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WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

February 16, 1991

	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
	PLACED				
OUT	6:25 AM	6:32		Mr. Keith B. Ritter White House Situation Room White House Signal 2-2262	Tlkd-ok 6:25 AM
INC	PM				
OUT	8:23 AM	8:29		Mr. Dick LeBlond (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 8:24 AM
INC	PM				
OUT	10:12 AM	10:16		Mr. Neil M. Bush (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 10:13 AM
INC	PM				
OUT	10:21 AM	10:32		Conference Call: President Francois Mitterrand Office, Paris, France via DVL	Tlkd-ok 10:23 AM via Secure Voice
INC	PM				
OUT	AM			Mr. Adrian A. Basora White House Situation Room Secure Voice x7406	
INC	PM				
OUT	AM			Ms. Eliza Burnham White House Situation Room Secure Voice x7407	
INC	PM				
OUT	10:24 AM	10:33		Secretary James A. Baker III Residence, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 2-3103	LW with Major Caughman 10:25 AM
INC	PM				
OUT	AM				Tlkd-ok 10:30 AM
INC	PM				
OUT	11:46 AM			Secretary Richard B. Cheney Office, Washington, D.C. Pentagon Dial x2366	LW with Ms. Casey 11:46 AM
INC	PM	12:33			
OUT	AM				Tlkd-ok 12:27 PM via Secure Voice
INC	PM				
OUT	AM			Mr. Robert M. Gates Nonantum Portside Motel Kennebunkport, Maine Kennebunkport Signal x315	Tlkd-ok 1:41 PM
INC	1:40 PM	1:45			

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

February 16, 1991

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM		Major Arthur P. Wallace Walker's Point Kennebunkport, Maine Kennebunkport Signal x388	Tlkd-ok 5:21 PM
INC	5:20 PM	5:21		
OUT	AM		Major Arthur P. Wallace Walker's Point Kennebunkport, Maine Kennebunkport Signal x388	Tlkd-ok 7:03 PM
INC	7:03 PM	7:04		
OUT	AM		Secretary James A. Baker III Residence, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 2-3103	Tlkd-ok 9:01 PM
INC	9:00 PM	9:05		
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT RUSH

FEBRUARY 16, 19 91

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Kennebunkport, Maine

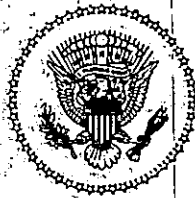
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MOVEMENTS

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Presidential Phone Calls



DATE:

2-16-91

TIME:

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incoming/outgoing

WITH:

Rich Libland

SUBJECT:

call to say saw
kids get on copter

saw Fitch's at great
hunt north of Charleston

whole country with you

FOLLOW UP:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 2-16-91

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: Brent cc JS, Kathy S.

Re: Oz41 Visit to USA:

Ozal will be coming to speak at Duke,

Brown and Penn somewhere around March 22-24

I want to see him. In fact I'd like to take
him up to C.D. for a night if it would fit.

He will send us the details.

cc's sent 2/18/91 P.

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POOL REPORT # 3 (PART ONE)

FLAPS DOWN POWER WALK ON THE BEACH WITH THE PRESIDENT

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

FEBRUARY 16, 1991

Bush walked at an excruciatingly brisk pace for 64 minutes along the beach at Goose Rocks, accompanied by Bob Gates who kept up nicely — frisky Ranger and an exhausted press corps.

The news is slender. Tons of color.

Bush was, literally, interviewed on the run:

At the very end, on an ice patch, there was this exchange:

Question: PARAPHRASE concerned that Gorby exceeding UN resolutions???

A: "Put it this way, the United Nations position is solid and there's no giving on that at all!"

Q: Worried about danger of Sov freelance diplomacy?

A: "They're playing a constructive role and that's it."

Q: You got fresh assurances of that?

A: "Yeah, very fresh."?

Q: You call Gorby?

A: "Haven't talked to him in the last couple weeks."

During the walk, Bush spoke with good-natured derision about those who predicted, wrongly, that oil prices would skyrocket. And, he said, he detected that maybe the markets are concluding that "the recession is a little less worrisome..."

Now for the color:

In short, Bush brushed off all serious questions, holding up a mittened hand. Wouldn't answer serious queries about Gorbachev letter mentioned in NY Times story today.

But, he talked at length on a wide variety subjects including but not limited to: Bar Bush becoming a computer whiz; flight training in the 1940s in Minnesota (cold!); exercise; dog-people relations and the concept of walking press conferences.

He was in high-spirits, frequently extolling the virtues of brisk walking.

His outfit was notable. A fur-lined flap hat he said he'd had for 20 years, got in China. Red '49ers parka emblazoned "George Bush" on right chest; L.L. Bean-style wool plaid pants very fuzzy in a dark shade with red and green stripes (subtler than that sounds); leather lowcut laced walking shoes and leather mittens that appeared to be hunting accoutrements since they left his trigger finger free. He often wiped his runny nose with a blue cowboy-type bandanna.

Bush said that while Truman did walking press conferences, "We don't do that."

Then he did it for over an hour.

Early on he said, "Where's Mr. Gates. We defer all questions to him." Replied Gates, "No comment and you can quote me."

POOL REPORT # 3 (PART TWO)

FLAPS DOWN POWER WALK ON THE BEACH WITH THE PRESIDENT

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

FEBRUARY 16, 1991

Bush said he had just talked to Mitterrand, "the president of the republic" and would offer no details.

Also talked to Ozal, "a staunch member of this coalition." The party of press, security and prez. passed 3 or 4 dogs and about a dozen Maine residents out for a walk. He stopped to shake hands with a baby, discuss with Pat Slattery the good weather and comment on his "fire dog," a 4-month-old Dalmatian named Plato; signed a snapshot for a woman, accompanied by her young son, who had a picture of Bush and her family taken last summer. She offered lots support of Bush on Gulf. He thanked her.

Asked why Quayle got to go to Fla. while Bush came up to the icy north, Bush declared, "This is a weekend. I'm not calling this a vacation but this summer nothing will intervene, nothing (on his vacation). You all will be grateful."

Bush contended that we did this walk at a 13-minute/mile pace and that it was the equivalent of a 30-minute jog.

"How come you all didn't cover Marlin on the slopes. That would have been a good item, almost an incredible item," he said blowing the cover on his press secretary's secret Saturday ski trip.

Bush says hes not running as much as he would like to but uses the Stairmaster a lot.

As Ranger passed a dog, Bush declared to the dog owner, "That's Ranger, he doesn't like to fight."

This "interview" is interrupted by Bush repeatedly calling his dog, "Here Ranger...Hya. Hyup." Ranger goes into the ocean, completely submerges as he chases a duck into the frigid waters.

Bush laughed when asked if he would play golf, take out the boat. No, he said. But, he was going to visit his boat that is being stored inside somewhere.

Spoke of Truman era : "Totally different. Goes for a morning walk with a handful of people. No security to speak of."

Would you prefer it like that? "I'm happy with my lot in life."

Feel like a prisoner? "No."

With his pace slowing only slightly as this walk went on and on into the frigid wind, Bush waxed reflective, spoke of flight training in an open airplane in the early 1940s in M Minnesota.

Though, he said, his face was covered with a chamois shield, "Your face would, literally, get frozen."

As the "walk" progressed, Bush got more playful, beginning once sentence, "I'm worried about Barbara...She's becoming a computer whiz." It turns out, he said, that the computer Thesaurus he gave her for Valentine's Day was redundant. "She already had two of them."

(One on her laptop; another on her at-home computer).

"Here's an interesting sociological observation, Ellen. The fact that Ranger comes back for reassurance. It's a parental kind of thing. He knows I'm his dad. He likes to go off, but return. Got that?"

There were repeated efforts to get Bush to talk about the Gorbachev letter. He wouldn't but, referring to his dog-dad lecture, he underscored his unwillingness to talk substance by joking, "Actually, there's a lot of explanation of the Gorbachev letter in that."

"I was trying to tell you something," he joked, again referring to the dog sociology lecture.

"When I call Ranger and he turned and came running there's an interpretation in there. Nuance," said Bush, loving the joke.

Ellen Warren, Knight-Ridder Newspapers.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Kennebunkport, Maine)

WALKER'S POINT REPORT

February 16, 1991

The President was in his office at Walker's Point at 8:00 a.m. this morning, and at 8:30 he received his national security briefing from Deputy National Security Adviser Bob Gates. At approximately 10:30 the President departed for a "power walk," details of which you will be receiving shortly in a pool report. No outside guests or visitors are scheduled to join the President and Mrs. Bush at Walker's Point today. We have no information on any other excursions planned for today. We expect the President and Mrs. Bush will have dinner at home.

Over the past several days, the President has called a number of world leaders to discuss the situation in the Gulf and the progress being made in Desert Storm. Among those called were: King Hassan of Morocco; Prime Minister Major of the United Kingdom; Sultan Qaboos of Oman; President Zayid of the United Arab Emirates; Sheikh Jaber, the Amir of Kuwait; President Ozal of Turkey; and President Mitterrand of France. The President remains convinced that the international coalition is steadfast in its resolve to see the United Nations Security Council resolutions fully implemented.

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POOL REPORT # 4

CHURCH

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

FEBRUARY 17, 1991

The President and Mrs. Bush attended 9:00 a.m. services at the First Congregational Church of Kennebunkport. Uneventful trip from Walker's Point. Mrs. Bush wearing red coat and red dress, leaning on her cane. President in a dark suit and a dark windbreaker over it.

The church was packed. They were greeted by the Minister, the Reverend Patricia Adam; chatted with people at the door. The President and Mrs. Bush were seated in the second pew from the front at the end of the row.

The first hymn sung was "The Church's One Foundation" in which the third verse refers to "mid toil and turbulation and tumult of a war, she waits the consummation of peace forever."

The Reverend Adam offered a special welcome to the "Washington branch of the family." Everything was normal for about the first 10 minutes. They reported on a church building fund and then the Reverend Adam asked people to voice their prayers and concerns for those who were sick and in need of help. At that point a tall, gray-haired man, later identified as John Schuchardt, stood up and said, "I have a concern. Think of the 18 million people of Iraq, half are children under the age of 15. There are children just like the children sitting here. We must think of what it means to be bombed by more than 2,000 planes everyday. The spirit of the Lord is upon me. I will speak for the poor and those who are suffering the terror never before experienced by any country or any people, of being bombed in the day, bombed in the night. Think of people in hospital. Think of grandfathers. Think of those who died of heart attacks from this terror. Think of those who have miscarriages."

At this point voices began to rise among the other people in the congregation and there were cries of "Enough."

As he went on talking, the entire congregation stood up and spontaneously began to sing "God Bless America" -- just the first verse. The congregation then sat down and President Bush had sat stony-faced while the man was speaking. The President glanced back towards the man who was on the other side of the church from where the Bushes were sitting but the President's face at this point was expressionless.

The Minister addressed Schuchardt saying, "I am glad you spoke." Whereupon he took off again. He said, "I am guided by the spirit. This is time for repentance. This is a time to admit mistakes. We are called to be peacemakers. This is a vicious, immoral attack."

At this point other members of the congregation began shouting at him saying, "This is not a political forum...this is a church of God...get out of here."

He responded saying, "I speak in the name of God to repent in the season of repentance in the season of lent. Repent and stop this massacre."

At this point a uniformed local policeman approached the pew where Schuchardt was sitting and said as far as I could hear, "Will you sit down or will I show you to the door." (This is paraphrasing.) The Minister said, "Let us get on with our service."

Schuchardt said, "I will continue to pray with you." The Minister said, "Quietly then." Schuchardt said, "Minister you asked for concern, and I have deep concern." The members of the congregation then chorused, "Let us get on with our service." Schuchardt again began to speak saying, "There are nine million children in Iraq who are being bombed and massacred on this Sabbath. On the Sabbath (paraphrasing) we are supposed to do good to save life not to kill."

At this point a voice could be heard saying, "Here John, control yourself." The Secret Service didn't really participate much standing in the background and letting the local police handle it. A local policeman moved to the pew and sat down next to Schuchardt's wife. At this point you had Schuchardt sitting against the wall with his wife next to him and the policeman next to his wife. The policeman was in effect blocking any possible effort by Schuchardt to get out of the pew.

They then went back to the service and another member of the congregation asked for a prayer for someone's mother who had had three toes removed.

They then sang the hymn "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength."

The Reverend Adam then delivered her sermon entitled, "Listening."

She spoke of God's promise not to give up on the world. (This is all paraphrasing.) The part of her sermon was the importance of listening to other people. She emphasized how difficult it was for anyone to change their mind, especially if their deepest convictions were involved. "We have to listen to those with whom we disagree. It is essential to listen to those people because they too may be right," she said. She urged the congregation to "listen for Lent."

The congregation then sang, "Before the Cross Our Lives Are Judged." In the meantime, Schuchardt was quiet. The pastor gave her final prayer, asking, "Be with all those who seek solution for conflict. We pray for the men and women serving in the Middle East. For those whose cities and towns who have become battlefields. For children and old people. We pray for guidance for our leaders. Grant them integrity and the wisdom to know which path is closest to your will. We pray for our President and those who work with him. Grant them strength for their responsibilities and the wisdom to seek every good citizen."

She then announced that the congregation would sing "The Lord's Prayer." At that point Mr. Schuchardt stood up again saying, "Before we sing, I have a word." At that point the police moved in. As far as we could see they seemed to be trying to ease him out of his seat and he abruptly sank to the floor apparently going limp as if in passive resistance. As soon as the congregation finished singing the Lord's Prayer, Mr. Schuchardt was removed by the police, who moved him bodily toward the door of the church. As he went out the door his heels were still on the ground but his legs were spread out and he was basically being dragged out. He went on talking as he was being removed. He said, "I have a word this morning. I am the voice for the voiceless." (Paraphrasing) It was difficult to hear and he was now shouting for the first time and his words were disturbed by the fact that he was being moved by the police at the time. He made a reference to those who were being bombed by white phosphorous. As he disappeared out the door, he shouted, "Stop the bombing. Stop the massacre in the name of God."

The pastor then apologized, "For what happened to our guests today and for what happened to us." She added, "I urge you to remember what I said. You need to listen to everybody."

Outside, Schuchardt's wife told us that her husband was a lawyer from Longview, Massachusetts. She said, "He is currently devoting his life to this issue (presumably meaning the war in Iraq) and he came to Kennebunkport to witness." She was a gray-haired woman who appeared distressed. Her husband was a tall, gray-haired man in a dark, pin-striped suit with a white shirt and dark tie.

The President seemed to show more concern as the interruptions continued throughout the service. He looked toward Schuchardt several times and his expression seemed to be a mixture of embarrassment and distress.

After the service, the President and Mrs. Bush went back to chat at a church coffee for a few minutes, then left to return to Walker's Point. As he left, the President was asked if what had happened had bothered him. He said, "Not in the least."

He was smiling and chatting as he left the church, appeared relaxed and posed for a photograph with a little girl and her family.

The church was established in 1730. It was a white-framed building, simple -- inside and outside -- with a large fan in the ceiling indoors. It looked like a very traditional church -- the kind of thing Norman Rockwell used to paint.

Schuchardt, as far as we know, was taken to be questioned by the police, but we have no knowledge whether any charges were pressed or could be pressed. Someone asked a member of the congregation if they thought charges should be pressed and they said, "For what," apparently making the point that speaking out in church is not a crime.

Motorcade back totally uneventful; some families waved at the President's limousine.

Muriel Dobbin
McClatchy Newspapers

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

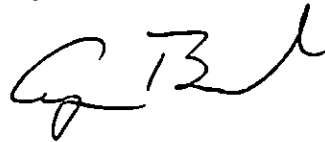
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2-16-91

Dear Jana -

Thanks so very much
for your note about "E.T."
We are lucky to have such
dedicated people, aren't we -

Sincerely, 

bcc: Bridget Montagne ✓

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February 5, 1991

Dear Mr. President:

Yesterday, at the request of Jack and
Helen Laughery, you signed a card for E.J. Thomas, a
very close friend of mine currently serving in the
Persian Gulf. I wanted to thank you for your kind
gesture, one that I know will mean so very much
to E.J.

As a Republican member of the Ohio House of Representatives and a stratotanker pilot with the Ohio Air National Guard, E.J. serves both his state and his country proudly. Like all of us, he was disappointed that diplomatic initiatives failed to result in a peaceful solution to the Persian Gulf crisis. He understood and supported, however, the decision you were ultimately forced to make to initiate an air strike against Iraq.

I hope the support of so many of the troops in the Gulf and those of us here at home brings you some comfort as you guide the country through this difficult time.

Jana Lee Pruitt

POOL REPORT # 3 (PART ONE)

FLAPS DOWN POWER WALK ON THE BEACH WITH THE PRESIDENT

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

FEBRUARY 16, 1991

Bush walked at an excruciatingly brisk pace for 64 minutes along the beach at Goose Rocks, accompanied by Bob Gates _who kept up nicely _ frisky Ranger and an exhausted press corps.

The news is slender. Tons of color.

Bush was, literally, interviewed on the run:

At the very end, on an ice patch, there was this exchange:

Question: PARAPHRASE concerned that Gorby exceeding UN resolutions???

A: "Put it this way, the United Nations position is solid and there's no giving on that at all!"

Q: Worried about danger of Sov freelance diplomacy?

A: "They're playing a constructive role and that's it."

Q: You got fresh assurances of that?

A: "Yeah, very fresh."

Q: You call Gorby?

A: "Haven't talked to him in the last couple weeks."

During the walk, Bush spoke with good-natured derision about those who predicted, wrongly, that oil prices would skyrocket. And, he said, he detected that maybe the markets are concluding that "the recession is a little less worrisome..."

Now for the color:

In short, Bush brushed off all serious questions, holding up a mittened hand. Wouldn't answer serious queries about Gorbachev letter mentioned in NY Times story today.

But, he talked at length on a wide variety subjects including but not limited to: Bar Bush becoming a computer whiz; flight training in the 1940s in Minnesota (cold!); exercise; dog-people relations and the concept of walking press conferences.

He was in high-spirits, frequently extolling the virtues of brisk walking.

His outfit was notable. A fur-lined flap hat he said he'd had for 20 years, got in China. Red '49ers parka emblazoned "George Bush" on right chest; L.L. Bean-style wool plaid pants very fuzzy in a dark shade with red and green stripes (subtler than that sounds); leather lowcut laced walking shoes and leather mittens that appeared to be hunting accoutrements since they left his trigger finger free. He often wiped his runny nose with a blue cowboy-type bandanna.

Bush said that while Truman did walking press conferences, "We don't do that."

Then he did it for over an hour.

Early on he said, "Where's Mr. Gates. We defer all questions to him." Replied Gates, "No comment and you can quote me."

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE SOURCE ON THE MATTER OF THE DOG SOCIETY LECTURE. THE SOURCE STATED THAT BUSH TOOK NOTE OF THE FACT THAT RANGER RAN AHEAD, THEN CAME BACK, CHECKING ON HIS "DAD" AND DIDN'T WANT TO STRAY TOO FAR.

Speaking about man's relationship with his dog, Bush took note of the fact that Ranger ran ahead, then came back, checking on his "dad" and didn't want to stray too far.

"Here's an interesting sociological observation, Ellen. The fact that Ranger comes back for reassurance. It's a parental kind of a thing. He knows I'm his dad. He likes to go off, but return. Got that?"

There were repeated efforts to get Bush to talk about the Gorbachev letter. He wouldn't but, referring to his dog-dad lecture, he underscored his unwillingness to talk substance by joking, "Actually, there's a lot of explanation of the Gorbachev letter in that."

"I was trying to tell you something," he joked, again referring to the dog sociology lecture.

"When I call Ranger and he turned and came running there's an interpretation in there. Nuance," said Bush, loving the joke.

Ellen Warren, Knight-Ridder Newspapers

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POOL REPORT # 3 (PART TWO)

FLAPS DOWN POWER WALK ON THE BEACH WITH THE PRESIDENT

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

FEBRUARY 16, 1991

Bush said he had just talked to Mitterrand, "the president of the republic" and would offer no details.

Also talked to Ozal, "a staunch member of this coalition."

The party of press, security and prez. passed 3 or 4 dogs and about a dozen Maine residents out for a walk. He stopped to shake hands with a baby, discuss with Pat Slattery the good weather and comment on his "fire dog," a 4-month-old Dalmatian named Plato, signed a snapshot for a woman, accompanied by her young son, who had a picture of Bush and her family taken last summer. She offered lots support of Bush on Gulf. He thanked her.

Asked why Quayle got to go to Fla. while Bush came up to the icy north, Bush declared, "This is a weekend. I'm not calling this a vacation but this summer nothing will intervene, nothing (on his vacation). You all will be grateful."

Bush contended that we did this walk at a 13-minute/mile pace and that it was the equivalent of a 30-minute jog.

"How come you all didn't cover Marlin on the slopes. That would have been a good item, almost an incredible item," he said blowing the cover on his press secretary's secret Saturday ski trip.

Bush says hes not running as much as he would like to but uses the Stairmaster a lot.

As Ranger passed a dog, Bush declared to the dog owner, "That's Ranger, he doesn't like to fight."

This "interview" is interrupted by Bush repeatedly calling his dog, "Here Ranger...Hya. Hyup." Ranger goes into the ocean, completely submerges as he chases a duck into the frigid waters.

Bush laughed when asked if he would play golf, take out the boat. No, he said. But, he was going to visit his boat that is being stored inside somewhere.

Spoke of Truman era : "Totally different. Goes for a morning walk with a handful of people. No security to speak of."

Would you prefer it like that? "I'm happy with my lot in life."

Feel like a prisoner? "No."

With his pace slowing only slightly as this walk went on and on into the frigid wind, Bush waxed reflective, spoke of flight training in an open airplane in the early 1940s in M Minnesota.

Though, he said, his face was covered with a chamois shield, "Your face would, literally, get frozen."

As the "walk" progressed, Bush got more playful, beginning once sentence, "I'm worried about Barbara...She's becoming a computer whiz." It turns out, he said, that the computer Thesaurus he gave her for Valentine's Day was redundant. "She already had two of them."

(One on her laptop; another on her at-home computer).