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08. Notes	Handwritten notes on back of part of the Opening Statement at Joint Press Conference on Availability with Chancellor Kohl (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	
09. Q&A	Department of Defense Q&A Re: Colonel Millard Peck resignation (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(6)	
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Call from AFI

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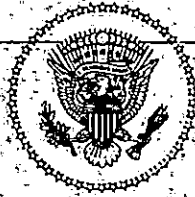
FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

1. NFI B - FAST TRACK
John Sloan SUPPORT
2. Bus. Rtable ^{civil}
Drew Lewis RIGHTS
- Support Civ Rts

P. get numbers!!

Presidential Phone Calls



DATE:

5-22

TIME:

9:37

incoming/outgoing

WITH:

Drew Lewis

SUBJECT:

Re: Civ. Rts Bill

Bob Allen caught by his own employees -

Wanted Drew Lewis

Think economy is turning

NY is down worst place in world

FOLLOW-UP:

real estate down

Have "bottomed out"

Reed P. Hulse

further

will support our bill, I we want

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Pool Report, President Bush's meeting with Hungarian President Astrad Goncz, 5-23-91, 10 a.m.

Bush was animated and looked fit at the top of the meeting as he bantered with reporters about photo opp ground rules and made small talk with his visitor. As the pool was shown into the Oval Office, Bush, glasses in hand, was chatting with Goncz. They were seated in the wing-backed chairs with aides on the two sofas. Bush said to Goncz, "You've been on vacation. You look so healthy."

Could not make out the reply, through an interpreter, but it was something to the effect that the sun was shining in Africa. Bush responded, "How does that work? He's in Africs and the sun is shining and he gets sunburn in Hungary."

Bush at first announced he would take no questions, saying, "I just had a press conference and I can't talk any more about anything because I just finished what I would say is a full and comprehensive press conference."

But asked by a Hungarian journalist of he had a "message for the Hungarian nation," Bush could not resist.

He said: "Wait a minute! This might be one I want to break the rule for. Look, in the first place, it's a pleasure to have President Goncz back here. I hope he feels he's among friends because he is. And , secondly, we have great respect for what Hungary is doing and trying to do in the future. It is a dramatic story. It is a wonderfully exciting story about democracy and free markets and, yes, there's some economic problems, but we want to be as helpful as we can. We want this new democratic country and regime to be as successful as possible. Glad you asked."

As the pool was being shown out, Bush was saying to Goncz, "Welcome, I meant it ..."

Matt Quinn Hearst.

5-23-91

Pool Report, President Bush's Meeting with National Retail Federation, 11 a.m., Room 450, Old EOB.

Not much to report beyond remarks that were piped in and were being transcribed. The president spoke about economic issues, plugged for fast track and capital gains legislation and insisted that he wants to sign a civil rights bill but not one that "fosters quotas directly or indirectly." Following the speech, Bush shook hands and briefly chatted with a few front row members on his way out. He looked fine. Boyden Gray and Larry Lindsey also spoke to the group but not when we were there. Press Office has the brochure that was distributed to participants that focuses on fast track.

Matt Quinn Hearst

Pat
Sank
Nice!
GB

Date -

When I first came to First Church
as a student, I often thought "this must
be one of the few places where the
Bishops can go where no one expects anything
from them". They have been such
good friends to so many of our members
for so long. As pastor I found out on
Feb. 17. How deeply people do care for them.
The entire congregation was saddened to
think our church was so large a
sanctuary for them. If you ever have
an opportunity, I hope you'll let them
know how we do look forward to having
them with us -

Pat

Thanks for all your patience!

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Dale.....F.Y.I.

Following our unhappy episode in February, the church has spent a lot of time, trying to find the best way to deal with future similar disturbances. After much discussion and soul-searching, and with three thoughts uppermost in mind.....namely,

1. We wish to preserve the integrity of our worship service, allowing our members and guests to worship as we see fit.
2. We need to be true to the spirit of what we profess to believe.
3. We do NOT want people arrested and forcibly removed from the church; for very practical reasons. When that is their sole reason for being there, (to be arrested and the subsequent publicity which follows,) to do so only encourages them to return and try again. When we allow them to be arrested, we play right into their hands.

Therefore, the Church Council has proposed the following plan, which was agreed upon at a meeting of our members.

Should a person, or persons, disrupt our service again, we plan

1. To request the person to stop, sit, and join us.
2. To give them a 'reasonable' time to comply...that will be my judgement call. (Interestingly enough, some of our most short-tempered members have asked that we be patient, and not 'jump the gun' at the first interruption.)
3. If the disturbance continues beyond our tolerance level, at a signal from me, Lorraine will play "Amazing Grace", this will be the clue to the congregation. They will rise and sing, during the singing they will leave the sanctuary quietly and go into Fellowship Hall, where we usually have coffee. (The side section nearest the Hall will leave first, followed by the nearest center section, then the west center section, and the west side. We expect all unknown guests to be in the back three rows of the west section, nearest the front door.) We will close the door, and continue with the service in the hall, leaving the people making the disturbance with no audience.

We have chosen to remove ourselves from the situation and the disturbers, rather than reward them with the arrest and publicity they are seeking. We do not consider it "running away", since in the past worship services on occasion have been held out there. To us, in this instance, 'turning the other cheek' is not only scriptural, its practical!

We understand that if the police are in the building, then we have asked them for their help, and they will have to make that decision. We would still hope that arrest would be the last resort, because it does play their game. We would prefer to have them removed by the back door..even let go after the few minutes at the monument.

Let's hope we never have occasion to test this.

Pat

TO CONTACT THE AREA -

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1991

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached was released at the request of the Governor, who indicated he had discussed it with you. The text was approved by OMB, OPD, and Legislative Affairs.

Also attached is Secretary Watkins' request for just such a statement.

Thank you.

Phil
Phillip D. Brady

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

May 23, 1991

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to congratulate Chairman Bennett Johnson, Senator Malcolm Wallop and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on the energy bill they approved today. The 17-3 vote by the committee demonstrates a genuine bipartisan commitment to balanced, realistic, and comprehensive energy legislation.

When I announced my National Energy Strategy (NES) on February 20, I challenged the Congress to do its part to pass the legislation recommended in the NES. The Committee's action today, taken on a bipartisan basis, marks a very constructive first step in this process.

The Committee's action helps move America toward a more secure, cleaner, and more efficient energy future.

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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

May 23, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY LEGISLATION

Today, the Senate Energy Committee, by a vote of 17-3, approved comprehensive, balanced energy legislation very much in line with your National Energy Strategy. This significant action evidences the wisdom of your decision to send a comprehensive energy bill to Capitol Hill. To be sure, there is a long road ahead, but, as Pete Domenici eloquently put it today, he has seen whole sessions of Congress spent wrestling unsuccessfully with just one of the large number of issues successfully addressed in this bill -- nuclear licensing reform, natural gas regulatory reform or ANWR, for example. That the Committee should, by such an overwhelming margin, approve a bill that: (1) opens ANWR for development; (2) streamlines the nuclear and hydropower licensing processes; and (3) fundamentally reforms the regulation of natural gas pipelines, is little short of remarkable.

Much credit is owed to Bennett Johnston and Malcolm Wallop. We could not have asked for a better working relationship. Indeed, our negotiating team was invited to attend every mark-up. Further, they were consulted frequently during mark-up to insure that the Administration's views were properly presented and considered. Bennett, in particular, deserves our gratitude for producing this balanced bill, despite considerable pressure from Senator Mitchell and other Democrats on issues like CAFE and ANWR. I believe it is very important that you publicly indicate your enthusiastic support for this legislation and your appreciation for Bennett Johnston's leadership. I have passed a draft of such a statement to Roger Porter.

Securing Senate passage of this balanced bill will be quite a challenge. We will continue to work closely with your staff to stay with a winning strategy.


James D. Watkins
Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)

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Chron File
May 22
Minn-TMP -

Draft 5/20/91

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

I am pleased to transmit today for your immediate consideration and enactment the "AMERICA 2000 Excellence in Education Act," a bill to help America attain the National Education Goals. I believe that a bold and comprehensive campaign, involving all sectors of our society, is needed if we are to implement real educational reforms and reach the National Goals by the year 2000. The "AMERICA 2000 Excellence in Education Act" would authorize 13 specific legislative initiatives designed to support such a campaign.

Eight years ago, the National Commission on Excellence in Education reported to the Nation that our schools were failing. Since that time, States and localities have enacted a number of school reforms, but these actions have been much too slow and too timid. In response, the strategy that I announced on April 18 would bring together Governors, business people, teachers, principals, parents, social service providers, civic and religious groups, and, to the greatest extent possible, every American in every community in a crusade to transform our educational system.

AMERICA 2000 is more than just a Federal effort; it is a truly national strategy. This is most appropriate, because only through a national effort, in which all sectors of society pitch in, will we be able to attain our goals. Further, AMERICA 2000 is not just a program, or a set of programs; rather, it is a national crusade. The 13 legislative proposals included in this bill are just components, albeit very important components, of some 44 planned actions, many of which would take place outside the Federal government.

The "AMERICA 2000 Excellence in Education Act" includes the following specific legislative initiatives aimed at fulfilling the principles described below:

- 1) The New American Schools program would provide seed money for the start-up of "break-the-mold" schools that employ the best that is known about teaching and learning; make use, as appropriate, of the latest technologies; and are tailored to meet the needs and characteristics of individual communities. At least one school would be established in each U.S. Congressional District in communities designated as "AMERICA 2000 Communities."
- 2) The Merit Schools program would reward schools that make notable progress toward achievement of the National Education Goals, particularly the goal of ensuring that all students leave grades four, eight, and twelve having demonstrated competence in the core academic subjects. At least 20 percent of each State's funding would be used for awards to schools that have made outstanding progress in mathematics and science education. This program would provide a powerful incentive for all schools to improve their educational performance.
- 3) Because attainment of the National Education Goals will depend heavily on the preparation and performance of teachers, principals, and other school leaders, three initiatives focus on the training of teachers and school leaders and on the development of alternative teacher and principal certification programs in the States.

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-- Governors' Academies for Teachers would be established in each State to provide experienced teachers with opportunities for renewal and enhancement of their knowledge and teaching skills in the core academic disciplines of English, mathematics, science, history, and geography. Separate funding would be reserved for the Academies to reward and recognize outstanding teachers of the core subjects.

-- Governors' Academies for School Leaders would operate in each State to provide current and prospective principals and other school leaders with training in instructional leadership, school-based management, school reform strategies, and other skills necessary for effective educational administration.

-- The Alternative Certification of Teachers and Principals program would assist States interested in broadening the pool of talent from which to recruit teachers and principals. Funds would assist States to develop and implement, or expand and improve, flexible certification systems so that talented professionals, and others who have demonstrated subject matter competence or leadership in fields outside of education, might be drawn into teaching or the principalship.

4) The Educational Reform through Flexibility and Accountability part of the legislation would authorize projects involving educational strategies that focus on improving student outcomes through increased flexibility in using Federal, State, and local categorical funds and services to achieve specific goals.

5) Educational choice is one of the most important tools that communities can embrace in their pursuit of educational improvement. Three components of the "AMERICA 2000 Excellence in Education Act" address the need for encouragement and testing of different methods for enhancing educational choice.

-- The bill would amend the Chapter 1 Compensatory Education program to support decisions by parents making educational choices for their children. As amended, the statute would provide that Chapter 1 services follow the child participating in Chapter 1 to the public or private school that the child chooses to attend. The child's local school system would arrange for Chapter 1 services to "follow the child" or, if the school system decides that that approach is not feasible or efficient, it would provide the child's parents with a cash grant that would enable them to purchase compensatory education services for their children.

-- The Assistance for Parental Choice initiative would provide payments to local educational agencies that have implemented programs in which parents are permitted, and given sufficient financial incentives, to select among a variety of public and private educational programs.

-- Educational Choice Programs of National Significance would make grants to demonstrate and evaluate selected types of educational choice programs.

- 6) The bill would also improve the Chapter 2 State grant program by requiring that more funds be reserved at the State level, where more significant educational reform activities can be carried out, and by explicitly authorizing the use of those funds to support enhancement of parental choice.
- 7) In order to provide for more frequent monitoring, at the State level, that is needed in measuring progress toward the National Education Goals, the bill would amend the authority for the National Assessment of Educational Progress to authorize State-level data collection in English, mathematics, science, history, and geography in grades four, eight, and 12 beginning in 1994. The legislation would also permit the use of National Assessment tests at district and school levels by States that wish to do so.
- 8) Because Americans need to know how much time their children should spend learning and how that time should be used, the bill would authorize creation of a National Commission on Time, Study, Learning and Teaching.
- 9) In support of the National Education Goal that every adult American be literate by the year 2000, the bill would authorize establishment of Regional Adult Literacy Resource Centers to provide technical assistance to, and enhance coordination among, State and local providers of literacy services.

I urge the Congress to take prompt and favorable action on this legislation. Taken together, these 13 initiatives would spur action, on a wide range of fronts, that is essential if we are to attain the National Education Goals by the year 2000.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Baker criticized for singling out Israeli settlements
By FRANK T. CSONGOS

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State James Baker came under criticism in the Senate Thursday for saying there is no bigger obstacle to Middle East peace than continuing Israeli settlements in the occupied territories.

At the same time, President Bush said he has asked Israel to suspend its settlement policy, calling it a "difficult problem for us." "I have appealed to Israel not to move forward with more settlements," Bush told reporters at the White House. "They know it's our policy and I can understand the secretary's concern and perhaps frustration by this."

The president indicated there may be some progress on this issue, saying, "Israel is moving in some ways that I will not discuss with you, and so I have no reason to be totally pessimistic."

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., said Baker's statement on settlements, made to a House Appropriations subcommittee on Wednesday, "is a disservice" to the administration's efforts to mediate between Israel and the Arabs. He expressed concern about the U.S. policy "not being even-handed" in the troubled region.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said he, too, was troubled about "the focus on Israel" and its settlement policies and suggested the administration instead put pressure on Saudi Arabia to enter direct negotiations with Jerusalem.

Lautenberg said Saudi Arabia can thank its independence to the U.S.-led coalition forces that averted a possible Iraqi takeover of that oil-rich country.

"We seem to have gotten nothing, nothing, from Saudi Arabia," Lautenberg said.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said he was also disappointed with Saudi Arabia for its unwillingness to lift its state of war with Israel and for continuing a boycott of companies doing business with the Jewish state.

"We expect more of the Saudis," Specter said.

The comments were made at the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, where Baker spent about 2 1/2 hours mostly to discuss his efforts to arrange a Middle East peace conference. He has traveled four times to the region since the end of the Persian Gulf War. Baker repeated that the Israeli policy of settling people in the occupied territories such as the West Bank, which was captured from Jordan during the 1967 war, hinders peace efforts.

On Wednesday, the secretary declared that, "I do not think there is a bigger obstacle to peace." The statement was perhaps the strongest the administration has used publicly in criticizing Israeli settlement policy.

Baker said Thursday he did not mean to suggest that the Israelis are the single biggest obstacle to peace efforts. He said the Arab country's state of war and their boycott policy were equally damaging. "It has been the long held view (of the United States) that the settlements are an obstacle to peace," Baker told the senators. Israel has settled more than 90,000 people in the West Bank over the years. It is seeking billions of dollars from the United States in loan guarantees to bring as many as a million Soviet Jews to Israel. The Israeli government said it would not use these loans to settle Soviet Jews in the occupied territories.

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JAB
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to dry
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him
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At the White House, Bush said Baker "reiterated the long-standing policy of the United States government, not just in our administration, but ... of previous administrations."

Asked whether the United States was prepared to pressure Israel by withholding aid, Bush said, "I'm not pressuring anybody. What I want to do is to get people to talk in that part of the world where they haven't talked before. And what I want to do is take the credibility that I believe the United States has now in Israel and in the gulf countries and in the other countries in the Middle East to try to be a catalyst for peace."

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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WASHINGTON

May 22, 1991

MEETING WITH GENERAL COLIN POWELL

DATE: May 23, 1991

LOCATION: Rose Garden

TIME: 9:00 am

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT 

I. PURPOSE

To announce your intention to reappoint General Powell for a second two year term as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

II. BACKGROUND

Public law allows for the Chairman to be appointed for up to three two year terms with terms beginning on October 1 of odd numbered years. General Powell's current term will expire this September.

III. PARTICIPANTS

At Tab B.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open coverage in the Rose Garden.

V. SEQUENCE

Brief Presidential remarks followed by questions from the press.

Attachments

Tab A Points to be Made
Tab B Participants List

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

POINTS TO BE MADE
FOR ROSE GARDEN CEREMONY FOR
GENERAL COLIN POWELL

-- TODAY I WANT TO ANNOUNCE THAT I HAVE
DECIDED TO REAPPOINT GENERAL COLIN
POWELL AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS
OF STAFF FOR A SECOND TWO YEAR TERM
WHEN HIS CURRENT TERM EXPIRES.

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-- COLIN HAS DONE A GREAT JOB AND I AM
TAKING THIS STEP NOW TO DEMONSTRATE MY
GREAT CONFIDENCE IN HIS ABILITY AND
THE TREMENDOUS RESPECT I HAVE FOR HIM
BOTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY.

-- THE MILITARY ADVICE HE PROVIDED ME
UNDER PRESSURE FOR OUR OPERATIONS IN
PANAMA, LIBERIA, SOMALIA AND OF COURSE

IN THE GULF WAS ABSOLUTELY REMARKABLE.
THE CONFIDENCE I HAVE IN HIM IS
REFLECTED IN THE CONFIDENCE THE MEN
AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES HAVE IN
GENERAL POWELL.

-- IN THE YEARS AHEAD, WE WILL BE MAKING
IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE MILITARY --
IN ITS SIZE, STRUCTURE AND

ORIENTATION. GENERAL POWELL HAS BEEN
AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE PLANNING FOR
THIS CRITICAL RESTRUCTURING, AND I CAN
THINK OF NO ONE MORE QUALIFIED TO LEAD
OUR ARMED FORCES AS WE PREPARE THEM
FOR THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST
CENTURY.

PARTICIPANTS

The President

Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense

John H. Sununu, Chief of Staff to the President

Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security
Affairs

Robert M. Gates, Assistant to the President and Deputy for
National Security Affairs

Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE:

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

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POINTS TO BE MADE
FOR ROSE GARDEN CEREMONY FOR
GENERAL COLIN POWELL

*I was
delighted to
do this*

-- TODAY I WANT TO ANNOUNCE THAT I HAVE
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POWELL AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS
OF STAFF FOR A SECOND TWO YEAR TERM
WHEN HIS CURRENT TERM EXPIRES.

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POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR MAY 23 PRESS CONFERENCE

May 23, 1991

- 1) Why did you support Saddam Hussein by allowing military sales that would protect him?
- 2) What is your reaction to Gorbachev's request to attend the G-7 meeting and for \$100 billion in economic aid?
- 3) Have the Israeli settlements derailed the peace process?
- 4) Can you tell us what you meant when you said you experienced mental slowness?
- 5) By taking over Dahuk, isn't the U.S. getting bogged down in Iraq? *restore power & water not take over*
- 6) Have you resolved the Japanese short-fall for Desert Storm?

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Handled me 5-23
by Lee Nadeau 7:50 AM

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

DUNCAN L. HUNTER
45TH DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. President,

Because of my esteem for your leadership, I feel it is necessary to explain personally my opposition to "fast track and free trade".

The high productivity of Mexican workers in U.S.-owned plants (80% of that of U.S. workers in automobile plants) combined with enormous disparity in wages (10-1 in automobile plants) will certainly result in large parcels of American production facilities moving to Mexico. I have reviewed reams of material from the administration, talked at length with Carla Hills and her able assistants, and have seen nothing that would indicate that this investment and production shift will be outweighed by anticipated benefits.

Secondly, the American worker, who pays an average of \$1,000.00 per year from his wages for national defense, bears a burden that renders the "playing field" permanently tilted in favor of his foreign counter-part. Can Americans compete? Yes, of course they can, but not without lowering their wages, or reducing the burdens of defense, the environment, and the unfair trade practices of foreign governments.

Finally, it is clear that the one commodity Mexico needs most is a good shot of freedom...the freedom of small businessmen to buy, sell, produce or not produce, hire or not hire, without having to know someone powerful.

Mr. President, Mexico will have prosperity when Mexico has freedom. Not before.

Finally, let me tell you that Oscar Padilla and Tony Valencia have lobbied me ruthlessly on your behalf. With Respect. Duncan

Typed by DLH

May 22, 1991

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SECRETARY OF STATE

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

May 22, 1991

NOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JABILLI *JABILLI*

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Discuss

Naylor to S.G. jobs?

Chase's deputy, Jan Naylor I think has done an excellent job and would be well-qualified to succeed him if you haven't already made a choice.

In addition, you might not want to forget John Eden who has supported you since 1979 and who for many years has been in the personnel/executive recruitment business with Russell Reynolds Associates.

Just a couple of ideas -- no need to respond.

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First question: WHAT INDUSTRIES WILL HAVE TO DO BETTER BEFORE WE
SEE AN UPTURN IN THE ECONOMY?

((if vote has taken place))

Bob -- before I begin -- let me just say that we've just received word that the House of Representatives has voted to extend fast track procedures. We are very pleased with this vote in the House, and hope that the Senate will follow their lead. Again, let me acknowledge both the Republican and Democratic leaders responsible for this great show of bipartisan cooperation. This vote tells the world that Americans are not afraid of competition, and that we are ready to boldly face the 21st Century.

Now, to answer your question specifically

((if vote has not taken place))

Bob -- before I begin -- let me say that we are still waiting for word on the fast track vote in the House of Representatives. Anybody who says we've got the vote in the bag is dead wrong. We're down to the wire, and every vote counts. Congress has the opportunity today to send a message to our trading partners -- that America is ready for the 21st Century - - and to stand on the side of free markets and free people. I urge Congress to take the opportunity and vote for fast track.

Now, to answer your question specifically ...

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NBC AFFILIATES MEETING TELECONFERENCE
ROOM 459 EOB
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1991
2:25 P.M.

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GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, BOB -- NOT JUST FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION, BUT FOR YOUR WORK AS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE POINTS OF LIGHT FOUNDATION. IN THAT REGARD, I WANT TO THANK ADVERTISING AGENCIES -- SAATCHI AND SAATCHI IN PARTICULAR -- FOR THEIR HELP IN DEVELOPING THE POINTS OF LIGHT MESSAGE, AND THE NBC AFFILIATES, WHO ARE NOW BEGINNING TO AIR OUR MESSAGES.

OF COURSE, YOU AT NBC ALSO HAVE YOUR OWN VERY IMPRESSIVE TRADITION OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMING. WHETHER YOU'RE FIGHTING DRUG ABUSE OR COMBATTING ILLITERACY, PROMOTING PRE-NATAL CARE OR KEEPING KIDS IN SCHOOL, THE NBC FAMILY MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO COMMUNITIES AND TO THE NATION.

I WAS DELIGHTED TO FILM A PIECE FOR "THE MORE YOU KNOW" CAMPAIGN -- AND NOW, TWO YEARS LATER, YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE ADS ARE STILL GOING STRONG -- ADDRESSING ISSUES, PROVOKING THOUGHT AND ACTION, AND ENLIGHTENING VIEWERS.

THE IMPACT HAS BEEN ENORMOUS. YOU KNOW THE ISSUES. YOU SEE AND HEAR THE CHALLENGES PEOPLE FACE. YOU DEAL WITH IT ALL ON THE LOCAL LEVEL: THE VOLUNTEERS, THE HEROES, THE LOCAL KID WHO MAKES GOOD. BUT THERE'S THE OTHER SIDE, TOO. THE SIDE NOBODY WANTS TO SEE: THE GANGS, THE DRUG DEALERS, THE MURDERERS.

BUT HERE'S THE REAL UNTOLD STORY: WE'VE BEEN ARGUING OVER FUNDAMENTAL, BADLY NEEDED REFORMS FOR YEARS. SO WHEN WE SENT OUR CRIME BILL UP TO CONGRESS, WE PUT THE HILL ON A 100-DAY CLOCK. WELL, IT'S BEEN 74 DAYS SINCE WE TRANSMITTED OUR LEGISLATION. MOST OF ITS CORE PROPOSALS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE WE SENT UP IN 1989. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT ACTION. AND SO DO I -
- BUT WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT THE HELP OF CONGRESS.

TODAY'S DEBATE OVER THE FAST TRACK VOTE IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF COOPERATION WE NEED. LEADERS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE WORKED TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY, IN A TRULY BIPARTISAN SPIRIT. AFTER A FULL AND FAIR DEBATE ON THE ISSUES, CONGRESS [WILL EITHER TAKE A STEP BACKWARD -- OR FORWARD --] [HAS TAKEN A MAJOR STEP] TOWARD FREE AND FAIR TRADE IN THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE. THE FAST TRACK VOTE [WILL BE] [WAS] A TREMENDOUS STATEMENT TO THE WORLD [AS TO

WHETHER] [THAT] AMERICA IS READY TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY.

I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEADERS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE WHO LED THE BIPARTISAN DEBATE. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE THIS KIND OF GIVE-AND-TAKE ON THE ISSUES. AND THEY DESERVE TO HAVE THIS KIND OF COOPERATION EXTENDED TO OTHER PROPOSALS BEFORE CONGRESS. OUR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS ON EDUCATION, CRIME, TRANSPORTATION, AND CIVIL RIGHTS -- TO NAME ONLY A FEW -- HAVE BEEN SITTING AND GATHERING DUST, SOME FOR OVER TWO YEARS NOW. IT'S TIME CONGRESS MOVED FORWARD ON THESE VITAL ISSUES, TOO.

I'VE CHALLENGED CONGRESS TO ACT ON THE URGENT ISSUES FACING THIS NATION. CONGRESS IS RUNNING OUT OF TIME. AND IT'S NOT JUST ON OUR CRIME BILL. I WANT TO SIGN A GOOD CIVIL RIGHTS BILL THIS YEAR, AND I'VE SENT A GOOD STRONG PROPOSAL UP TO THE HILL. UNFORTUNATELY, MY BILL IS BEING HELD HOSTAGE WHILE CONGRESS PUSHES A BILL THAT IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE ONE I VETOED LAST YEAR.

ON TUESDAY, WE HAD AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC COMPROMISE. BUT IT WAS JUST AN ANNOUNCEMENT -- NO BILL -- NO EXACT LANGUAGE. AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL FROM THEIR

SUMMARY, THE CHANGES THEY'RE PROPOSING SEEM TO BE
PURELY COSMETIC.

I DO NOT WANT TO VETO ANOTHER BILL WITH THE NAME
"CIVIL RIGHTS" ON IT. BUT I WILL NOT SIGN A BILL THAT
WILL FOSTER QUOTAS AND UNFAIR PREFERENCES AND PROMOTE A
LITIGATION EXPLOSION FOR THE BENEFIT OF LAWYERS. IF
CONGRESS IS SERIOUS ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS, THEY WILL PASS
MY BILL. WE THEN CAN MOVE FORWARD IN A CONSTRUCTIVE
AND BIPARTISAN FASHION TO ADDRESS THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF
MY PROGRAM FOR EXPANDING CHOICE AND OPPORTUNITY.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH, AND NOW I THINK WE HAVE
TIME FOR A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.

((SEE QUESTIONS NEXT PAGE))

FIRST QUESTION ((TO BE ASKED BY BOB WRIGHT, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF NBC)):

-- WHAT INDUSTRIES WILL HAVE TO DO BETTER BEFORE WE SEE AN UPTURN IN THE ECONOMY?

WHILE EXPERTS DISAGREE ABOUT THE LENGTH AND DEPTH OF THE RECESSION, I THINK WE'RE ALREADY SEEING SOME ENCOURAGING SIGNS. IN THE LAST MONTH, WE'VE SEEN RISES IN BOTH HOUSING STARTS AND CONSUMER SPENDING. BOTH OF THESE ARE OFTEN PRECURSORS TO AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY. OUR EXPORT MARKETS ARE GOING STRONG -- LAST MONTH WAS OUR BEST INTERNATIONAL TRADE MONTH IN ALMOST A DECADE.

BUT LET ME ADD THAT THE GOVERNMENT ISN'T IN THE BUSINESS OF PICKING WINNERS OR LOSERS IN THE MARKETPLACE. WE SERVE BEST WHEN WE TRY TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH -- AND LET AMERICAN WORKERS AND INNOVATORS PUSH US FORWARD. WE'VE SENT AN ECONOMIC GROWTH PACKAGE TO THE CONGRESS THAT WILL STIMULATE GROWTH, CREATE JOBS, AND ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT. SO, BOB, I'M REALLY VERY ENCOURAGED ABOUT THE ECONOMY.

SECOND QUESTION ((ALSO ASKED BY BOB WRIGHT)):

-- IS THERE AN APPROPRIATE ROLE FOR THE AMERICAN TELEVISION INDUSTRY IN RESPONDING TO THE "NEW WORLD ORDER"?

THAT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION. I THINK TELEVISION IS ALREADY PLAYING A VERY LARGE ROLE. NOT LONG AGO, TELEVISION HELPED BRING A NEW WORLD INTO THE LIVING ROOMS OF PEOPLE IN EASTERN EUROPE. IT BROUGHT NEWS, IT BROUGHT ENTERTAINMENT, IT BROUGHT GLIMPSES OF THE KINDS OF PLACES THEIR COUNTRIES COULD BECOME. THE REVOLUTION OF '89 TOOK PLACE BECAUSE COMMUNISM NO LONGER COULD RESTRAIN THE POWER OF IDEAS.

YOU STILL FULFILL THAT KIND OF ROLE. YOU PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ENTERTAINMENT -- TWO FORCES THAT WILL CONTINUE TO HELP SHAPE THE WORLD. TODAY, IN SO MANY CITIES AND VILLAGES AROUND THE WORLD, YOUR CAMERAS HAVE HELPED IGNITE THE FIRES OF TRUTH AND FREEDOM. THANKS TO THE SCRUTINY THAT NO GOVERNMENT CAN NOW ESCAPE, THE SPIRIT IS CATCHING.

NOW, I'VE GOT TO SAY THAT I DON'T ALWAYS LIKE WHAT I SEE ON TELEVISION. BUT I UNDERSTAND ITS IMPORTANCE. OUR AIRWAVES ARE THE HIGHWAYS FOR FREE IDEAS. THEY EXPOSE PEOPLE TO NEW CHALLENGES AND WONDERS. THEY BRING THE ENTIRE WORLD INTO LIVING ROOMS. SO, LIKE IT OR NOT, YOU ARE SHAPING THE POST COLD-WAR WORLD, AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO HELP SHAPE IT. YOUR CHALLENGE TOMORROW WILL BE THE ONE YOU WRESTLE WITH EVERY DAY: TO PROVIDE HONEST NEWS, GOOD ENTERTAINMENT, AND TO HONOR THE TRUST THE PUBLIC PLACES IN YOU.

BOB, I ENJOYED DOING THIS WITH YOU TODAY ... NOW I CAN TELL MY WIFE THAT I FINALLY PLAYED CARNEGIE HALL. GOOD TO SEE YOU AND THANKS AGAIN.

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Washington, D. C. 20520

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HR/pb**ACTION MEMORANDUM**
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December 6, 1988

TO: P - Michael H. Armacost

FROM: PM - H. Allen Holme
NEA - Paul J. Ware, Acting

SUBJECT: Sale of Munitions List Items to Iraq

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether to sign the attached letter to Arnold McCalmont, President of Technical Communications Corporation stating our policy on arms sales to Iraq which prohibits the sale of munitions list items to Iraq for purposes other than protection of the Head of State.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS

U.S. policy permits sale of Munitions list articles to Iraq only when they are to be utilized for protection of the Head of State. Congress's view toward Iraq has toughened as a result of Iraq's use of gas against the Kurds and sanctions could be forthcoming. There does not appear to be any good reasons to change our current policy which has been in force for several years.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve maintenance of our current arms sales policy toward Iraq and sign the attached letter to Mr. McCalmont which supports this policy.

Attachments:

- Tab 1 - Letter to Arnold McCalmont
- Tab 2 - Letter from Arnold McCalmont

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to Kioske
and Gelferson's
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For me
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United States Department of State

Under Secretary of State
for Political Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. McCalmont:

Thank you for your letter of August 29, 1988, requesting an exception to policy to allow your company to export communications security equipment for the Interior Ministry of the Government of Iraq.

Based on the cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq War which took effect August 20, I can certainly understand the timing of your request. The present state of affairs in the region, however, is not as conducive to the lifting of the ban on the sale of munitions control list items as it might appear. The cease-fire is holding, but negotiations over the terms of the cease-fire under UN auspices have not made significant progress.

The United States values its relations with Iraq, and would like to see them improve, especially in the area of trade. Based on our desire for an expeditious cessation to hostilities in the Persian Gulf, however, our policy throughout the Iran-Iraq war was not to allow the sale or transfer of munitions list items to either of the belligerents. In the case of Iraq, the only deviations from this policy have been the occasional approval of an exceptional nature for the personal security of a Head of State, as you are aware.

Given the fragile nature of the cease-fire and the uncertainty of the situation in the region, the decision has been made to continue our policy of prohibiting the sale of munitions list items to Iraq and to maintain the policy of the protection of the Head of State as the only exception.

In view of the changing state of affairs in the area, however, and in order to facilitate your reapplication for an

Mr. Arnold McCalmont,
President,
Technical Communications Corporation,
100 Domino Drive,
Concord, Massachusetts.

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export license in case of a change in U.S. Government policy,
we have returned your application for a temporary export
license without action.

Sincerely yours,

Michael H. Armstrong

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Mr. Michael H. Armasco
Under Secy's for Political Affairs.
Dept. of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Armasco:

I was recently informed that an application for a temporary export license for the Ministry of Interior in Iraq was to be returned without action. The reason stated is that only munitions list items intended for the President of Iraq's security could be licensed under present policy.

While one could make a case that this equipment (commercial comm devices) affects the security of the President of Iraq, that would not address the basic issue of interpreting a broad policy statement.

Providing commercial comm equipment for use on a non-military computer network should not be considered the same as providing arms and munitions for use in a war. It strikes me that prohibiting export of anything on the munitions list, as a means of showing neutrality, may make a policy easier to implement but will at times work against U.S. interest. Further, I'm sure there must be a mechanism for evaluating the merits of each situation, rather than "across the board" reactions.

With the above in mind, I would appreciate the review of this policy and a determination permitting licensing of commercial non-military (non U.S. nonenciphered) comm equipment to Iraq.

As an aside, it would probably be in U.S. interests to permit the export of such equipment to Iran and others with whom we have an adversarial relationship.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Arnold McCalmont
President

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cc: Al Eastham; Larry Pope; William Robinson

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GANDHI'S WIDOW CHOSEN AS PARTY LEADER

NEW DELHI -- The leadership of India's long dominant Congress Party Wednesday elected as its president the Italian-born widow of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi....

Some Congress Party officials and Indian political analysts said they doubted Gandhi's widow would accept the party presidency. Others said they hoped she might attract a surge of national sympathy while providing several weeks of symbolic leadership for the party in the interrupted national parliamentary elections.... If Congress won enough votes to form a government, these sources said, Gandhi's widow would then be expected to yield to one of several candidates for prime minister within the senior party leadership.

(Steve Coll, Washington Post, A1)

ON PHILIPPINE TREATY, GAP IS SAID TO NARROW

American and Philippine officials are expressing optimism that they can work out a new treaty permitting American forces to remain at two large military bases in the Philippines after the current lease expires in September. Officials on both sides caution, however, that they are still without an agreement on the duration of the proposed treaty and the amount of compensation due Manila.

...Newspapers in Manila reported this week that American and Philippine negotiators were hurrying to complete the agreement so that Vice President Quayle could sign a treaty during his current trip to Asia. American officials said Wednesday that a Quayle visit to Manila had been considered but was now unlikely. "We had hoped that the agreement might be ready this week," a State Department official said. "But it wasn't."

(Philip Shenon, New York Times, A13)

SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS ATTACK ARMY BARRACKS, TWO CIVILIANS KILLED

SAN SALVADOR -- Leftist guerrillas fired rocket-propelled grenades at an army barracks in the capital Wednesday, but most of the rockets hit five nearby houses instead and killed two civilians, witnesses said.

(Annie Cabrera, AP)

STUDY FAULTS THIRD WORLD PRIORITIES

Poor countries could free \$50 billion a year for development if they changed their own spending priorities, according to a report issued Wednesday by the U.M. Development Program....

"The lack of political will -- not financial resources -- is the real cause behind human neglect," said program administrator William Draper.

(Steven Mufson, Washington Post, A17)

AMERICANS HAVE LESS FREEDOM THAN DUTCH OR CANADIANS, REPORT SAYS

Americans have less freedom than the Dutch, French, Germans or Canadians; Swedes and Danes enjoy the most liberty of any people; and Iraqis are the most repressed, a new U.N. report says.

The report cited the U.S. for capital punishment; torture and coercion; social, political and economic inequality for women; a lack of legal aid to the poor; and discrimination against ethnics and homosexuals. The U.N. Human Development Report ranked the U.S. 13th.

(Lawrence O'Rourke, St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

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DEMOCRATS TO TALK ABOUT PLANS TO GIVE ECONOMY A SHOT IN THE ARM

Congressional Democratic leaders on Thursday plan to announce a broad agenda for economic recovery, including tax cuts for the middle class, extended unemployment compensation and more highway construction to create jobs and boost the economy.

However, while Rep. Gephardt has outlined the plan in broad terms, there appears to be little agreement among Democrats about its details....

"Our problem is that there is not a coordinated plan" that Sens. Bentsen and Rostenkowski can agree on, said Rep. Downey.... "The Administration doesn't want to do anything. The Democrats' concern is to wring our hands about paying for it."

(Elaine Povich, Chicago Tribune)

MOST FORECASTERS SEE RECESSION OVER SOON, BUT RECOVERY SHALLOW

Almost three-fourths of the nation's top economic forecasters predict the recession will be over in five weeks, but nearly all say the recovery will be weaker than usual, according to a survey released today.

"The U.S. recession is almost over," said a summary of the survey by the National Association of Business Economists.

The survey showed 11 percent of the 58 professional forecasters polled in early May contended that the recession already has ended. Sixty percent said it would hit bottom during the quarter ending June 30.

(for 10:00 a.m. release, John McClain, AP)

**PRESIDENT UNVEILS SCHOOL LEGISLATION
HE SAYS WILL BREAK THE EDUCATION MOLD**

ST. PAUL -- President Bush Wednesday sent Congress a package of legislation aimed at "breaking the mold" of education strategy in the U.S.

The submission marks the first effort by the Bush Administration to put substance behind the rhetoric of the education plan....

"From now on business-as-usual will be very unusual," Bush said in a speech in the courtyard of the St. Paul Public Library. "We're talking about breaking the mold..., reinventing -- literally starting from the bottom up to build revolutionary new schools - - not with bricks and mortar but with questions and ideas and determination."

A small but noisy band of protesters, armed with battery-powered megaphones, shouted, "Money for schools, not war" as Bush spoke....

Wednesday, Secretary Alexander sought to lower expectations for any quick results. "Learning takes a long time," he said. "It's a lot of hard work." There is a difference, he said, between "a 90-second sound bite, a 100-hour war and a nine-year strategy."

The secretary said efforts to implement the Administration's education strategy have not been hampered even though most of his permanent appointees have not been nominated, and none has joined the department yet. Xerox executive David Kearns was endorsed Wednesday by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee as Alexander's top deputy.

(John Yang, Washington Post, A6)

AID TO SADDAM

Rather: President Bush and Secretary Baker came under fire on Capitol Hill Wednesday over new disclosures that they helped Saddam Hussein maintain his rule of terror right up to his invasion of Kuwait.

CBS's Eric Engberg reports that new evidence surfaced Wednesday showing that Saddam Hussein, always in need of weapons to kill his political opponents and terrorize his people, had an unlikely helper: the U.S. government. A State Department memo uncovered by congressional investigators, written in the closing days of the Reagan administration, flatly declares that U.S. companies can sell military hardware to Iraq only if the equipment is utilized for the protection of the head of state.

(Rep. Gejdenson: "Why on God's earth would we want to aid and abet a murderer to retain his position as head of the state of Iraq?") The State Department witness, Undersecretary Kimmitt, didn't have the answers and couldn't say how much U.S. hardware, if any, Saddam bought. For five years before the Kuwait invasion, the U.S. approved sales of \$1.5 billion of high-tech equipment to Iraq. Some, like communications gear U.S. planes had to knock out during the war, did have military applications. Embarrassment over the sales deepened in the Bush administration when Commerce Department official Dennis Kloske testified he had tried, and failed, to curb the sales in the months before the war.

(Rep. Gejdenson: "Did you personally object to Mr. Kloske's recommendation to restrict exports to Iraq?")

Kimmitt: "I don't, uh, recall there being a discussion that was that specific, Mr. Chairman."

Gejdenson: "It doesn't have a lot of credibility, to at least the chairman, that somebody with your ability and the time you've had to review the files, ends up recollecting so little.")

While Kimmitt didn't remember much, the evidence is mounting that the administration came to the realization that Saddam was bad for the world only after years of effort to keep him in office.

(CBS-3)

BAKER/MIDEAST PEACE

Jennings reports Secretary Baker put aside his quiet diplomacy on the Middle East and applied some very public pressure. Telling the Congress about why it's been impossible to arrange an Arab-Israeli peace conference, Baker said there is plenty of blame to go around -- but he was most critical of Israel.

ABC's John McWethy reports that while Secretary Baker said the peace process is going to continue, he made no secret of his frustration over Israel's rapid-fire construction of new settlements on occupied Arab land.

(Secretary Baker: "I don't think that there is any bigger obstacle to peace than the settlement activity that continues, not only unabated but at an enhanced pace, and nothing has made my job of trying to find Arab and Palestinian partners for Israel more difficult than being greeted by a new settlement every time I arrive.")

Baker said the Israeli settlements substantially weaken his hand in the peace process and have played a major role in keeping the Arabs away from a peace conference.

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Hickey continues: The Iraqis agreed that U.S. soldiers may assist in repairing service in Dohuk like water and power, which leaves open the question: How long will U.S. troops stay?

(Shalikashvili: "When the majority of the people are home and all the work is done, then we want to go home.")

The Iraqis know that. Although they have complied with every American request to move back, when the U.S. military finally does leave, the Iraqis and Kurds will be left to deal with each other.

(ABC-7)

IRAN

Rather reports Iran protested what it says was an attack by a U.S. ship on an Iranian vessel in the Persian Gulf. The U.S. Defense Department says the U.S. Navy command ship LaSalle came under fire from two small boats and returned the fire. The Pentagon kept the whole thing secret for 18 hours. Iran now says that an Iranian sailor was wounded.

(CBS-2)

DEFENSE SPENDING

Jennings reports that the House passed a \$291 billion defense budget which would eliminate B-2 funding and cut the Star Wars missile defense system. It also permits military hospitals overseas to perform abortions for servicemembers and their families who are willing to pay for them. The bill also contains a provision which changes the law that forbids women to fly combat missions.

ABC's Cokie Roberts reports from Capitol Hill that the Gulf war has caused a re-examination of the roles of women in the military.

(Rep. Schroeder: "It has become very clear what these barriers were doing. They weren't protecting women from anything but promotion.")

(Sen. Warner: "If they're going to take the risks in the rear and they're willing to take the risks in the forward position, can we as a matter of law deny that?")

The Senate will hold hearings next month on the whole question of women's places in the military, including registration for the draft. But Wednesday the House made it clear that no one wants to stand up and say no to women in uniform when they've just come back from fighting a war.

(ABC-8)

IVY LEAGUE PRICE FIXING/JUSTICE DEPT.

ABC's Walter Rodgers reports the Justice Department was investigating whether the Ivy League colleges were conspiring to agree on similar tuition increases, faculty salary and student financial assistance. Tuition at the Ivy's has not varied by more than 1.5 percent in recent years. The eight have now agreed they will no longer get together to set the amount of financial aid they give to students. They also say they will not discuss or agree on future tuition increases or faculty pay raises. Justice Department officials say the attorney general wanted to make an example of the nation's high-profile schools.

(Attorney General Thornburgh: "The defendants conspired to eliminate cost competition as a factor in choosing a college. The choice of whether to consider price when picking a school belongs to parents and students, not the college or university.") -more-

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

HEALTH CARE

The President's Misjudging -- "...Bush is misjudging the tide on health care. His proposed changes...only dabble at the edges of the problem. More than that, they reflect a badly outdated view of the overall health-care-and-cost dilemma that looms as a national crisis. Adding a few million dollars to combat infant mortality suggests that Bush still thinks that the flaws in health care are only social-welfare gaps. And his pitch on malpractice relief was quickly discredited as a move that would do more to preserve doctors' incomes...than to reduce health-care costs, as Bush suggested. His do-little stance on financial or coverage reform, as stated by Secretary Sullivan, is so shallow it is embarrassing.... Bush is not aware that funding health care has become the most volatile domestic issue.... Health care is the domestic issue that could turn into an Achilles' heel for Republicans." (Boston Globe, 5/20)

Medicaid: Creative Financing Technique Should Stand -- "...The administration should take more of a charitable view of the matching payments. The states aren't fleecing the feds so much as they are coping with a problem imposed on them by the federal government itself." (Dallas Morning News, 5/20)

Cutting Health Care Costs -- "...The most effective way for Congress to achieve health-care equity will be to achieve real cost containment in the marketplace. President Bush already is pointing the way toward this type of basic reform by proposing a change in the laws governing medical liability. This is an important beginning." (Dallas Times Herald, 5/18)

Bush's Malpractice Prescription -- "Medical malpractice lawsuits were once a vehicle for compensating innocent patients for genuinely harmful errors by their physicians. But they have long since outgrown that limited, sensible function. The Bush administration now proposes to begin taming this overgrown creature with some prudent discipline.... States will have little choice but to go along if Congress approves the Bush plan: Those that refuse would lose some federal payments for Medicare and Medicaid. This is a heavy-handed approach, but a necessary one. As long as Washington is paying a large chunk of the nation's medical bill, it has a duty to do what it can to contain costs. The malpractice system is a good place to begin." (Chicago Tribune, 5/16)

Health Insurance Debate -- "...Powerful interests...stand in the way of a comprehensive solution. The insurance industry and most doctors' groups still oppose a national health system. What is needed at this point is for our elected leaders, notable President Bush...to declare the resolution of the crisis a paramount social priority." (San Francisco Examiner, 5/15)

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WITH: Todd

Gregg 603-271-2121

SUBJECT:

1. purely personal matter
Thornburgh retiring
Warren might be considered

2. High quality guy - 1st
Class - "loyal"
incredibly

FOLLOW UP: he'd run
appt. father to his seat

Dad needs something to do
lots of energy -

"intern"
with G's at 40K got 20K more votes
Demo have strong candidate in Rove

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Thursday, May 23
10:25 am

Patty:

Sharon in Governor Judd Hugh Gregg's office called.

The Governor would like to speak to the President today. (She did not know the subject)

The President can reach the Governor before 11:30 am. Or between 1:30 pm and 4:15 pm.

The office number is 603/ 271-2121

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THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1991 / 11:30 A.M. / THE ROOSEVELT ROOM

Mr. John Anathan
President
Filene's Basement
(Off-price specialty retail)

*operate 34 states -
N.E. econ. in rough shape - don't see up town.
at bottom coming out. food is not -
inflationary expect good*

Mr. H. Brewster (Bruce) Atwater, Jr.
Chairman and CEO
General Mills, Inc.
(Prepared foods, baking mixes, restaurants)

Bottomed 2nd qtr

Mr. John W. Brown
Chairman, President and CEO
Stryker Corporation
(Hospital and health care equipment)

14 years of growth - up

*Best Thing to Do is free
up money. Banks wait 'till*

Mr. D. Wayne Calloway
Chairman and CEO
Pepsico, Inc.
(Beverages, snack foods, restaurants)

same as Bruce

*volume up
price Taco Bells way down
volume*

Mr. Mitchell S. Fromstein
President and CEO
Manpower, Inc.
(Temporary help services)

*Trends down 11 qtrs.
But now trending up*

Mr. John A. Georges
Chairman and CEO
International Paper Co.
(Paper and wood products)

*Disastrous Jan Feb. March ↑
① lumber April none ↑
② paper now ↑
③ packaging up April*

Mr. Vincent P. Langone
President and CEO, Chairman
Formica Corporation
(Design, manufacturing, and distribution of decorative laminate)

*new - no construction way of downturn
banking - tough not out til '92 -
with OK*

Mr. Vernon R. Loucks, Jr.
Chairman and CEO
Baxter International Inc.
(Medical care products and related services)

*cap stand point ↑
20% hospitals*

*Home care ↑
Hospital ↓ recovering
lengthened*

Mr. Kenneth (Ken) A. Macke
Chairman of the Board, Chairman, Executive Committee and CEO
Dayton-Hudson Corporation
(Department stores, upscale discount stores)

*continue trading down
Calif way off -
not seen turn around
cons. confident &*

*credit cards
wired to go - wedding goods
now - soap etc.*

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Mr. John Scully
Chairman and CEO
Apple Computer, Inc.
(Personal computer systems)

now restructuring in industry
sales way up. →

Ms. Linda J. Wachner
President and CEO
Warnaco, Inc.
(Apparel)

sales up 2% ↑
profits 14% ↑

people in malls fewer
p u u u by hrs. too.

last 4 weeks softer in dept stores

worries about if the qtr. this
year even though recession on

Banks have trouble meeting req. & standards

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Chairman Boskin



Kenneth Macke



John Anathan



Vernon Loucks



John Scully



Secretary Brady



John Georges



The President



Linda Wachner



Mitchell Fromstein



D. Wayne Calloway



John Brown



H. Brewster Atwater



Vincent Langone



Roger Porter



Governor
Sununu

*The
Roosevelt Room*

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PHONE CALLS

FAST TRACK

1. Cong. Dan Rostenkowski
2. Cong. Bill Archer
3. Cong. Bob Michal
4. Cong. Newt Gingrich
5. Cong. Jim Kolbe
6. Cong. Bill Richardson
7. Cong. Sam Gibbons

POINTS TO BE MADE FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
WITH FORMER CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

(Mr. Diaz 4 weeks) Mrs. Chano de Lopez

-- I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU HERE AS PART OF OUR CELEBRATION OF CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY.

-- I KNOW THAT CASTRO CELEBRATES INSTEAD THE TRIUMPH OF THE REVOLUTION ON JULY 26, BUT THERE IS LITTLE TO CELEBRATE ABOUT THAT.

-- IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO MEET WITH YOU TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONERS AND WITH THE DESIRE OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE FOR TRUE INDEPENDENCE.

-- I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SACRIFICED PERSONALLY FOR FREEDOM IN CUBA. I ADMIRE YOUR COURAGE.

-- I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN CUBA. THE RECENT VOTE BY THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

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(Jerusalem/UPI) -- ... "I am shocked by Baker's statements," Housing Minister Sharon said. "Instead of saying that the obstacle to peace is the annexation of Lebanon by Syria or the huge arms race in the region, he blames us." ... "Baker knows well that his mission failed because of the Arabs' refusals, but there is nothing simpler than putting the blame on the Jews," said Rehavam Zeevi, a member of Shamir's cabinet from the right-wing Molodet Party. Several Israeli officials share Baker's view. Labor Party leader Peres said Israel does not need the settlements and asked, "Why do we have to burden ourselves with problems? Why must we give Baker reasons to attack us?"

Egypt's new Foreign Minister Moussa endorsed Baker's complaint. "What Secretary Baker mentioned...that the Israeli settlements are an obstacle to peace contribute(s) a great deal to clarifying the latest stage in the peace process and explaining who is responsible for delays in getting the peace process moving."

BAKER CRITICISM/SENATORS (AP) -- A group of senators challenged Secretary Baker's comments on Israeli settlements. In criticizing Arab states, the senators cited Saudi Arabia's edging away from alliance with the U.S., Jordan's ambivalence about holding peace talks with Israel and Syria's growing missile arsenal. "[Hafez Assad is] vastly more dangerous, vastly more treacherous than Saddam Hussein," Sen. D'Amato told Baker. Sen. Kasten also challenged Baker's criticism of Israel's settlements, and said Jordan "speaks softly and does little else." Sen. Leahy said Saudi Arabia and Kuwait were resisting democratic reforms and social change. "They want us to just stay out of their affairs while keeping our forces just over the horizon in case they need us." Sen. Specter said, "It seems to me the Saudis owe the U.S." [and Israel for not retaliating to Scud attacks during the Gulf War].

HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT (AP) -- President Bush welcomed the president of Hungary to the White House, saying the U.S. wants "to be as helpful as we can" as Hungary opens its economy. Bush said President Goncz "is among friends" on his visit here.

CW/SOVIETS (Geneva/Reuter) -- The Soviet Union welcomed new U.S. proposals to ban chemical weapons, and signaled that it also was ready to destroy all stocks after an international treaty was negotiated. Soviet delegation head Sergei Batsanov told the 39-nation Geneva disarmament conference that the U.S. move opened the way to agreement.

GANDHI/TAMILS (New Delhi/AP) -- Police in India now say Rajiv Gandhi's assassin was almost certainly a Tamil from Sri Lanka. Investigators said they believe the woman strapped high-powered explosives around her body in a denim belt. A government forensics expert said officials haven't identified the assassin. They do know she was five feet tall, 25 to 30 years old and had the complexion and features of an ethnic Tamil.

DRUGS/U.S./SURINAME (The Hague/Reuter) -- Suriname's caretaker president said in a television interview that the U.S. was welcome to invade his South American country if it would bring about democracy and an end to drug trafficking. Johan Kraag was asked to comment on remarks by Undersecretary Aronson that Washington did not rule out an armed invasion like that carried out against Panama if elections [Saturday] in Suriname did not restore democracy. "If this would promote democracy and it would stop drug trafficking, then I am for it," Kraag said. ###

1:15 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

ECONOMY/PRESIDENT (AP) -- ...President Bush responded [to the increase in orders for durable goods] by saying he is confident the nation's economic recession is "bottoming out" and predicted prosperity under his administration's policies. "While there's some disagreement about the length and the depth of the recession, we've got to commit ourselves to policies that are going to promote growth and opportunity that will carry us into the next century," Bush told a White House audience of the National Retail Federation.

RECESSION/ECONOMISTS (Reuter) -- Most members of a prominent business economists' association believed that the recession will end between April and June and that a slower-than-usual recovery will begin, according to a survey. "Sixty percent of the respondents...believe that the recession will end in the second quarter, while another 27% place the trough in the third period," the National Association of Business Economists said. The survey was taken in early May and reflected the opinions of 58 association members who are economists for major companies.

UNEMPLOYMENT (AP) -- The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell slightly in early May, the Labor Dept. reported. The small drop in jobless claims could indicate that if the recession is ending, the recovery is not a robust one, analysts said. "We should have had a sharper fall.... The fact that we didn't suggests that it's going to be a very anemic upturn," said Michael Evans, head of an economic forecasting firm.

ABORTION/SCOTUS/REACTION (AP) -- ...Rep. Schroeder said that she and other members of Congress would move quickly to introduce a bill canceling the regulation [banning discussion of abortion in federally funded family planning clinics]. "We'll force the President to veto it, and if we can't override the President's veto, we'll make a heck of an issue out of it in the next election." NARAL's Kate Michelman said Justice Souter's vote [in the majority] was a particular disappointment. "This ruling is an enormous shock, far worse even than we feared, and undeniable evidence that the chill wind blowing from this court threatens our most fundamental, inalienable rights and liberties," she said. Douglas Johnson, legislative director of the National Right to Life Committee, called the decision "a landmark ruling." He said the anti-abortion group was "delighted that President Bush's first appointee, Justice Souter, voted with the majority."

BAKER CRITICISM/ISRAEL (Jerusalem/Reuter) -- Israeli right-wingers vowed that Washington's criticism of Jewish settlements would not deflect them from building on captured Arab land. Yossi Ben-Aharon, director-general of Prime Minister Shamir's office, said Jews could continue to live there they wanted and denied settlement was an obstacle to peace. "As the prime minister explained both to President Bush and Secretary Baker time and again this is not the obstacle, and do not focus on this issue because it is inconceivable that a Jewish state should prevent Jews from settling in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip," Ben-Aharon told Israel Radio.



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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May 23, 1991 **THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN**

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of Defense, is written over the "FROM" line.

SUBJECT: Resignation of Head of Defense Intelligence Agency POW/MIA Office

Enclosed are answers to the questions you asked me in your note of May 20 about the recent resignation of Colonel Millard Peck as the head of the POW/MIA Office of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

When Colonel Peck resigned and made allegations that the POW/MIA Office was not handling things as it should, I instructed the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence, with the assistance of the Department's General Counsel, to review the matter and report back to me. The report showed that there was no factual basis for Colonel Peck's allegations that information on prisoners of war or those missing in action was not fully and properly pursued. The report did substantiate Colonel Peck's view that management of the POW/MIA Office needs improvement, and corrective action is under way.

You should be aware that Colonel Peck was a highly decorated officer who served with valor in the Vietnam conflict. Although his manner of raising his concerns in this matter was a bit off the mark, he has served and acted honorably at all times and his alerting us to management shortcomings will result in needed improvements.

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To Dick Cheney

May 20, 1991

From: GB

In today's Wash. Times there was an editorial about POW's ,
citing Col. Peck's resignation. I t gave renewed credence to the
old story that prisoners are alive.

Why did Peck resign as he did?

Does he have any information that needs be followed up on?

No rush but send over a paper (short) please.

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cc: Brent

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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PHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM VICTOR GOLD

FRIDAY

MAY 23, 1991

He received the following information from Jack Anderson.
Anderson heard from the Foreign Minister of Russia
that the Foreign Minister is working to get an "understanding"
that the President will meet with Yeltsin. Yeltsin very
much wants an invitation.

Yeltsin is cooperating with Gorbachev.

However, Yeltsin is now involved in an election in Russia and
fully expects to win (as do the experts); but believes it will
be much easier to hold off the challenge by Rykov if a formal
invitation is received from the U.S.A. -- it would bolster his
position.

VIC GOLD IS PASSING THIS ON JUST HAS HE RECEIVED IT

NO ACTION REQUIRED

NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT NECESSARY

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

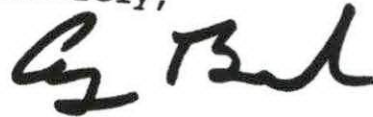
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Dear Art and Betty Lou:

Thank you for your message and thank you for caring. I am feeling fine, and all is well.

You were thoughtful to express your concern, and I'm grateful. Barbara joins in sending our warm regards.

Sincerely,



Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Horan
19 Lindberg Street
Bethel, Connecticut 06801

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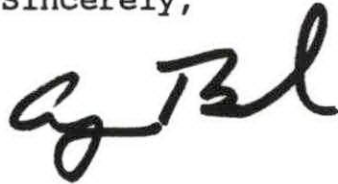
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Dear Walt:

Thank you for your message and thank you for caring. I am feeling fine, and all is well.

You were thoughtful to express your concern, and I'm grateful. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Mr. Walter P. Kennedy
Minority Sergeant at Arms
Room HG-13 B
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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