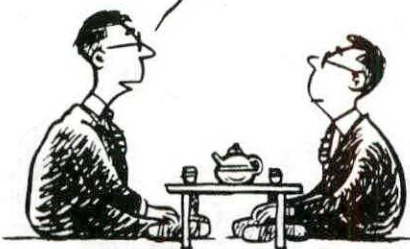
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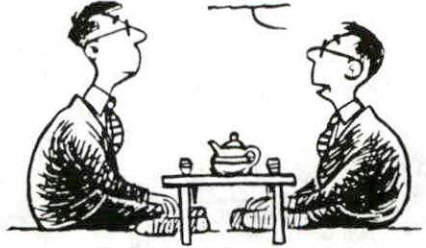
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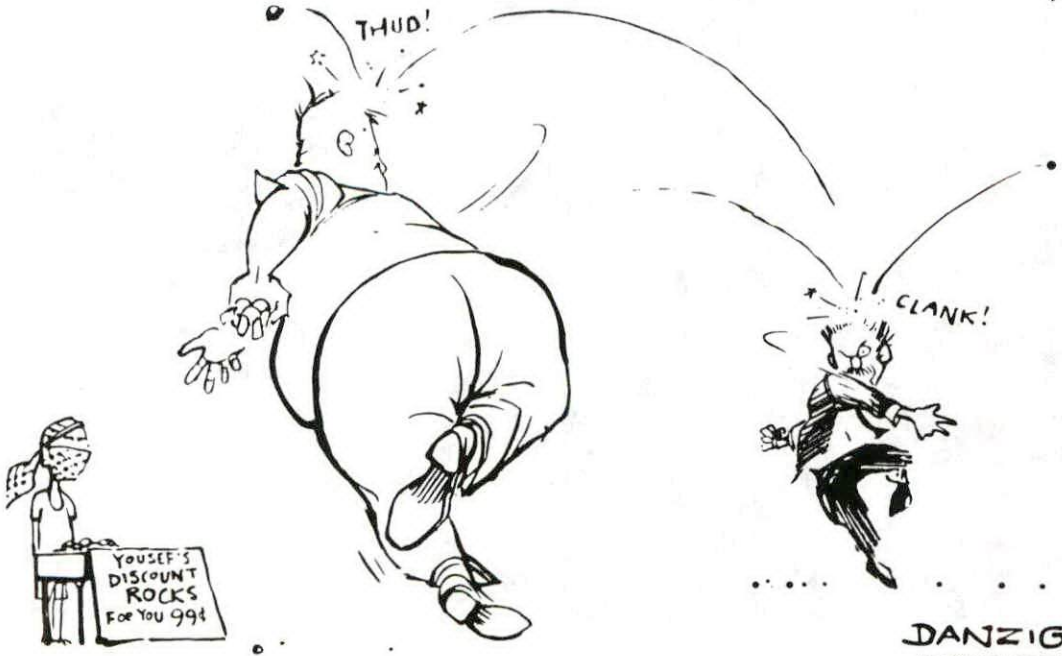
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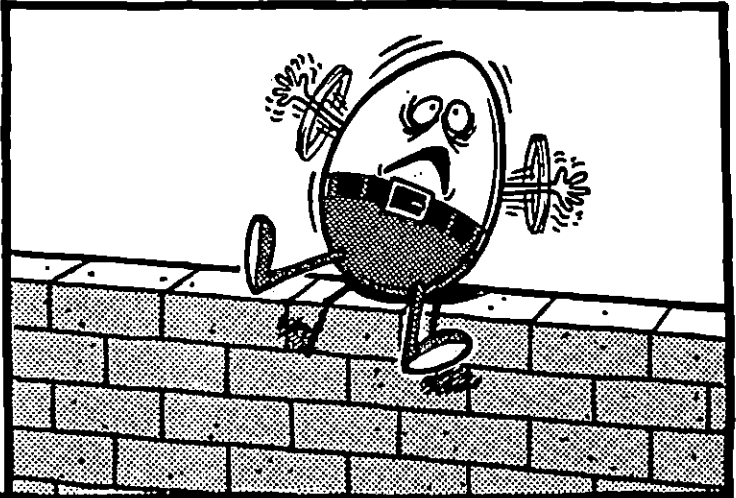
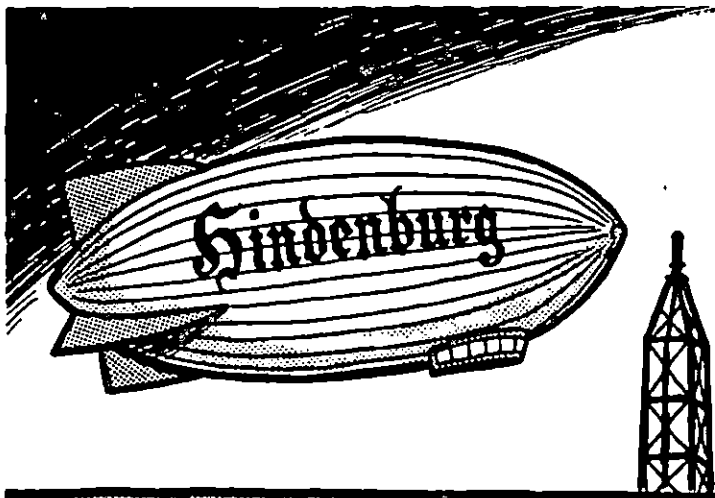


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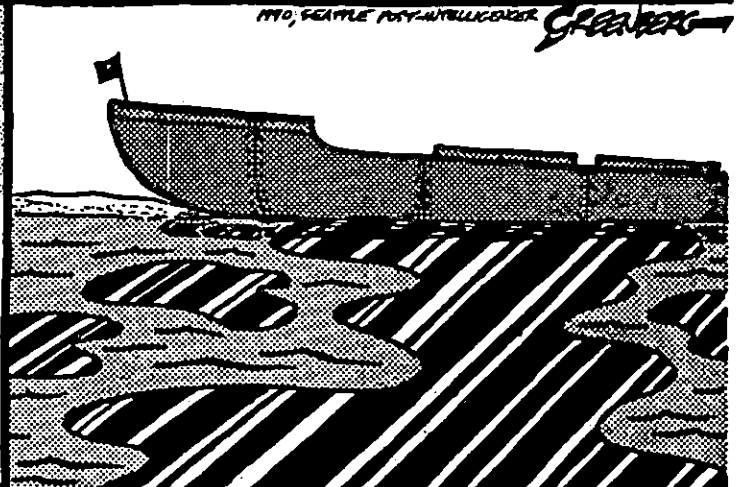
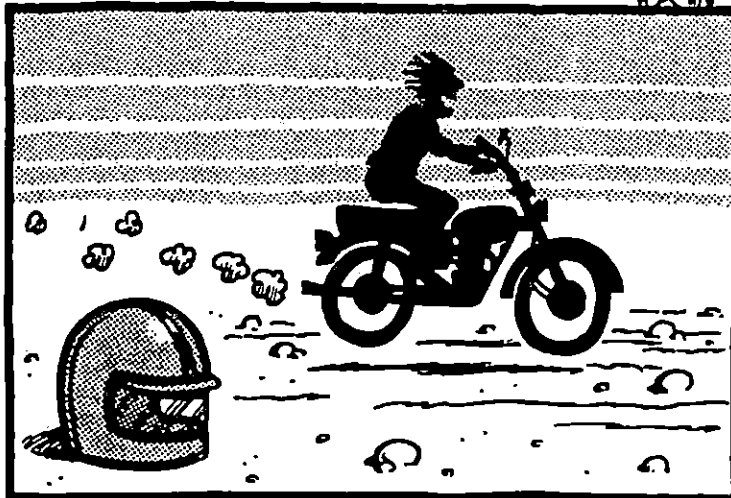
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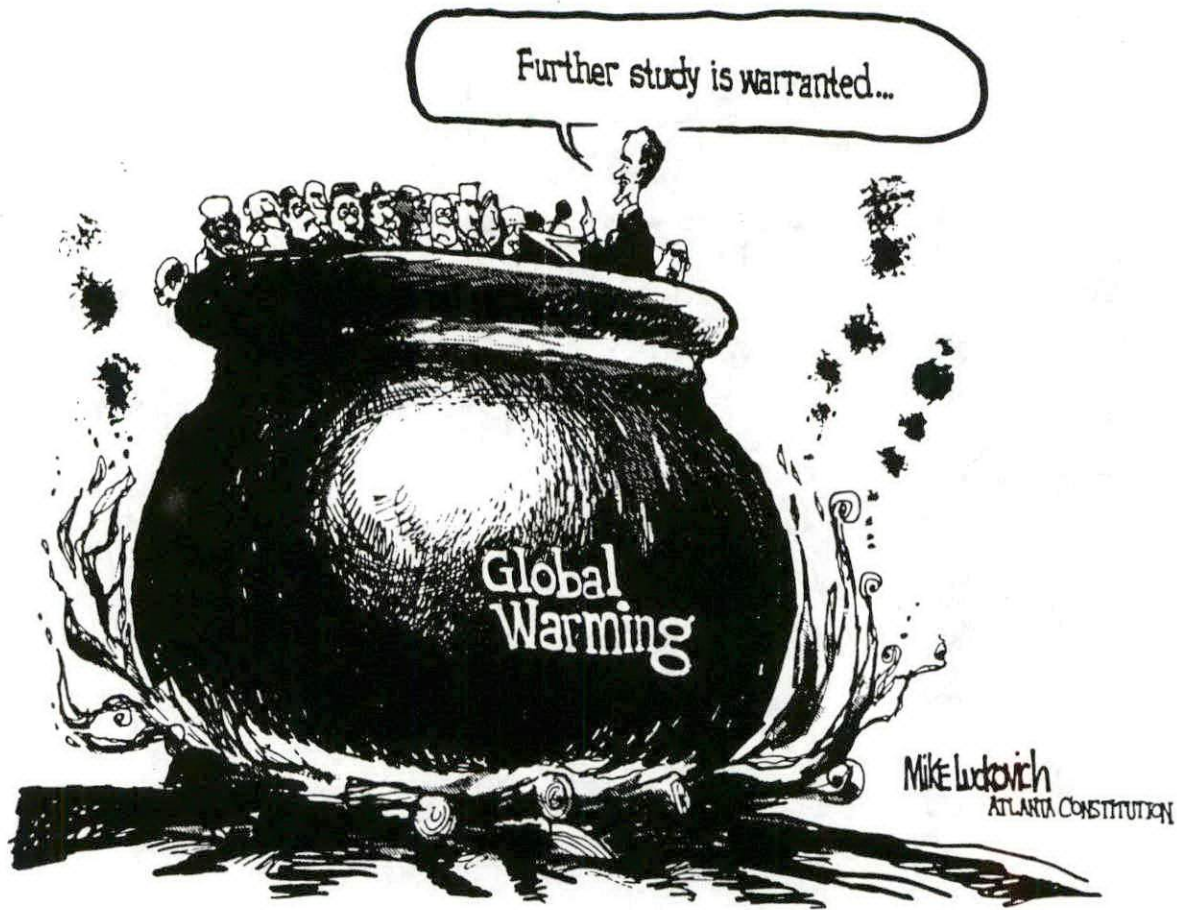
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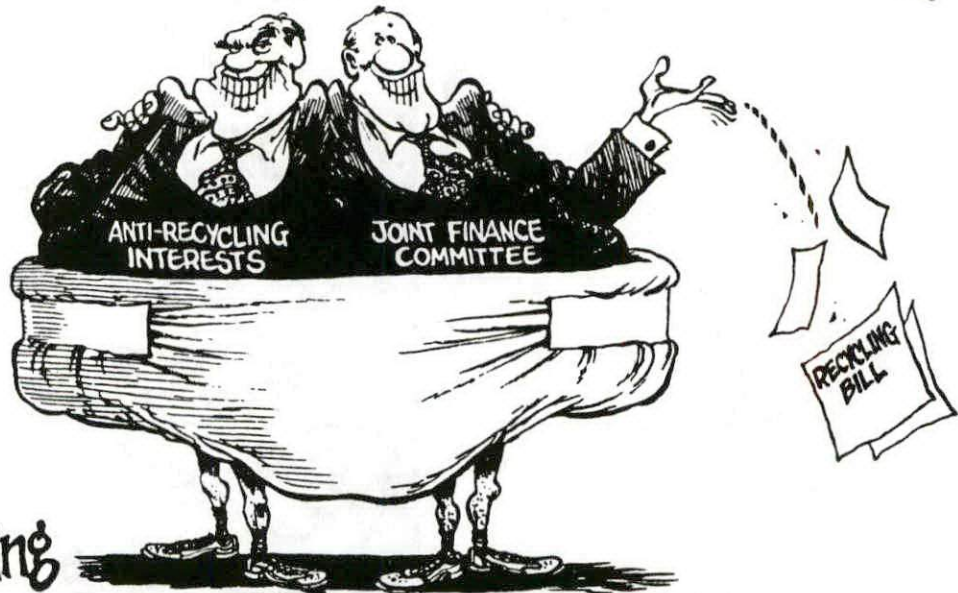
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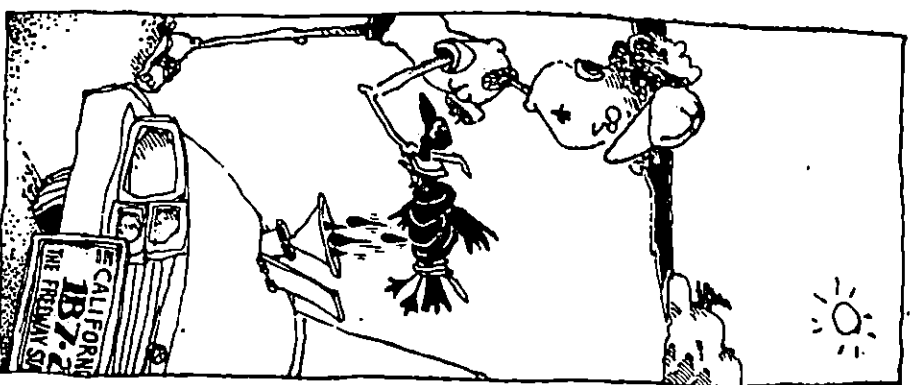
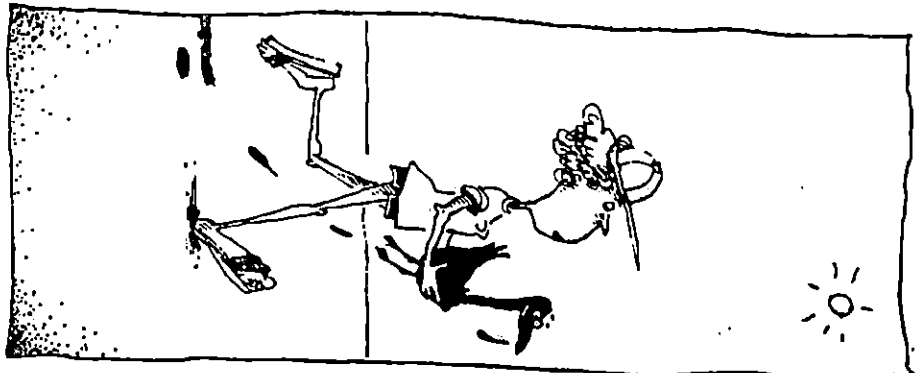
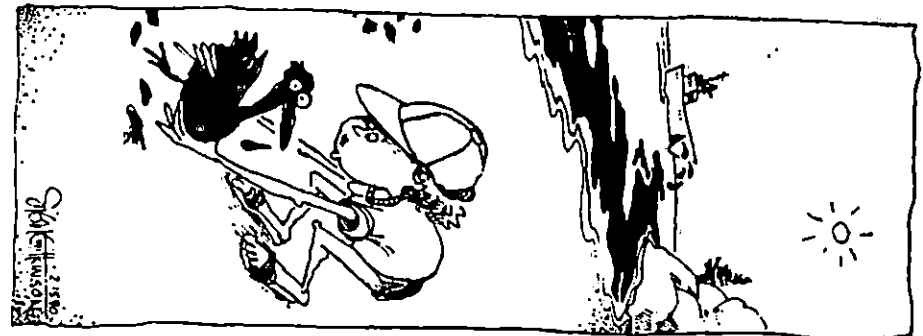


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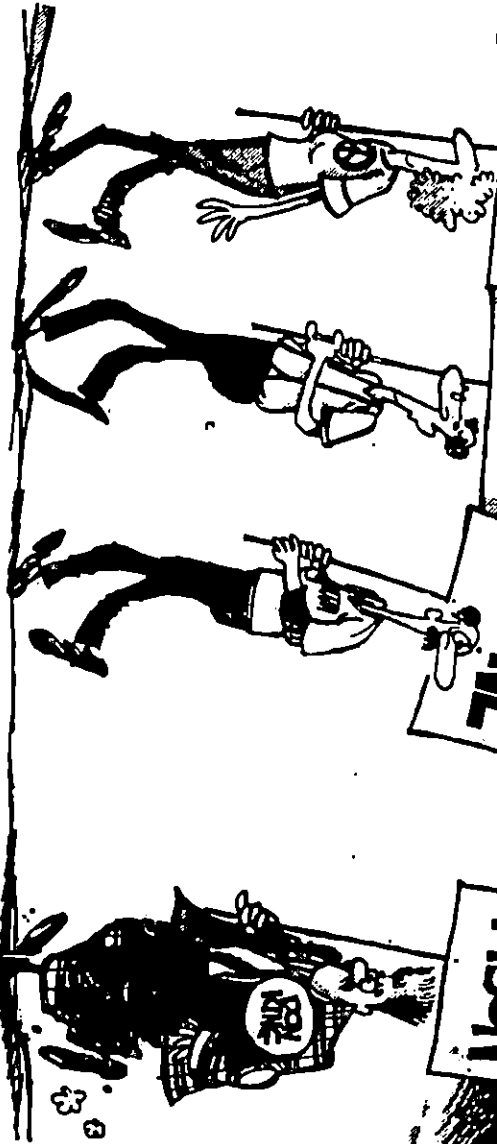
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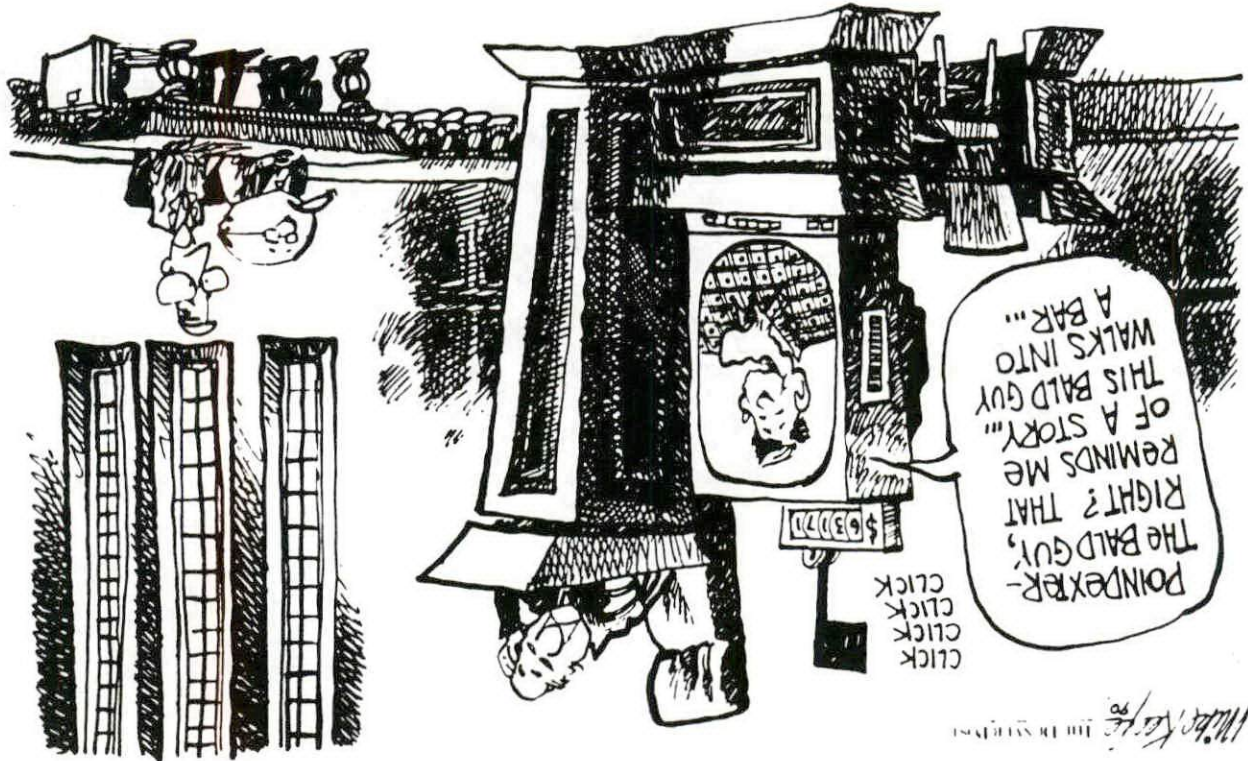
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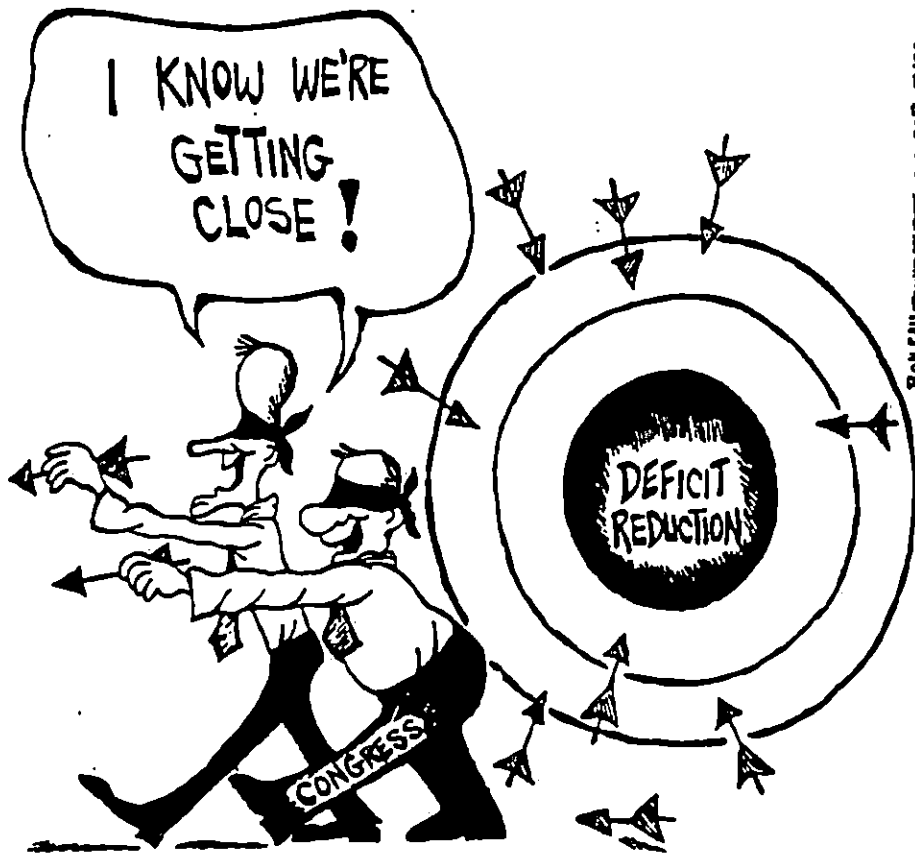
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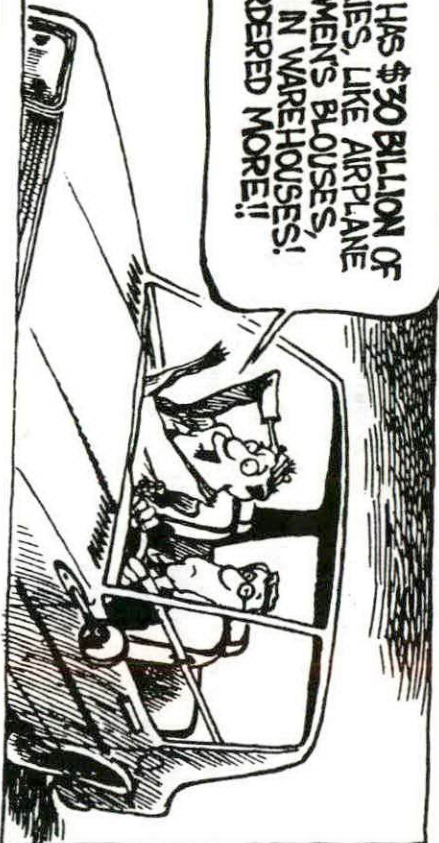
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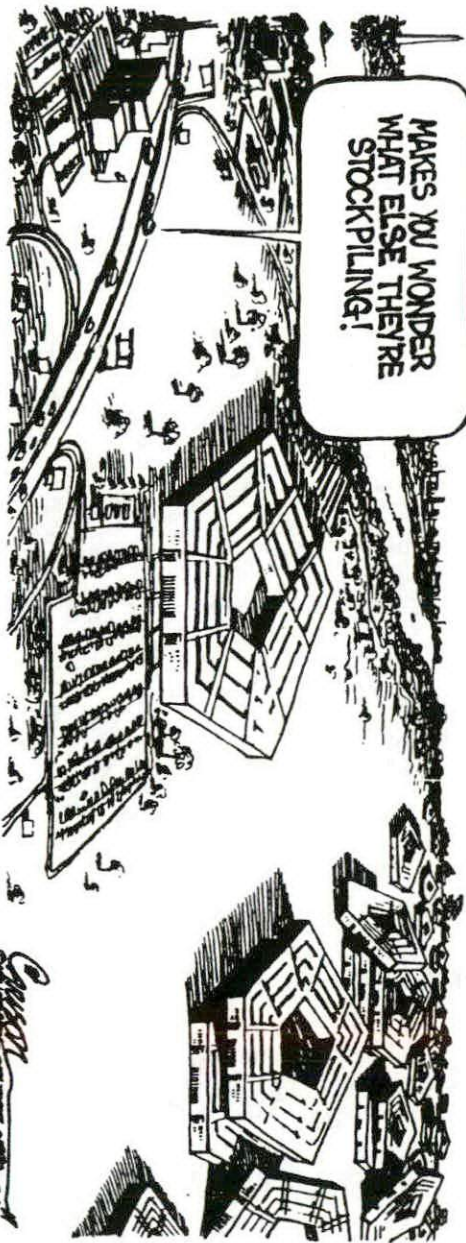
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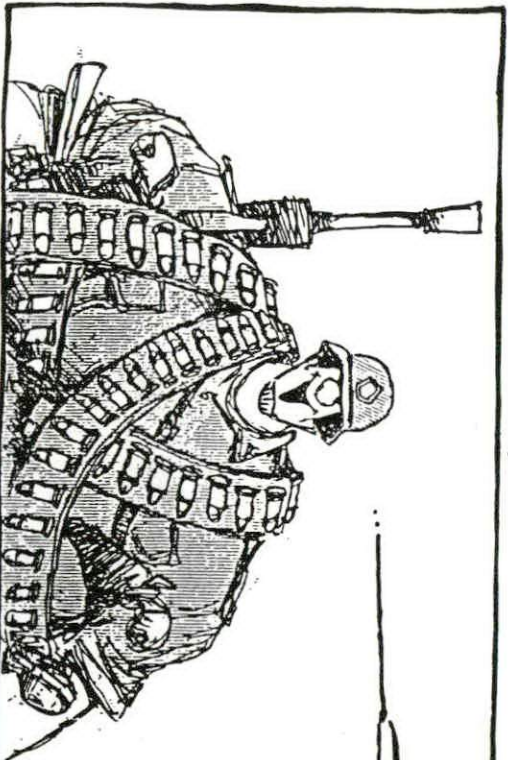


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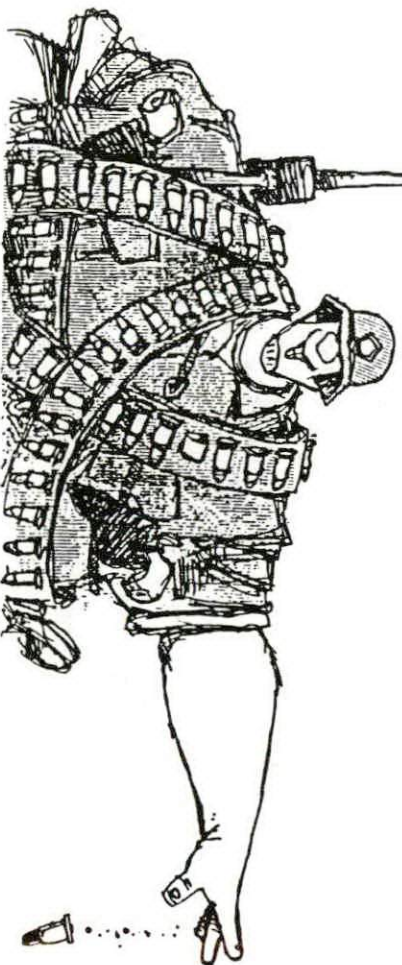


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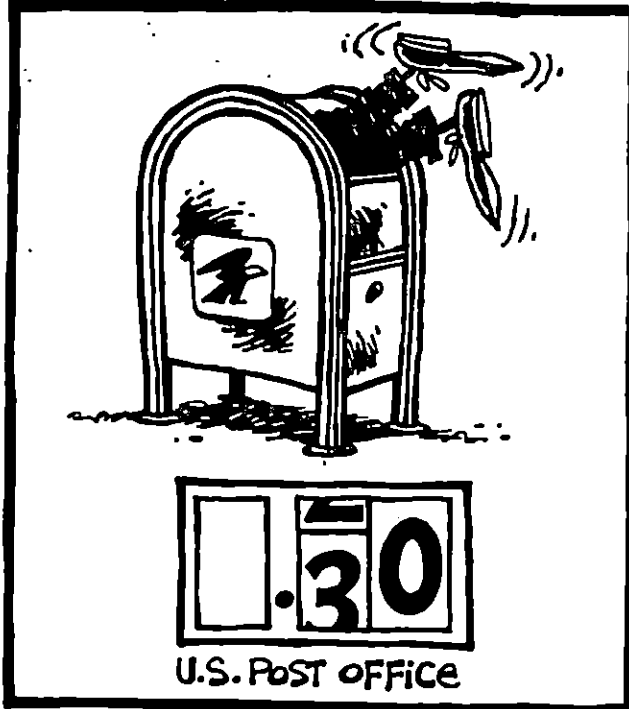
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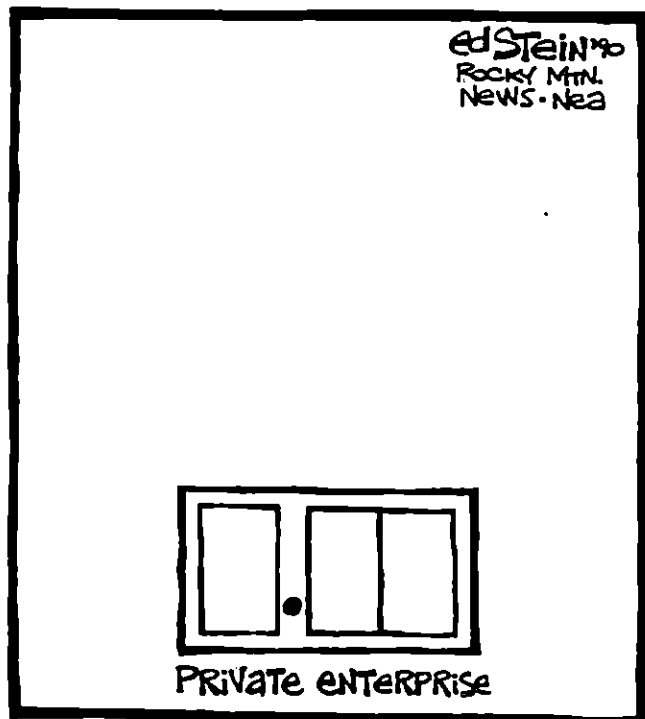


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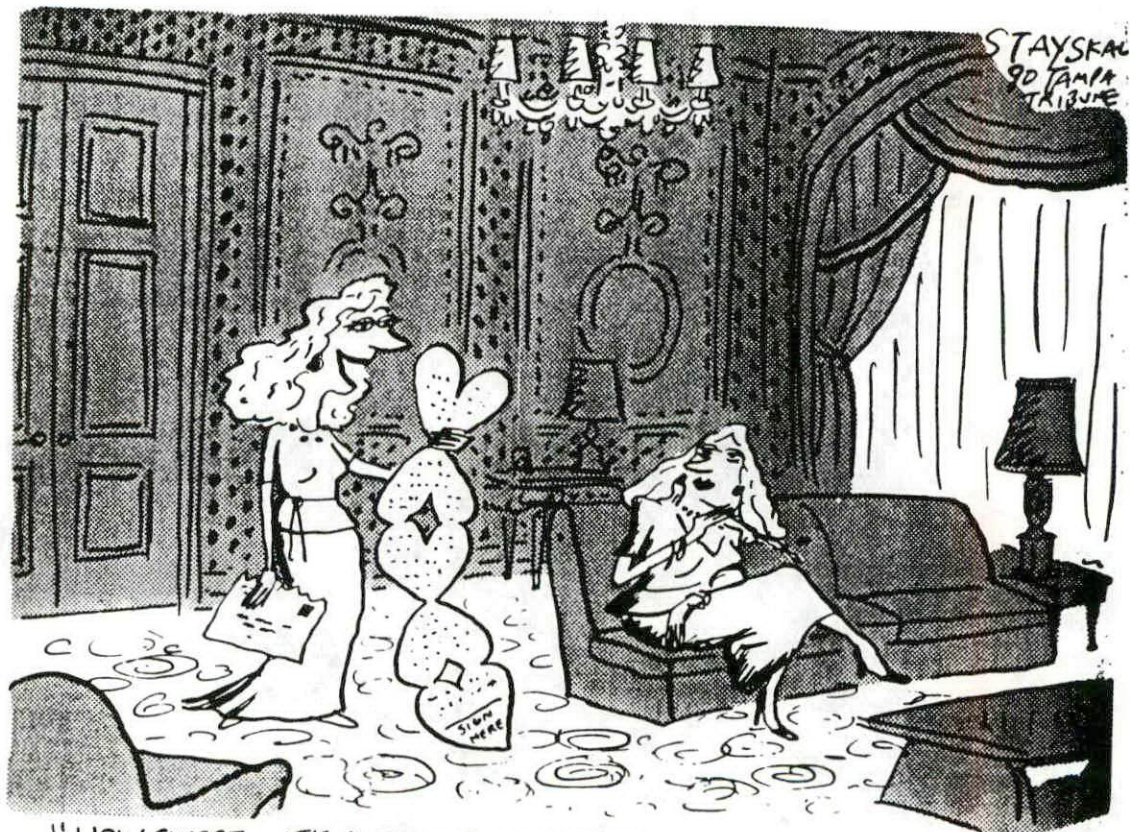
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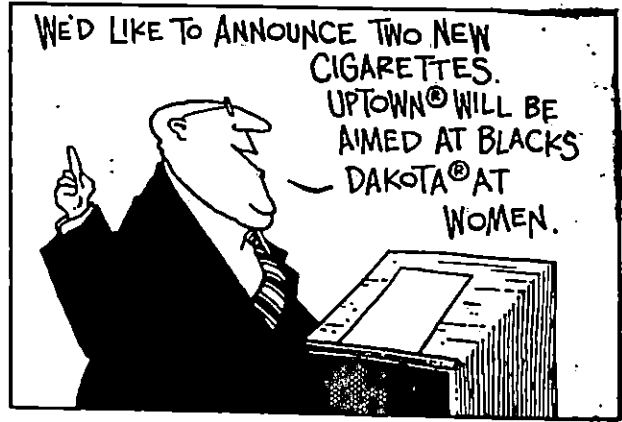
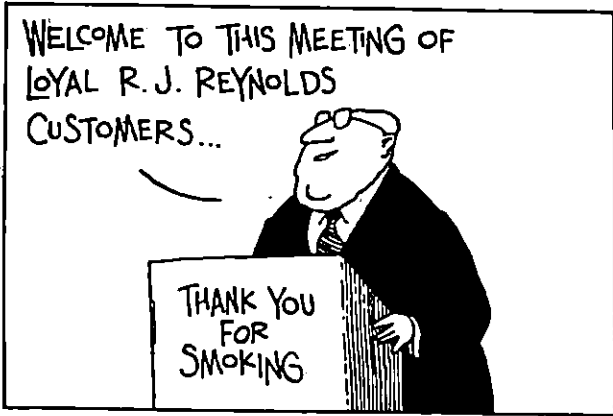


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"HOW SWEET... IT'S A BE-MY-VALENTINE CONTRACT FROM DONALD TRUMP!"



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Presidential Phone Calls



DATE: 2-23-90 TIME: 3:15
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WITH: Mrs. Duarte

SUBJECT: San Salvador

17 'condolences' call
27 'family love' →
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FOLLOW UP: _____

**IN THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF**

. . . To express one's feelings as the end draws near is too intimate a task. But I may mention one thought that comes to me as a listener-in. The riders in a race do not stop short when they reach the goal. There is a little finishing canter before coming to a standstill. There is time to hear the kind voice of friends and to say to one's self: "The work is done." But just as one says that, the answer comes: "The race is over, but the work is never done while the power to work remains." The canter that brings you to a standstill need not be only coming to rest. It cannot be, while you still live. For to live is to function. That is all there is in living.

And so I end with a line from a Latin poet who uttered the message more than fifteen hundred years ago:

"Death plucks my ear and says, 'Live -- I am coming.'"

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes
*On the Occasion of his
90th Birthday*

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February 11, 1907 - February 17, 1990

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WITH: Toshiki KAIFU

SUBJECT: _____

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ORTEGA CONCEDES DEFEAT IN NICARAGUAN ELECTIONS

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Reuter — President Daniel Ortega Monday conceded defeat in elections which signalled the end of 11 years of left-wing rule in Nicaragua.

In an emotional television address, the 44-year-old president pledged to respect the results of a ballot which ended in a crushing defeat for his ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN).

Preliminary official returns gave the Sandinistas 41.5 percent of the vote for president, with U.S.-backed opposition candidate Violeta Chamorro winning 54.3 percent.

Yesterday, thousands and thousands of Nicaraguans gave their vote to the political force which I consider should start governing Nicaragua as from 25 April 1990.

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STATEMENT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE

Meetings at Camp David with Chancellor Kohl

Barbara and I met on February 24 and 25 at Camp David with Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, and his wife, Hannelore. The Chancellor and I had an opportunity to talk at length about recent political developments in Europe and East-West relations.

I am pleased to say that we share similar views on the most fundamental issues. We both welcomed the prospect of further movement toward German unification, beginning with the steps toward Economic and Monetary Union that are proposed for the period immediately following the elections in the GDR on March 18. If events are moving faster than we expected, it just means that our common goal for all these years, of German unity, will be realized even sooner than we had hoped.

We share a common belief that a unified Germany should remain a full member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, including participation in its military structure. We agreed that U.S. military forces should remain stationed in a united Germany and elsewhere in Europe as a continuing guarantor of stability. The Chancellor and I were also in agreement that, in a unified state, the former territory of the GDR should have a special military status that would take into account the legitimate security

interests of all interested countries, including those of the Soviet Union.

At the same time, the Chancellor and I agreed that we must continue to press hard for arms control efforts which would sharply reduce military forces in Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals. We want to work together to have a CFE agreement ready for signature this year at a Summit meeting of all 35 CSCE member states. The Summit could also endorse our proposal for CSCE guidelines on free elections, to help show the way and protect the emerging democratic institutions of Eastern Europe.

Chancellor Kohl and I had a good discussion on East-West relations. We both support Chairman Gorbachev's program of perestroika, his efforts to reform his country's political and economic system. Chairman Gorbachev has shown true statesmanship in respecting the will of the people in Eastern Europe, in trying to build new relationships based on cooperation instead of coercion.

Since those difficult days following World War II, when America joined hands with the German people in their effort to build a new state, and a new society, the United States has been their partner in a common dream. That dream was to build a free, democratic, and prosperous German republic committed to peace and working in close harmony with its closest neighbors. That enduring German-American partnership has never been stronger, as

Chancellor Kohl -- the leader of one of the world's great democracies -- steps toward a golden moment in the history of his nation.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Charlton Heston
2859 Coldwater Canyon Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210



THE PRESIDENT

February 23, 1990

Dear Chuck,

Lee Atwater loved "Treasure Island," and we Bushes look forward to seeing it, too. We have the film and are taking it with us to Camp David this weekend. So many thanks.

Great seeing you at that very successful dinner in LA. We're looking forward to coming your way again next week.

Warmest regards, and thanks again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "G. H. W. Bush".

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Mr. President,

"Treasure Island" is on two
big reels, not VHS or Beta.
The reels are in Rose's
office.

If you care to see the film,
we will have it send to CD.

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CHARLTON HESTON

2859 COLDWATER CANYON DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90210

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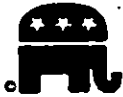
Dear Mr. President:

I'm delighted that you want to see TREASURE ISLAND. We've sent you a new 35 mm. print (via Lee Atwater), so Robert Louis Stevenson's vision won't be cramped by video tape. Believe me, this story deserves the big screen.

Given Barbara's focus on literacy, she'll be interested in the film's roots. When Fray was about five, I decided he was too old for the kid's books I'd been reading him and introduced him to Stevenson's masterpiece, a chapter a night. When I finished, I asked him what he'd like next night. "Let's do TREASURE ISLAND again!", he said. I read it four more times, till he could do it himself. That turned him into a book nut and, thirty years later, impelled him to write and direct what we feel is a definitive version. I hope you enjoy it.

Best wishes,





Republican National Committee

LEE ATWATER February 19, 1990
Chairman

ROSE:

Charleton Heston asked me to get this to the President so that the Bush's could watch his latest movie, Treasure Island, at Camp David. I was also asked to pass along that it's equipped for Dolby A sound, but will play single track.

Thanks for your help.

*Rose - This would mean a lot to
Charleton and I think the Prez
would enjoy it.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1990

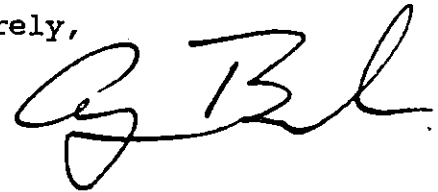
Dear George:

Your note of February 20 made my day. I am all suited up now with my National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Jacket on awaiting our rematch. Big Marv, our son, is salivating, too.

When can we do it? The all-weather clay, better than the Georgia red clay (a la Observatory) that I know you favor, is ready now. Five to ten degrees more in temperature and it would hold any shoe you fling; but the point is the courts here and at Camp David are playable. Here, we could do it almost any day -- after work, or skip lunch and tee it up. At Camp David, we have a classic set up there as well, but the problem is no photos are permitted up there save for the White House photographer. How about a biathlon . . . shoes and tennis doubles?

In any event, the answer is an enthusiastic "yes." Call Patty Presock next week (202) 456-7400 and give her an idea of what's best for you, then we'll go forward.

Sincerely,



Mr. George A. Plimpton
541 East 72nd Street
New York, New York 10021

bcc: Patty Presock

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(Cala Observatory)

Dear George,

Your note of Feb 20th made my day. I am all suited up now with my National Horsehoe Pitchers ASSsoc. Jacket on awaiting our re-match. Big Marv, our son, is salivating, too.

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SINCERELY,

GEORGE A. PLIMPTON
541 EAST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021

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Dear Mr. President --

Feb 20 90

I hope the Ranking Committee won't consider this too forward, but I really would like to take you up on the offer of a horseshoe re-match. Beyond the pleasure of seeing you again, there is a practical reason for this in that I am just finishing a short book entitled The X-Factor which is about that mysterious ingredient which makes one organization better than another, or an individual, and is indeed embodied in that last heroic toss of yours when we played at the Naval Observatory last year. A description of that sad day in my athletic career takes up the first pages of the book, and my hope is to conclude it with an account of the re-match. . . that, plus ten minutes or so of your time discussing the curious, motivational force that some people call the "X-Factor". Tennis doubles, I might add, would serve just as well if that is more practical. And then I hear you have a new game down there. I am, of course, prepared to hop on the shuttle at a moment's notice.

Very best wishes,

George Plimpton

P.S. Did Jonathan deliver the stable?

GEORGE A. PLIMPTON

841 EAST 72ND STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021

UN 1-0016

TO: Bridget Montaigne

From: George Plimpton

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John

Very best,

I cannot tell you what an extraordinary weekend you gave us. For one thing, you have turned Taylor from a 13-year old independent into a Republican and me from a Democrat into a . . . well, independent! The Bush contingent made us feel so happy at home, Taylor, who was very nervous about the weekend, said that his attitude changed as soon as you appeared through the screen door of Maple wearing the cowboy hat and said that he was going to have a great time. He did. He told me afterwards that it was the best time he had ever had in his life.

I am ashamed of my showing at horseshoes and liddlywinks, especially at the former. I must go into the mountains with an expert or two to rediscover my abilities on display at the Naval Observatory, and improve them, so that if a forthcoming confrontation occurs I will make it more exciting for you.

Our discussion about the X-Factor was of enormous benefit. In sum, the weekend was not only Taylor's best, but surely one of mine. I am very grateful to you and Mrs. Bush.

Best Mr. President --

Wed 20, 1990

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Mr. Pat F. McCartan
Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue
901 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114



THE PRESIDENT

Feb. 23, 1990

Dear Pat,

I'm at my desk but
my thoughts are still on the
service for Chappy Rose.

Barbara - I were
deeply touched by those
3 testimonials - all 3 beautiful

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all 3 from the heart.

It was a simple yet
magnificent service for a
very special man; and I
was proud to be there.

By Beth

The Reverend John C. Harper, Officiant

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Mr. James E. Burke
Chairman
Strategic Planning Committee
Johnson & Johnson
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08933



THE PRESIDENT

February 23, 1990

Dear Jim,

Just a quick note to say that I saw that great letter to the editor you wrote regarding the visit to Colombia. Printed or not, I really appreciate it. So many thanks for that and for your valuable work with the Partnership. We will win, Jim!

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

*Great Seeing
You at Bur. Council*

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David Foster
Thought the President
would like to read
Jim Burke's letter
It's really perfect
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February 15, 1990

Mr. Bruce S. Gelb
301 Fourth Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20547

Dear Bruce:

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful letter about my election to the Advertising Hall of Fame.

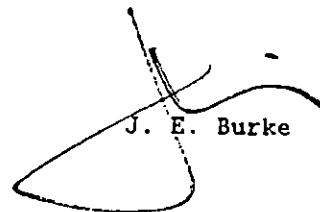
Frankly, I had forgotten that you lived next to John and Tillie and the reference brought back a flood of wonderful memories.

I am delighted, as so many of your friends and admirers are, that you have such an important job with the Administration. I continue to enjoy my work with the Partnership and I am more convinced every day that the country is finally beginning to win the "war against drugs" thanks to the President's leadership.

I am enclosing a copy of an op-ed piece I did when the President left for Colombia which, unfortunately, wasn't printed, although I believe The Washington Post is going to print parts of it in the Letters to the Editor section.

Again, thanks for your nice letter and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,



J. E. Burke

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Mr. President,

DRAFT note to Jim Burke. I thought you might want to acknowledge the letter he wrote.

Op-Ed Article

By James E. Burke

Chairman of the Media-Advertising Partnership for a Drug-Free America
and former Chairman and CEO of Johnson & Johnson

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR GOING TO COLOMBIA

The anxiety we all feel for the President's safety at Cartagena gets to the very heart of the reason why President Bush had to make this trip.

An estimated 14 million Americans still use illicit drugs and their habit is the real source of the nation's number one problem...a problem that continues to threaten every aspect of our society. Our families, our work sites and our communities are all at risk.

In his address to the nation last September, the President told us who was responsible for the drug problem:

- everyone who uses drugs
- everyone who sells drugs
- everyone who looks the other way.

It takes courage and consistent leadership to deal with all aspects of the drug problem.

The leaders of Colombia, Peru and Bolivia have shown bravery in the face of violence on a level that is unthinkable to most of us. They deserve our support and the encouragement that the President's personal involvement in this important meeting will give them.

But this meeting has a much larger purpose...the message it sends to the American people...particularly those who continue to use illegal drugs and those who "look the other way".

Standing up against the fear of threats from the drug lords of Colombia should help to give an eleven-year-old child the courage to stand up against anyone who offers him or her drugs...and it ought to give adults who use or condone drugs a compelling reason to question their complicity in whatever peril the President now faces.

We are beginning to win the "war against drugs" in this country as the number of Americans using drugs declines and more and more of our citizens get actively involved in seeking solutions to the problem.

I believe the President instinctively understands that the calculated risk he is taking in going to Cartagena will provide inspiration to all of us. That is what leadership is all about.

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Antonin Scalia

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THE PRESIDENT

Feb. 23, 1990

Dear Nino,
Betan I head to Camp
David I want to tell you
how moved I was by your
tribute (Pat's - Touat hais too) to
chappy. There was something

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very special about
today's simple but
wonderful tribute to Chappa Rose.

Bar feels the same way.

Sincerely,

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The Reverend John C. Harper, Officiant

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Mr. Willard M. Johnson
11000 Richmond Avenue
Suite 400
Houston, Texas 77042



THE PRESIDENT

February 23, 1990

Dear Willard,

I got your good letter and met your fine grandson. We had a nice visit, albeit a very short one. But he's doing a great job and we're delighted to have him here.

Thanks for writing and for those kind words. Barbara joins in sending warmest best wishes to you and Ruth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. H. W. Bush".

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1990

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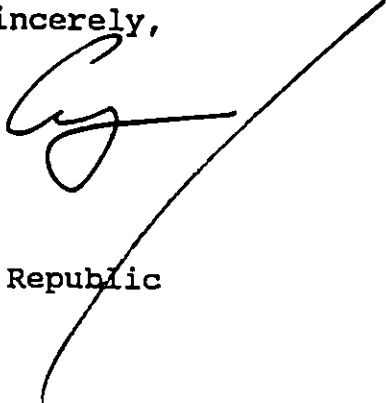
On April 17 and 18, 1990, the United States will host a White House Conference on Science and Economics Research Related to Global Change. I take pleasure in inviting you to send an official delegation to this conference.

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Giulio Andreotti
President of the Council of
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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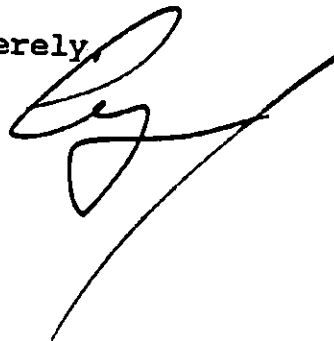
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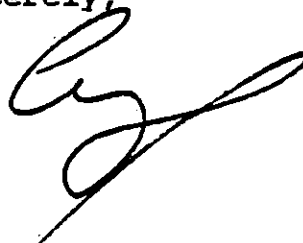
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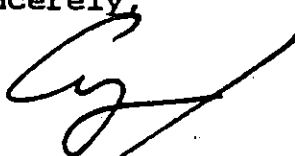
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Dr. Helmut Kohl
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His Excellency
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Prime Minister of Japan
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The Honorable
R.J.L. Hawke, A.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Australia
Canberra

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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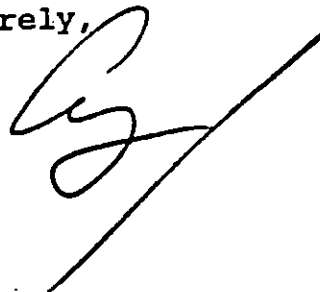
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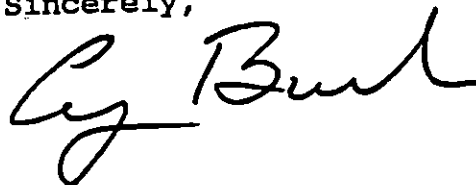
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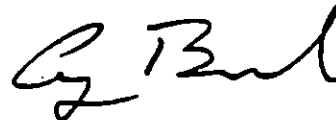
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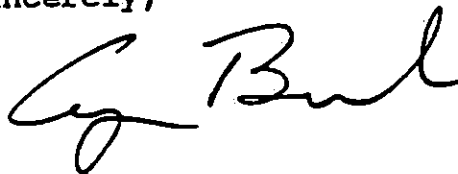
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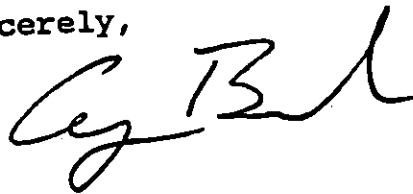
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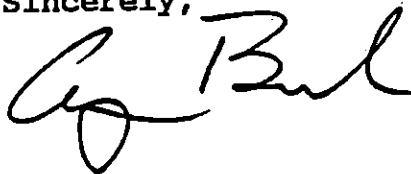
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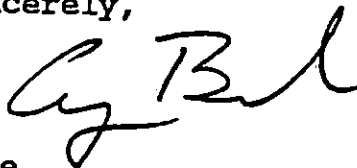
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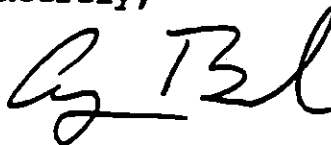
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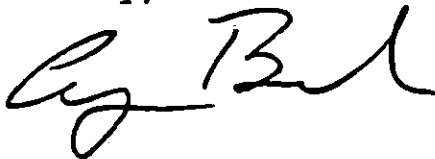
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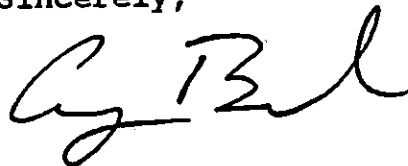
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His Excellency
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Brussels

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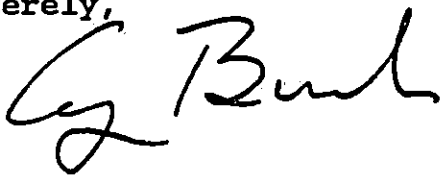
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His Excellency
General Ibrahim Babangida
President of the
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POST REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT IMMEDIATELY TO PRIME
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FEBRUARY 23 FROM PRESIDENT BUSH REGARDING THE WHITE
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BEGIN TEXT:

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 23, 1990.

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FOR THE CONFERENCE TO BE OF GREATEST BENEFIT TO ALL OF US. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE IF YOUR SENIOR SCIENTIFIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ECONOMIC OFFICIALS COULD ATTEND. THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WILL SERVE AS CO-CHAIRMEN FOR THIS MEETING.

I LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING PERSONALLY IN AND LEARNING FROM THIS CONFERENCE. I HOPE IT WILL SERVE AS A USEFUL AND IMPORTANT STEP IN OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CHANGES IN THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT.

SINCERELY, GEORGE BUSH.

HIS EXCELLENCY, RUUD LUBBERS, PRIME MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS. THE HAGUE

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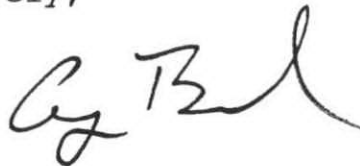
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
February 23, 1990

Dear Dr. Schetzina:

Just a note of thanks for guiding me on the fascinating tour of the Semi-Conductor Lab. I had a very interesting stop at North Carolina State University, and I am grateful for your participation in this event.

Barbara joins me in sending our best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Professor Jan F. Schetzina
Department of Physics
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27695

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 23, 1990

Dear Al:

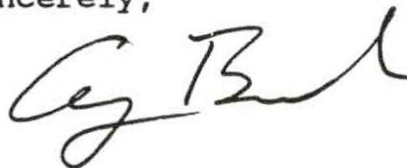
My sincere thanks for your outstanding assistance with my visit to Kansas City. From the briefing by the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime to the tour of Park Avenue to the event with the Law Enforcement Community, everything ran very smoothly.

I must say that my trip was inspiring. With determination and courage, the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime has forced drug dealers out of neighborhoods in Kansas City. Children and families have been freed of the terror that tainted their streets, and they are once again able to take pride in their homes.

Al, you are not only an outstanding leader in your community but also a great help to Bill Bennett and me in Washington. I admire your efforts and urge you to continue to be a force for good in Missouri and around the country.

Barbara joins me in sending our warm best wishes to you and Carol.

Sincerely,



Mr. Alvin L. Brooks
Founder
Ad Hoc Group Against Crime
3336 Agnes
Kansas City, Missouri 64128

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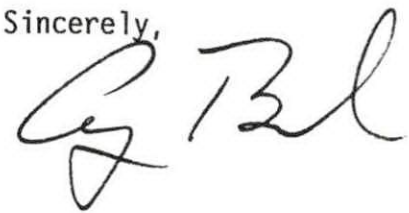
Dear Bunny:

Please forgive the delay in responding to your good letter. I loved hearing from you.

You're a thoughtful "guy," and I appreciate your wonderful offer to help when we're in Maine. We don't have anyone working there permanently; and when we do come up, we bring with us only a handful of staff to keep up with the day-to-day flow of paper. Truth is, Barbara and I do as little work as we can get away with when we're in K'port! We treasure those all-too-short visits. I'll remember your thoughtful offer, though.

I'm glad all is well with you. Please pass along Barbara's and my warmest best wishes to all your family.

Sincerely,



Ms. Barbara B. Borders
Evans Road
Biddeford Pool, Maine 04006

Bcc: Mrs. Bush *done*
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1990

Dear Dick:

My sincere thanks for your warm welcome during my visit to your beautiful city. I was delighted to be in Kansas City to salute the outstanding work your police force and the community-based initiative, the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime, have done to help rid their neighborhoods of crime and drugs. The "Kansas City Spirit" of idealism and determination is shining. You are setting a fine example for other cities to follow.

I appreciate your involvement and hard work in the great events we had in January. Please extend my gratitude to all those on your staff who helped to ensure the success of my trip.

Barbara joins me in sending our warm best wishes.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Richard Berkely
Mayor of Kansas City
City Hall
414 East Twelfth Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

died?

Mr. Pat F. McCartan
Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue
901 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114



THE PRESIDENT

Feb. 23, 1990

Dear Pat,

I'm at my desk but
my thoughts are still on the
service for Chappy Rose.

Barbara - I were
deeply touched by those
3 testimonials - all 3 beautiful

all 3 from the heart.

It was a simple yet
magnificent service for a
very special man; and I
was proud to be there.

By Bush

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 23, 1990

Dear Bill:

My sincere thanks for your warm welcome on my arrival in Omaha. It was good seeing you. I was delighted to participate in the "Special K" breakfast -- a wonderful salute to your very capable and distinguished Governor. I am confident that, with the help and support of people like you, Kay Orr will have four more years to serve the great State of Nebraska.

Barbara joins me in sending our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable William Nichol
Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska
State Capitol
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

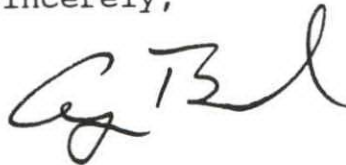
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Sincerely,

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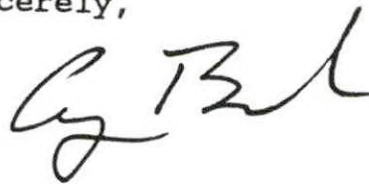
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Dear Dottie:

Unfortunately, your thoughtful letter reached me after your big anniversary date, but I wanted to add my hearty congratulations. I remember well our chats all those many years ago and am delighted that things are going so well for you. You're doing wonderful work, Dottie, and I'm very pleased for you.

Regrettably, I must decline your thoughtful invitation to attend the conference in March. Thank you for thinking of me, and thanks again for writing. My very best wishes for another great 25 years!

Sincerely,



Ms. Dorothy F. Neisner
Apartment 601
2703 Teague
Houston, Texas 77080



THE PRESIDENT

February 23, 1990

Dear Frank,

Just a quick note of thanks for your thoughtful note.
I appreciate it.

Keep up the good work at USIA.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Bush".

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C

Mr. Jules Frank Mermoud
4453 Q Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1990

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. ~~Lama~~ *Tony*:

It was a pleasure to greet you as a fellow Texan when you came in with Joe Hagin. A million thanks for those custom-made boots. I really appreciate your thoughtful gesture.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Mr. Tony Lama
Tony Lama Company
1137 Tony Lama Street
El Paso, Texas 79915

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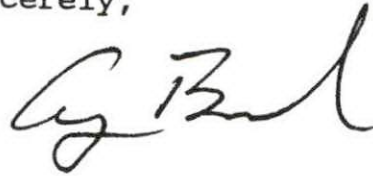
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Dear Colonel Kernan:

Thank you for your good letter of February 2. I was honored to read Private Markwell's patriotic words. I know that the American people will never forget the sacrifice he and all our service men and women made to protect those freedoms we all hold so dear.

Please extend my thanks and best wishes to all the Rangers of the 75th Regiment. Their President is very proud of them.

Sincerely,



Colonel William F. Kernan, USA
Regimental Commander
75th Ranger Regiment
Fort Benning, Georgia 31905-5843

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1990

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rouse:

Barbara and I were very saddened to learn of your loss. Jonathan was a wonderful boy. While the days ahead will not be easy, we hope you'll take comfort in knowing that your many friends here at the White House are standing by to help in any way.

Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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Mr. and Mrs. Percy Rouse
6012 Maria Avenue
Suitland, Maryland 20746

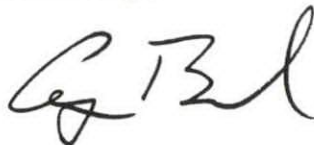
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Sincerely,

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Dr. David L. Dreifus
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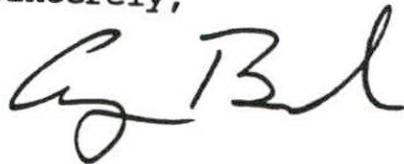
Dear Chief Joiner:

Just a note of thanks for your outstanding assistance during my trip to Kansas City. I appreciate your work to help ensure that all of the events -- the briefing, the tour, and the gathering of members of the law enforcement community -- went very smoothly.

Your police department has worked with courage and determination to tackle the overwhelming problems associated with the drug trade in Kansas City. With a united effort of Federal and local agents and with the help of community-based initiatives like the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime, we can win this war on drugs. I was inspired by the work that the people of your great city have done to fight back, making areas like Park Avenue safe again for the families and children of your great city.

Barbara joins me in sending our warm best wishes.

Sincerely,



Mr. Larry Joiner
Chief of Police
Kansas City Police Department
1125 Locust Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

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February 23, 1990
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9:30 A.M. EST

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

PRESS BRIEFING
BY
MARLIN FITZWATER

February 23, 1990

The Briefing Room

9:30 A.M. EST

MR. FITZWATER: Do we have the Oregonians here this morning, the Washingtonians and all those out-of-town people? Welcome to the briefing.

I'm sorry for starting so early this morning; it's just that the President has a full schedule beginning at 10:00 a.m. as the first photo op. He meets with Norwegian Prime Minister Jan Syse for approximately 30 minutes in the Oval Office. The Prime Minister is in the United States on a private visit. He assumed office in October of 1989. And we expect them to discuss East West relations, maintaining the strength of NATO, German reunification, arms control and the CSCE process.

President Bush and Chancellor Helmut Kohl will conduct a joint press conference at Camp Greentop on Sunday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m. to which you're all invited. Camp Greentop is located in the Catoctin National Recreation Area near the site of Camp David.

Members of the press corps wishing to attend the press conference should meet at the Northwest Gate of the White House on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. Buses will depart for Camp Greentop at that time. For those wishing to drive independently, we ask that you arrive at the Cozy Motel in Thurmont, Maryland, by 9:00 a.m. to board shuttle buses that will take you on up to Greentop.

Q Which hotel again, Marlin?

MR. FITZWATER: Cozy. Filing facilities are -- which hotel? Where's this guy been the last 20 years? (Laughter.) It's that big modern one that forms -- that shapes the whole skyline of Thurmont. Are you kidding me? (Laughter.)

Filing facilities are available at Camp Greentop. Following the press conference, the press corps will have filing time before the buses return. A notice to the press has been distributed - regarding logistics for the open coverage of Chancellor Kohl's arrival at Camp David tomorrow morning. Briefly, we ask that you arrive at Camp Greentop by 11:00 a.m. tomorrow morning for a security sweep and shuttle bus ride to Camp David. Maps are available in the lower press office.

With the announcement of Mr. Fletcher today there remains one vacancy on the Commission, which we expect to fill very soon.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights was created by the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and re-established by the Commission on Civil Rights Act of 1983. It evaluates federal laws and the effectiveness of government equal opportunity programs and serves as a national clearinghouse for civil rights information. Last year Congress reauthorized the Commission through Fiscal Year 1991.

The President will meet with Mr. Fletcher at 11:05 a.m. for a brief session this morning.

Q Coverage on that, Marlin?

MR. FITZWATER: It's probably just a still photograph. It's a very brief --

Q What are they going to talk about?

MR. FITZWATER: They'll talk about the future of the Commission. The President will emphasize his support for the work of the Commission and his interest in seeing that it's an effective institution. I suspect they'll also discuss the civil rights amendments that we have proposed to the Congress, and the President's position on those.

Q How long is that session?

MR. FITZWATER: I think the meeting is 10 minutes.

Q Marlin, what's taking so long in filling these vacancies?

MR. FITZWATER: It hasn't. These vacancies just came up. Fletcher replaces -- we just had two vacancies -- Murray Friedman and Sherwin Chan, who just resigned within the last month or two. So they're new vacancies. You may recall that we have said all along we wanted to name a new chairman and reinvigorate the Commission, but we had to have a vacancy to do it, so.

Q What do you expect from the meeting with Kohl?

MR. FITZWATER: I would expect the two leaders to discuss the full range of issues related to changes in Eastern Europe; certainly German reunification, certainly the questions of our CFE proposal and troop strength in Europe, future of NATO and the Warsaw Pact. We don't anticipate any new agreements or announcements, although I never want to rule those out in case something happens. But generally it's an opportunity for the two leaders to discuss the status of events, where they think things are going, how the two-plus-four initiative will operate and how they expect that process to proceed.

Q Marlin, is the President likely to discuss with Kohl West Germany's plans for a one-on-one currency exchange with East Germany? And does this administration have any concerns about that?

economic moves he's making vis-a-vis East Germany, or are you just reading about it in the paper?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, there's been very good coordination. As you know, President Bush and Chancellor Kohl have talked on the telephone many times about the changes in Eastern Europe and about the ideas that he has for German reunification, now we're having this meeting. I would suggest that the coordination between these two leaders is probably as close and direct as any in recent memory.

Q My question specifically is, when did you learn of West Germany's plans for this one-for-one currency exchange?

MR. FITZWATER: I have no idea. But we've been discussing currency exchanges and that monetary problem with German leaders for months.

Q Two-part question. Does the President have a position on Kohl's timetable that he wants reunification within the year? And has he taken a position on Mazowiecki's demand that the Poles be included at least in the early part of two-plus-four or reaction to the Polish leader saying he'd keep Soviet troops there if he's not included?

MR. FITZWATER: No. All these things will be discussed. I suggest you come ask them directly at 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Q As I understand, the two-plus-four gives the U.S. and Soviet Union broad authority to ease the concerns of Poland. Has there been any communication between the White House and the Polish government about this?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, the two-plus-four lays out a process by which, first, the two Germanys discuss their internal structure and the four other countries discuss the external structures. But I would not try to suggest a specificity of country such as you are for Poland. Those are issues that still have to be decided, exactly what the nature of their discussion will be, how they will go. There again, I'm sure those issues will be discussed this weekend, but we wouldn't speculate on them in advance.

Q Marlin, who will be there with the President in the way of senior staff?

MR. FITZWATER: It's my understanding Secretary Baker, General Scowcroft and probably Governor Sununu.

Q Baker will be there?

MR. FITZWATER: That's my understanding.

Q Marlin, is Genscher coming with Kohl?

MR. FITZWATER: I don't believe so.

At 11:30 a.m. the President will visit National Red Cross Headquarters here in Washington. He will have brief remarks proclaiming March as Red Cross Month and praising the spirit of

recall that OPIC is a U.S. government agency responsible for encouraging investment in some 110 developing countries worldwide. It has become an increasingly vital tool of American foreign policy. It encourages investors to explore opportunities in various countries. Panama's business infrastructure retains attractive features such as transportation, communication and financial services. It has excellent potential in agriculture, aquaculture, light industry and tourism. I guess we'll just have still photograph of that probably at 2:30 p.m.

I guess that pretty well completes the President's schedule and his weekend of activities. Departs for Camp David at approximately 4:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Q If President Carter declares the Sunday election in Nicaragua free and fair is the administration going to normalize relations with Nicaragua?

MR. FITZWATER: We, of course, would not speculate on what President Carter might say or would not tie our reactions to whatever he reported. We have said that we will consider the elections and, if they are free and fair and if that is a credible judgment to us, that we would consider normalizing relations. But that judgment will be made on a number of reports by a number of observers, including President Carter, former President Carter, but also including the U.N. delegation that Mr. Richardson leads, as well as many other observer groups, as well as our own firsthand analysis from the Embassy and other sources.

Q You're saying you won't tie it to Carter's reaction specifically. I mean, I thought that you gave him good marks for his observations in Panama.

MR. FITZWATER: We do; we give him very high marks. He's done an excellent job. But we have a number of observer delegations there and there are a number of aspects to consider. And our judgment will be based on consultations with all of those groups.

Q Do you expect Richardson or Carter to come here to give a personal report to the President?

MR. FITZWATER: No indication of that at this time.

Q Marlin, implicit in the President's speech yesterday on the malpractice crisis, as he called it, was criticism of lawyers who go after excessive awards. In this study by the Domestic Policy Council, are they going to work with the ABA and discuss that? There was no criticism, but there was -- right through the speech, that's what's causing the high cost of malpractice.

MR. FITZWATER: Well, lawyers certainly deserve all the criticism they can get. (Laughter.)

Q Why?

MR. FITZWATER: But we will consult --

Q Are those your feelings or the President's?

Q Not yet. (Laughter.)

Q Do you consider the Shamir declaration yesterday on the phone as assurances on the peace process and settlement and is the President satisfied with those assurances?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, the President had a very good conversation with Prime Minister Shamir yesterday, and we appreciated the phone call and the assurances. The process is continuing and it remains to be seen how fast that will move forward. Secretary Baker is meeting with Foreign Minister Arens here in Washington today, and we remain quite hopeful that we'll be able to proceed with the ministerial meeting between the United States, Israel, and Egypt. That's the first step in that process.

Q Marlin, Assistant Secretary Solomon testified on the Hill yesterday, suggesting that the administration has decided to try and find some way to make up the \$96 million that Mrs. Aquino claims is the shortfall on the base lease negotiations. Has the President made a decision to bring the fee up to the full \$148 million that Secretary of State Shultz pledged back in '88, and have you decided on a way to get that money?

MR. FITZWATER: I don't know, Larry. Do you have anything on that from State, Roman?

MR. POPADIUK: No, I don't.

MR. FITZWATER: I'd have to check with Solomon and see what his plans are. I don't believe it's come to the President yet.

Q I don't expect for you to comment on the Pentagon GAO report's details, but --

MR. FITZWATER: Well, then don't ask. (Laughter.)

Q I'm not asking about that. I want to ask your reaction to Congressman Dingell and others who charge that the Air Force may not have properly justified its request to Capitol Hill. Is the President confident that he's gotten the correct information from the Air Force when he sends up this budget request, or from any branch of the military?

MR. FITZWATER: We believe the B-2 is an important aspect of the triad. We believe the numbers are --

Q Not the B-2 report.

MR. FITZWATER: Well, which one do you want to talk about?

Q This is the poor accounting report.

MR. FITZWATER: On the B-2, right?

Q No, on all weapons --

MR. FITZWATER: On all? Then, yes, we feel our information has been good and accurate.

MR. FITZWATER: No. Let me read you the full thing here. I thought you --

Q I'll just take your word for it. I'll just take your word for it. I want to make sure there's no change here.

MR. FITZWATER: No change -- I just gave you the shorthand because yesterday I read the entire statement, which is our position and which stands. But so there is no -- just so there is no question, let me complete --

Q He'll read it to you.

MR. FITZWATER: If the elections are free and fair and credible, we would be prepared to recognize them as such. However, normalization of relations would require positive acts by the Sandinistas, if they win, such as stopping aid to Salvadoran guerrillas, implementation of democratic principles, et cetera.

Q Marlin, isn't there something between normalized relations and where we stand now? I mean, there's a process, right? How do you plan to respond to the election results if Ortega is declared by all the other observers down there to be the honest winner?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, in the way that I just described. I mean, our initial response will be to analyze the elections and the process and make a judgment as to whether or not they were legitimate and free and fair.

Q Then if you make that judgment, what do you do?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, we don't want to prescribe at this point the specific steps, but you start the process of normalization, which implies any number of diplomatic things. But I certainly would not --

Q Can you give us some examples?

MR. FITZWATER: No, no. The reason for that, quite simply, is we don't want to speculate on examples because it leads to stories of what we're going to do and we might not do them.

Q But, Marlin, you've always said that you don't want to talk to the Sandinistas directly until they talk to the opposition. The question is, if they have elections that you certify as free and fair, will you open up direct talks with the Sandinista government, given that they're elected, in order to get the other conditions that you've laid down?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, first of all, I would remind you that the direct talks policy was with regard to resolving the conflict between the Sandinistas and the Contras. Presumably, the free and fair elections would be a major step in resolving that in the context of the Esquipulas agreement. There are other aspects of Esquipulas which are still not met and which we would look for them to comply with. But, essentially, that does not become such a relevant aspect of the situation.

that other discussion.

Q Are you willing to say that the elections process there, to date, is acceptable to you? Has the process so far, in the President's mind, precluded free and fair elections?

MR. FITZWATER: We try not to prejudge it at this point. We have expressed serious concerns about the events that have occurred there. There have been long lists of charges of Sandinista pressure being put on various individuals and organizations in the campaign. There are reports of brutality and human rights violations of one kind or another. So there are any number of concerns that we have that certainly preclude us from reaching any conclusions before the elections are over.

Q Concerns significant enough for you to find the elections unacceptable should Ortega win?

MR. FITZWATER: Well, we don't know. We'll have to wait and see what the election turns out.

Q There are lots of countries that we have full diplomatic relations with that don't have democratic elections. Why are we making a special case of Nicaragua that they have to meet some higher standard for normalized relations? There are also countries that have elections, but also ship arms to forces that create instability.

MR. FITZWATER: Well, you can't go through this -- you can't compare countries like that. We try that -- you always ask can we do that on every other issue and it's impossible to --

Q I didn't ask you to compare. I said tell me why Nicaragua's unique?

MR. FITZWATER: It's not unique, but it is the case in Nicaragua that the elections process is a key element of the Esquipulas peace agreement. It's a key element in demonstrating that they are willing to move towards democracy and towards the democratic principles that were part of that regional agreement. And, therefore, becomes a major milestone in terms of how we judge their actions and their activities.

Q Well, I guess that when you look at South Africa, we've never wanted to have a total trade embargo there. And certainly, you can argue that because of all the issues you mentioned, helping forces in other countries, human rights, the case is a lot worse there.

MR. FITZWATER: You can't compare countries, you have to take everyone on --

Q Because Nicaragua doesn't have any vital strategic interest to us?

MR. FITZWATER: You can't compare countries. We deal with the Soviet Union, but they haven't had any free and fair elections yet, either.

will be opportunity for filing up there. Will you also have a transcript up there or will it be released here?

MR. FITZWATER: We'll have it piped in here for those who want to come here and listen to it and we'll have a transcript here afterwards.

Q Are you going to have transcripts up there?

MR. FITZWATER: No.

Q Do you have any comments on former President Reagan's testimony about how his Vice President was right there with him on a lot of those Iran-Contra sessions?

MR. FITZWATER: We have no comment.

Q Because it would seem to differ with President Bush's own account of those same meetings. Do you see a contradiction?

MR. FITZWATER: We have no comment.

Q For the record?

Q Sure?

THE PRESS: Thank you.

MR. FITZWATER: Thank you, Karen. Have a good weekend everybody. See you Sunday.

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9:50 A.M. EST

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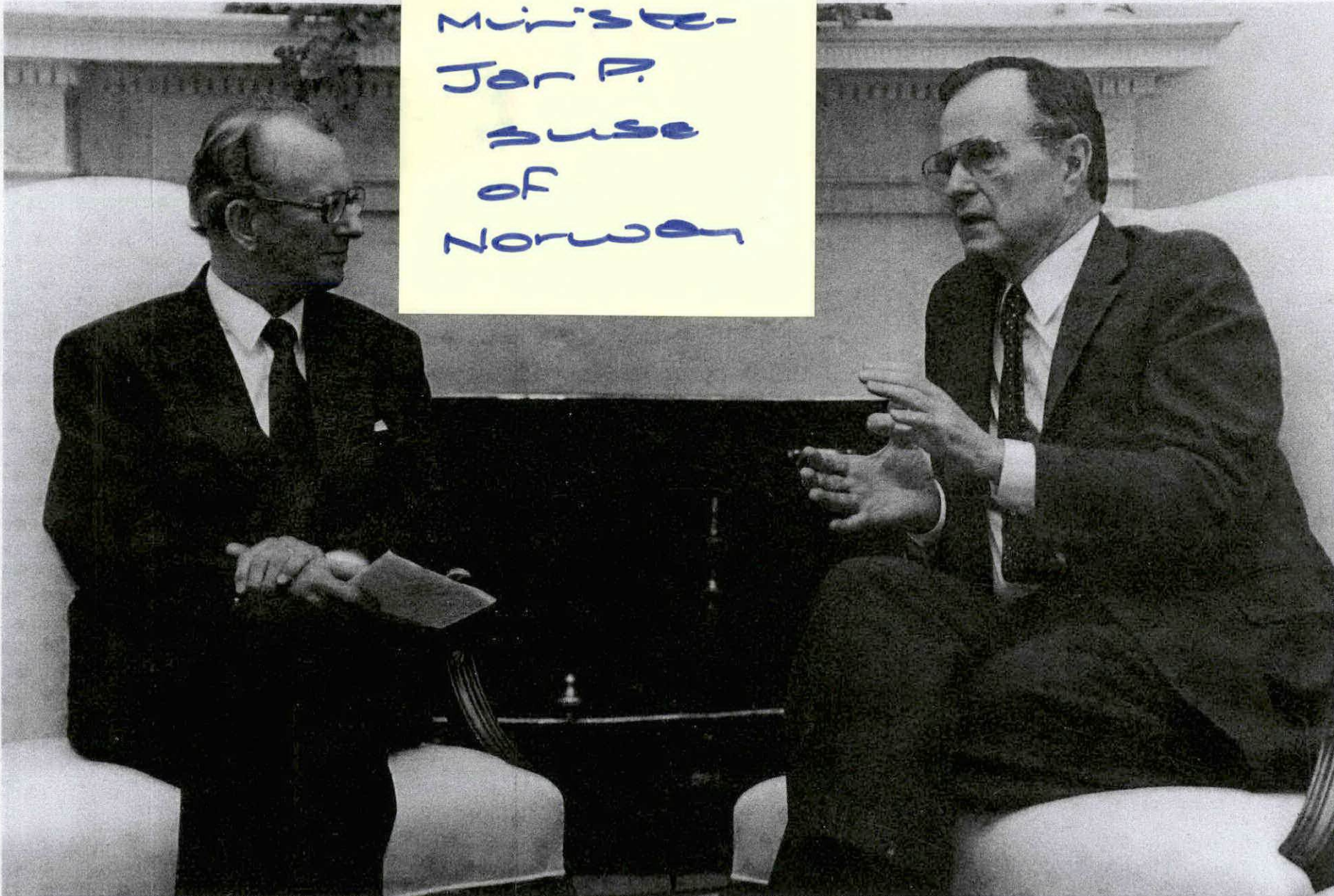
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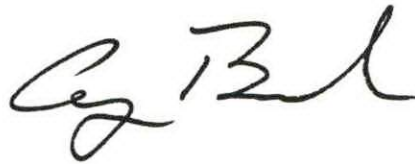
Dear Dr. and Mrs. Tom:

Thank you for the copy of your book, Echoes from Old China, which Senator Dole so graciously sent to my attention. I look forward to reading it.

You were kind to remember me, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Dr. and Mrs. K. S. Tom
2043 Ualakaa Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

gift

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 23, 1990

Dear Mr. Weaver:

Thank you for that handy commemorative penknife. Your kind and thoughtful remembrance is greatly appreciated.

Sam Pardoe was a good friend to the Bush family, and we all have many wonderful memories from the home that he built for us.

With best wishes in your second century of business,

Sincerely,

George Bush

Mr. James B. Weaver
President
W.T. Weaver & Sons, Inc.
1208 Wisconsin Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20007

THE WHITE HOUSE

Mr. Allan Weinstein
The Center for Democracy
1101 15th Street, N.W.
Suite 505
Washington, D.C. 20005



THE PRESIDENT

February 23, 1990

Dear Allan,

Dan Quayle gave me the tee shirt you sent -- I'm delighted to have it. Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Thanks for your
helpful inputs to me
& Dan re Nicaragua. *By Bush*

bcc: { The Vice President

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B.Y.
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Gift Unit - Please return tee shirt
to West Wing after loqina.

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