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Bush kin had \$2.5M role in Japanese biz deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Half of the \$5 million that a Japanese company invested in a New York financial firm was guaranteed by President Bush's older brother, but company officials say they have no knowledge of reported connections between the Japanese purchaser and gangsters.

Prescott Bush Jr., 68, was a paid consultant who helped arrange the purchase of Asset Management International Financing & Settlement Ltd. of New York by West Tsusho, according to documents West Tsusho filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in 1989.

The Japanese Kyodo News Agency said Japanese authorities consider West Tsusho to be a family business of the Inagawa-kai, one of Japan's three largest gangster syndicates.

There was no indication Prescott Bush was aware of the purported organized-crime connections.

Bush did not return repeated phone calls to his home in Greenwich, Conn. White House Deputy Press Secretary Gary Foster said he had no comment on the reports.

No one at Asset Management had any knowledge whatsoever of the reported connection between the Japanese investor and Japanese gangsters, the company said in a statement issued in New York.

The company refused to say whether Prescott Bush still has any connection to the firm.

Funeral set for ex-Post mailer

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WHISTLEBLOWER FINDS HIMSELF LARGELY VINDICATED BUT OUT OF A JOB

In a nasty political flap that shows how human frailties can sometimes subvert the grand intents of government, a White House whistleblower has been largely vindicated by a series of federal investigations, but lost his job anyway.

Civil Service officials have concluded that President Bush's decision last month to abolish the President's Commission on Executive Exchange has made moot a personnel case pending against Gordon Hamel, as well as his counterclaim that he was being persecuted as a whistleblower. All official charges against Hamel have been rescinded....

The death of the commission, which he said was mismanaged and wasteful, will save the taxpayers close to \$1 million a year. But because Bush decided to abolish the commission, Hamel, whose wife is a niece of Rep. Moakley and a former aide to Rep. Frank, is out of work. By some accounts, Bush decided to shut down the commission rather than deal with the embarrassment of the charges.

(John Aloysius Farrell, Boston Globe)

**CRASH WILL HURT BUT NOT KILL TILT-ROTOR PROGRAM,
BOEING OFFICIAL SAYS**

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, Del. -- The crash of a V-22 Osprey during flight testing will be "damaging" but not fatal to the future of the experimental tilt-rotor aircraft, a top Boeing Helicopters official, program manager Timothy Fehr, said Wednesday.

(Nathan Gorenstein, Knight-Ridder)

HOUSE CHAIRMAN SAYS PROBLEMS STILL PLAGUE SEAWOLF SUBMARINE

A House chairman warned Wednesday that problems with the computerized brain of the new Seawolf attack submarine threaten to scuttle the multi-billion dollar weapons program.

Rep. Conyers said the Navy has failed to correct problems with the computer.... "The Seawolf program could run aground," he said. "The (Soviet) threat is declining, the costs are going up, the capabilities keep going down, and the risk factors of this program continue to grow. Is this system really necessary?"

A Navy spokesman said the service had no immediate response.

(John Diamond, AP)

LATEST BID TO PHASE OUT BILLBOARDS FENDED OFF

...Voting 60 to 39, the Senate stripped from the highway-transit bill a provision approved by the Environment and Public Works Committee that would have allowed states to order the removal of billboards without compensation after an amortization period of several years....

Although the proposal was backed by the Bush Administration, the margin of defeat for billboard foes was even greater than it was four years ago when a similar effort was defeated, 57 to 40.

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A4)

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BAKER URGES SOVIETS TO CUT DEFENSE SPENDING

Secretary Baker, saying the Soviet Union may be undergoing the "most important revolution in this century," has called on President Gorbachev to cut back on defense spending and recognize the aspirations of the Baltic states....

"I think we are using a double-standard here," said Sen. Bumpers at the Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing Wednesday, where Baker testified. "Here is the Soviet Union, who seemed to be making an honest effort.... We do seem to be having some influence on them and yet, we have refused consistently to give them MFN treatment. And I don't mind telling you, I'd give it to them right now, tomorrow." (Frank Csongos, UPI)

10 MILLION CATTLE SLAUGHTERED FOR LACK OF FEED: PRIME MINISTER

MOSCOW -- Russia was forced to slaughter 10 million cattle for lack of animal feed as it waited approval of U.S. grain credits, the republic's prime minister said Wednesday.... An unspecified number of chickens also were killed "as a direct consequence of the delay in the decision," Ivan Silayev told reporters.

But an American official scoffed at the allegation, saying the Soviet Union simply doesn't choose to spend its hard currency on agricultural imports. "It sounds like propaganda to me," said Ed Cook, an economist for the USDA. (Leslie Shepherd, AP)

BUSH'S APPROVAL OF SOVIET GRAIN CREDITS A SMALL STEP

...Analysts say President Bush's approval of \$1.5 billion in grain credits does not answer the question of whether the Administration will get involved in a comprehensive Western aid program to bail out the Soviet economy....

"If not followed up with other, more comprehensive actions, it could be money down the drain," said Jeffrey Sachs, a Harvard Soviet expert.... "If we keep dribbling in money and they don't do much in reform, they will have a major catastrophe in the end."...

"We're interfering in Soviet domestic affairs," said Marshall Goldman, another Harvard Soviet expert.... "Assuming Yeltsin is elected, there will be a running battle between Gorbachev and Yeltsin, with Gorbachev saying, 'I am the link to the outside world, I can get aid.'" (Susan Cornwell, Reuter)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "U.S., Canada, Mexico Begin Free-Trade Talks," by Stuart Auerbach, appears in The Washington Post, page A40.

UNSOLVED MURDER OF AMERICAN IN GUATEMALA POISONS TIES WITH U.S.

GUATEMALA CITY -- Despite apparent progress in the investigation of the murder of Michael Devine, an American hotelier in Guatemala, chances for a conviction remain cloudy and the case still poisons relations between Guatemala and Washington.... "It's the number one thorn in our relations," said a U.S. official.

Said Manuel Conde, a close adviser to president Serrano: "The president wants to get to the bottom of it, no matter who's responsible. It would be better if the embassy trusted the president and kept its hands out of matters that aren't its business." (Lee Hockstader, Washington Post, A32)

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EDITOR'S NOTES: "Arabs Ready To Talk Peace, Tunisian Says," by Andrew Borowiec, appears in The Washington Times, page A8.

"Israeli Settlements Cost Bush Support On Loans," by Alan Elsner of Reuter, appears in The Washington Times, page A10.

SELLING MISSILE TECHNOLOGY WOULD RISK U.S. WRATH, BAKER TELLS CHINA

Secretary Baker warned China Wednesday of "politically profound consequences" in its relationship with the U.S. if Beijing sells ballistic missile technology to Syria and Pakistan after having promised not to.

At the same time, Baker told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee that the Administration remains firmly committed to preserving China's MFN status....

U.S. officials believe there is mounting evidence that China plans to sell missiles to Syria and Pakistan. Both deals are now believed by U.S. intelligence analysts to be nearing completion despite pledges by China to restrain missile exports and cancel the Syrian sale.

Baker said Undersecretary of State Bartholomew is planning to carry the U.S. warning to Beijing this weekend....

At the same time, Baker praised China's recent announcement that it would join talks proposed by President Bush among the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council on limiting the spread of weapons in the Mideast. "It's a positive step by China," Baker said.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A36)

Administration Open To Non-MFN Sanctions Against China

The Bush Administration is prepared to impose further selective trade sanctions against China to counter its unfair trade practices, Administration officials told Congress Wednesday.

But they cautioned Congress against tampering with China's MFN status.... To withdraw that status or attach conditions to it, said Deputy Secretary of State Eagleburger, "would have a profound effect on the way the Chinese government will deal with us."...

But, said S. Linn Williams, a deputy U.S. Trade Rep., "we are fully prepared to sanction China for violations of our trade rights."

The Administration, he said, is concerned about "a broad spectrum" of Chinese import barriers, China's "fraudulent" trade in textiles, and its failure to protect patents, copyrights and trademarks.... Williams warned legislators that denying China MFN status would cause U.S. importers and retailers "serious disruptions" and hurt U.S. consumers.

(Richard Lawrence, Journal of Commerce)

U.N. PERMANENT FIVE MEMBERS WILL ATTEND ARMS TALKS -- BAKER

All five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council have now agreed to attend a meeting in Paris proposed as part of President Bush's Mideast arms control initiative, Secretary Baker said Wednesday. The White House announced recently that China had formally agreed to attend which had left only the Soviet Union to be heard from. Baker did not say when the Soviet Union had replied.

(Reuter)

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HUD REFORMS PROCEEDING, CONGRESS IS TOLD Many Problems Remain, But Kemp Wins Praise For A Good Start

The HUD Department still suffers from many of the management and financial control problems that led to "fraud, abuse and mismanagement" in the 1980s, the GAO told a House panel Wednesday.

But the GAO also said that since becoming Secretary, Jack Kemp has made a good start on attacking the department's difficulties and clearing the ethical atmosphere.

"Clearly, Secretary Kemp and his new team have taken seriously the need to deal with HUD problems with both words and action," said Assistant Comptroller General Dexter Peach at a House Government Operations subcommittee hearing chaired by Rep. Lantos.

"But some of the problems he is dealing with are so longstanding and pervasive that implementation of all the needed changes will take years," said Peach.

(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A19)

U.S. CHALLENGES PENSION SWITCHING

In an action that could affect millions of workers nationwide, the Labor Department on Wednesday sued two California companies for allegedly improperly replacing employee pension plans with annuities sold by Executive Life Insurance Co. The suits, which are the first time the government has challenged employers' actions in picking insurance companies, seeks to force the firms to make up any losses the workers may suffer because of the April 11 collapse of Executive Life....

Sen. Metzenbaum...commended the Labor Department for filing its lawsuits. "I just hope this action is not too little too late," he said.... The Labor Department suits also may encourage a proliferation of private legal actions.

(Robert Rosenblatt, Los Angeles Times, A1)

JUSTICE DEPT. OFFICIAL CITES GUN BAN LOOPHOLES

A Justice Department official said Wednesday that "cracks are appearing" in the Bush Administration's ban on the import of military-style assault rifles because gun importers have discovered they can bring in slightly modified versions of the weapons.

"The import ban is like a wall that is trembling and the cracks are appearing," deputy director of the department's policy office Paul McNulty told a House Judiciary subcommittee. "The soundness of it is in question because of the ability to circumvent" the criteria for prohibited weapons.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A17)

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS SEEK TO OVERTURN RULING ON SENATE-NOMINATING PROCESS

Led by Sen. Specter, Pennsylvania Republicans laid legal groundwork Wednesday to fight a federal judge's ruling that has thrown into doubt a November election for the unexpired term of the late Sen. Heinz.... Several legal experts this week challenged the judge's ruling, saying the law allows political parties great latitude in selecting candidates.... "It's inconceivable to me that this decision won't be reversed," said Bruce Fein, a constitutional expert. (Sharon LaFraniere, Washington Post, A9)

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GOP-Led Group Slows Transportation Bill In Senate; House Barely Moving

Nearly 100 days after President Bush asked Congress to pass a transportation bill, dissidents led by Sen. Warner have slowed action in hopes of gaining more money for their states. Meanwhile, the bill drafted by Democrats is drawing veto threats from the Administration.

And that's only in the Senate. The House committee has yet to draft its own version of the measure....

"Senate Democrats will pass a transportation bill in a few days," Speaker Foley and Sen. Mitchell said in a joint statement. The action would have come earlier, they said, "had it not been for the efforts led by Senate Republicans to thwart efforts to bring it to the floor."
(Lawrence Knutson, AP)

GOP SENATORS PRESS ACCORD ON RIGHTS BILL

Senate Republicans who proposed a compromise civil rights bill last week said Wednesday that they hoped that quiet discussions with Administration officials and Senate Democrats would succeed in breaking the legislative impasse over the measure.

For the second day in a row, Justice Department officials met with aides to Sen. Danforth and eight other moderate Republicans.... In interviews Wednesday, participants made it clear that no commitments of support for the Danforth package had been made.
(Richard Berke, New York Times, A26)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "The Uncivil Row Over Civil Rights: Executives Fear Huge Damage Awards As Result Of Hiring Bill," by Cindy Skrzycki, appears in The Washington Post, page B11.

OTS OFFERS PLAN TO AID AILING S&LS

The nation's chief savings and loan regulator, armed with new figures showing the industry making its first profit in four years, Wednesday outlined a new plan to provide financial assistance to shore up some troubled S&LS rather than shutting them down.

(Susan Schmidt, Washington Post, B11)

LAWMAKERS WANT RTC OFFICIAL OUSTED

Two Kansas legislators are fuming over a S&L bailout officer's reported purchase of \$26,000 worth of artwork and are calling for his ouster. Sen. Dole and Rep. Pat Roberts, also a Republican, said Wednesday they were outraged by Mike Martinelli's recent purchase of original oil paintings and sculptures for the officers of the RTC in Overland Park, Fla.... Walt Riker, a spokesman for Dole, said RTC Chairman Seidman has promised prompt action against Martinelli..., "probably termination -- immediately," Riker said.

(Joseph Rebello, Kansas City Star)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "Critics Turn Up The Heat On Seidman," by Mindy Fetterman, appears in USA Today, page 1B.

"FDIC Wields Powers In Deals With Few Checks And Balances," by Jeff Gerth, appears in The New York Times, page A1.

Bush Acknowledges Depth Of Domestic Woes; Breaks With Reagan Reliance On Market; Mildly Criticizes Congress For Inaction

President Bush acknowledged that the country is beset by deep domestic problems Wednesday night, but blamed inaction by a Democratic Congress and an over-reliance on the marketplace while promising to adopt an aggressive domestic agenda....

But the speech...included little of the verbal fireworks anticipated by leading Democrats.... The taming of the President's rhetoric came after White House aides were stunned by the heavy media interest in a speech they had not considered as much more than a slight escalation in Administration attacks on Congress.

(George Condon, Copley)

New Salvos In Domestic Policy Battle With Democrats

President Bush ridiculed Congress Wednesday night as a hopeless bottleneck blocking solutions for the nation's domestic problems. "I'm disappointed but not surprised," he said.

Democrats, in turn, accused Bush of turning his back on the nation's domestic woes.... Bush "followed up the 100-hour ground war in the Gulf with 100 days of ignoring the economic problems of America's middle class," said DNC Chairman Brown. "President Bush continues to block Democratic responses to the Republican recession with empty press conferences and endless veto threats."

(Terence Hunt, AP)

Bush Talk Panned Before It's Given

President Bush's initial efforts to score a public relations coup with a prime-time speech on domestic policy Wednesday night may have backfired.

The four major networks didn't carry the 15-minute address live. And congressional Democrats made a pre-emptive strike by bashing Bush before he uttered a word....

Also, a stinging editorial Wednesday in The New York Times labeled Bush "petulant," and called his domestic initiatives "empty" and "shallow."...

"It's good to win one for a change," said Frank Greer, a Democratic media strategist. "Bush's political transparency is starting to show through." Greer said Bush's mistake was "telegraphing" in advance that the speech would hammer the Democrats as the 100-day deadline approached, thus giving them time to get out front....

Earlier, spokesman Fitzwater was putting the best face on a potential disaster.

(Richard Benedetto, USA Today, 4A)

Bush Turns Up Heat On Congress To Pass Domestic Agenda

...Republicans rallied to Bush's side, saying the Democrats have been sluggish in passing the President's crime and transportation bills. "The fact of the matter is he's had a hard time dealing with this recalcitrant group of Democrats on Capitol Hill," said Sen. Cochran.

(Laurence McQuillan, Reuter)

Bush Gently Scolds Congress Over Two Pieces Of Legislation

President Bush, in a new round of finger-pointing with the Democrats who control Congress, chided lawmakers Wednesday for failing to heed his urgent call to approve crime and transportation legislation.

"I am disappointed, but frankly I'm not surprised," he said.... "It would help if Congress would do what the people are asking of them," he said, although he avoided the strident attack the Democrats had anticipated.... Although he criticized Congress, Bush chose his words carefully. "This isn't going to be a harsh attack," he told reporters, and it wasn't.

Democratic leaders, expecting a strongly partisan barrage, were much more strident in their early remarks. DNC Chairman Brown, in a bristling statement from New York before Bush's speech, charged that Bush had "failed miserably" in dealing with domestic problems. And Rep. Gephardt dismissed Bush as a man of image over substance, who has "only a calendar, not a domestic agenda."

(G. Robert Hillman, Dallas Morning News)

Bush Says In Speech U.S. Needs Free Market, Good Government, Volunteerism

President Bush took time out Wednesday night from his preparations for the London economic summit, his efforts to extend trade breaks to China, his search for a Middle East peace plan and his consideration of Soviet aid requests to declare that yes, he does have a vision for America....

The address, which was interrupted only once by applause, did not lay out Bush's domestic policy agenda in any detail.... Instead, Bush used the speech to downplay the role of the federal government in bettering the U.S. and emphasize the importance of individual action. "America's problem-solving does not begin or end with the Congress nor with the White House," Bush said....

The emphasis on individual action is a familiar theme for Bush, but critics say it is intended to mask his few domestic policy initiatives and preference for managing foreign, rather than domestic, affairs....

"This is a President who prefers rhetoric to action, symbols to substance, vetoes to progress and campaigning to governing," said Rep. Gephardt, who derided the speech as a "photo opportunity in Mr. Bush's 'Polaroid Presidency.'"

(Charles Green, Knight-Ridder)

Bush Bashes Congress In Unofficial Opening Of His Campaign

President Bush unofficially opened his 1992 election campaign on the White House lawn Wednesday night, serving 1,000 people from around the country lemonade, iced tea, donated cookies and his philosophy of government....

Wednesday night he signaled his campaign will be based in large measure on an attack on the Democratic Congress.

(Ann McFeatters, Scripps Howard)

NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH URGES 'BETTER WAY' OF GOVERNING Congress Faulted For Missing His Deadline On Crime, Highway Bills

Acknowledging that many Americans were left behind by the economic boom of the 1980s, President Bush said Wednesday night that neither government nor the marketplace alone can solve the nation's problems of homelessness, hunger, drug abuse and illiteracy.

Speaking in the dying sunlight on the South Lawn of the White House to about 1,000 invited guests, the President rejected both the big-government approach that characterized President Johnson's "Great Society" and the free-market attitude of President Reagan's Administration.

"There is a better way, one that combines our efforts -- those of a government properly defined, the marketplace properly understood and service to others properly engaged," said the President. "This is the only way -- all three of them -- to an America whole and good."...

Competing with the noise of jets taking off from National Airport, the President spoke for nearly 30 minutes and, despite the hand-picked crowd, was interrupted but once by applause....

[Regarding his 100-day deadline], Bush said, "I thought 100 days was fairly reasonable. It is now clear that neither [the crime nor transportation] bills will be on my desk by Friday. Look, I'm disappointed, and, frankly, I'm not surprised."...

Anticipating heavy criticism of Congress from Bush, Speaker Foley and Sen. Mitchell issued a five-page statement entitled "Setting the Record Straight" in defense of Congress' record this year.... It said Democrats are "actively and constructively working" on legislation dealing with crime and transportation that the Democratic leaders described as more ambitious than what the Administration has proposed. (John Yang, Washington Post, A8)

Bush Chides Congress For Failing To Meet His 100-Day Challenge

President Bush, fighting the public perception that he spends too little time dealing with the nation's domestic problems, said Wednesday that he sent "literally hundreds" of recommendations to Congress and he chided lawmakers for not meeting his 100-day challenge to enact transportation and anti-crime legislation.

"I thought a hundred days was pretty reasonable," Bush said, referring to the deadline he set.... "I wasn't asking Congress to deliver a hot pizza in less than 30 minutes."...

"Americans don't understand the complications, the inaction, the bickering, particularly when so many do understand what it takes to solve problems in their own neighborhoods: commitment, compassion and courage," Bush said. "I cannot explain this inaction to the American people."...

The President put forward no domestic policy initiatives. What was striking about the speech was that after nearly 2 1/2 years in office, Bush felt compelled to assert he has a domestic program. (Terry Atlas, Chicago Tribune)

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Credit Crunch**

June 13, 1991

President Bush

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**Administration Efforts to Fight the Credit Crunch
A Chronology of Progress**

- President Bush and Secretary Brady met extensively with regulators, bankers and business people from all over the country in November 1990. The President said that the meetings made him "more attuned to the problem" of overregulation [in banking]. -- American Banker, November 30, 1990.
- Secretary Brady, in a speech to the Securities Industry Association, on November 30, 1990, directed some comments to the bank regulators in saying, "Use some judgement. Apply some balance... Be mindful of the effect your behavior can have on the willingness of banks to take even the reasonable risk of lending to good credits. We need a banking system that is a taker, not a shedder, of such risks.
- President Bush, in a speech to the Association of Bank Holding Companies on November 29, 1990, said that he believed that "excessive zeal" of regulators was at least partly responsible for the credit crunch and that next year the Administration hopes "to relieve a little pressure from the overzealous nature of some regulations" imposed on banks. -- The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times, November 30, 1990.
- The Federal Reserve on December 4, 1990, announced elimination of the 3% reserve requirement on certain certificates of deposit. This step to free reserves, the first such move since 1983, gives added incentive to bankers to make new loans.
- In his State of the Union Address, on January 29, 1991, President Bush said, "I ... think there has been too much pessimism. Sound banks should be making sound loans now, and interest rates should be lower now."
- Deputy Treasury Secretary John Robson met with members of the Connecticut Congressional delegation and bankers on January 18, 1991, to discuss specific ways to fight the credit crunch.
- Secretary Brady on January 24th & 25th met with bank and business chief executive officers to determine specific regulations, guidelines, or policies that were constraining credit for sound borrowers.
- Regarding these numerous group meetings, the Secretary told the Washington Post on January 31, 1991, "We have asked that people who have come to us with complaints that regulators are restrictive to please be precise; don't make a general statement."

- Deputy Secretary Robson attended a Boston meeting on January 28, 1991, of the Massachusetts business community hosted by the Boston Federal Reserve Bank to discuss ways to address the credit crunch and reform the banking system.
- On January 30, 1991, Secretary Brady called a meeting of all the bank and thrift regulators and presented a set of policies and issues for the regulators to review. He asked them to sort through all of the options and reach a consensus on proposals for improvement.
- On January 31, Secretary Brady told the U. S. House Banking Committee that if regulatory practices have placed "unusual burdens" on financial institutions "they should be examined... to see if they make sense." -- Washington Post, February 1, 1991.
- Secretary Brady, in response to the charge that the regulators relaxing of regulations was forbearance, said "This is not forbearance in my opinion, it's foresight." The Secretary advocated a "common sense [approach to] regulation." -- Washington Post, February 1, 1991.
- On January 31, 1991, Comptroller of the Currency Robert Clarke told the New York State Bankers Association meeting that, "We don't want the environment bankers face to be more difficult than it has to be." -- The New York Times, February 1, 1991.
- Deputy Treasury Secretary Robson told Dow Jones News Service on February 1, 1991, that the Treasury has a "two pronged approach to fighting the credit crunch: lower interest rates to stimulate both demand and liquidity, on the one hand, and regulatory adjustments on the other."
- Secretary Brady told the U. S. Senate Banking Committee on February 6, 1991, that a Bush Administration Task Force headed by Treasury Deputy Secretary Robson was working on a common approach to ease the credit crunch. -- The Washington Times, February 7, 1991.
- Regarding the impact of overzealous regulation on credit, Council of Economic Advisers Chairman, Michael Boskin, told the Senate Banking Committee, on February 6, 1991, "We want the pendulum to be exactly in the middle. We are trying to make sure that sound, prudent practices are followed and people aren't inadvertently choking off credit to credit-worthy borrowers." -- The Washington Times, February 7, 1991.
- Secretary Brady and Deputy Secretary Robson went the Capitol on February 7, 1991, at the invitation of Senators Chris Dodd and John Kerry to brief the entire New England Congressional delegation on the Administration's efforts to fight the credit crunch.

- On February 9, 1991, in a speech to the National Association of Manufacturers, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan said "We have every reason to believe that the lowering of interest rates, the changes in the reserve requirements, and the removal of inappropriate, inhibiting [bank] accounting procedures should bring the credit crunch to an end." -- Reuters, February 9, 1991.
- Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), William Seidman told CNBC on February 9th that "We [the regulators] want to make sure that we're not causing a lack of credit, but we also want to make sure that bad loans aren't being made."
- Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee on February 20, 1991, that "The credit crunch is the most critical thing confronting monetary policy at this particular stage." -- The Baltimore Sun, February 21, 1991.
- At the same hearing Chairman Greenspan went on to say, "There's much that we can and are doing" to fight tight credit including lowering interest rates and reserve requirements and changing regulatory guidelines to ensure that examiners are not going overboard in restricting bank loans." -- American Banker, February 21, 1991.
- In Nashua, New Hampshire, on February 20, 1991, Treasury Under Secretary Robert Glauber told a meeting of New England's governors that a package of "technical and psychological changes" meant to help ease the credit crunch would be released "next week." -- The Washington Post, February 21, 1991.
- Deputy Secretary Robson told Business Week, "The message has got to get out that we want bankers to make loans to good credits." -- Business Week, March 4, 1991.
- On March 1, 1991, the Federal Reserve, the FDIC, the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Office of Thrift Supervision announced their initial "credit crunch" guidelines.
- Secretary Brady said of the March 1st announcement, "We hope that the actions taken today will encourage lenders to make prudent loans and assure that examiners perform their reviews in a balanced, sensible way."
- Regarding the bank regulators' announcement, Edward Yingling of the American Bankers Association said, "Almost as important as substance is the psychological message it sends out." -- American Banker, March 4, 1991.

- The strategy's success requires clear communication of these policies by the regulators to each of the nearly 7,000 examiners around the country. As Treasury Deputy Secretary Robson told the American Banker on March 1, 1991, "We have urged the regulators to get out of their offices in Washington and into their Chevrolets to go see the guys in the trenches."
- Regarding the March 1st announcement, Hollis Rademacher, chief financial officer of the Continental Bank in Chicago said, "This [the regulator's package] isn't going to cure an economy, but it might be helpful in restoring some confidence to the banking system." -- Chicago Tribune, March 2, 1991.
- A Washington Post editorial on March 6, 1991 entitled "Crunching Credit" stated, "The Administration is working at the margins here, making fine adjustments, letting businesses know that their government hears them and is responding as far as it reasonably can."
- On March 5, 1991, in testimony before the U. S. House Committee on Small Business, Deputy Secretary Robson told Congress that the regulator's package would have a positive impact on the regulatory environment, "giving greater confidence to lenders that extending credit to sound borrowers will not result in regulatory retribution." -- Reuters, March 5, 1991.
- On March 8, 1991, Secretary Brady and Deputy Secretary Robson held town meetings on the credit crunch in Hartford, Connecticut; Providence, Rhode Island; and, Boston, Massachusetts. In each city, the full Congressional delegation and community leadership was present. The events received extensive local press coverage.
- Fred Barhoff, president of a New England manufacturing company described Secretary Brady's trip to Hartford as "very upbeat, very encouraging." -- Hartford Courant, March 9, 1991.
- Sheldon S. Sollosy, head of the local Manpower office in Providence, RI, said of the Secretary's trip, "I got the impression that they were sincere in doing something as far as the credit crunch is concerned." -- Providence Journal, March 9, 1991.
- Michael Boskin, in a Washington speech, named four causes of the credit crunch: a slowing economy, severe regional real estate problems, higher international capital standards for banks, and "overly zealous" regulators applying standards "beyond sensible oversight." He stated that the Treasury was active in dealing with the regulators to have a more sensible oversight. -- American Banker, March 11, 1991.

- Secretary Brady told the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco on March 18, 1991, "The application of prudent regulation requires balance and common sense. There needs to be a recognition that banks, borrowers and economic sectors experiencing temporary difficulties may need some flexibility to work through their problems -- and that regulatory judgement should and can be quite responsibly exercised in those situations."
- Secretary Brady, after hearing mixed reviews of improvements in the lending environment following the March 1st release, wrote the Bank and thrift regulators on April 5, 1991, and emphasized the critical need for uniform dissemination of the guidelines to every examiner. He asked that each agency provide him a written assessment of the improvements resulting from the March 1, 1991 package by May 15, 1991.
- Deputy Secretary Robson told Leonard Silk of The New York Times on April 19, 1991, that there is room for further cuts by the Federal Reserve in interest rates. He said, "Inflation is not the threat today. Growth is the issue."
- Vice President Quayle met with Deputy Secretary Robson on April 19, 1991 to discuss the Administration's progress in improving the lending climate.
- Secretary Brady was in Dallas, Texas on April 25, 1991, and he spoke to a national meeting of bank and thrift supervisors. Of the March 1st guidelines, he said, "[they] were not intended to be just a press release to be cast aside. They are meant to be an expression of the philosophy of common sense. But, the guidelines will remain only guidelines until you and your colleagues apply them in your examinations."
- Deputy Secretary Robson met with Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Kemp to discuss the credit crunch and its impact on the housing markets on April 28, 1991.
- On May 7, 1991, senior Comptroller of the Currency officials discussed the March 1st guidelines at a Bank Accounting Institute seminar in Boston.
- On May 8, 1991, Comptroller Clarke met with OCC Midwestern District field managers in Kansas City to discuss issues arising from the March 1 guidelines.
- Richard Syron, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, on May 8, 1991 in testimony before the U.S. House Banking Committee stated he believed that "any such possible overreaction by regulators and banks is now dissipating."

- "The regulatory overburden is subsiding," said David Ballweg, President of the Independent Banker's Association of America before the Senate Banking Committee on May 9, 1991, explaining that he now hears of only isolated instances of supervisory "overkill." -- Reuters May 9, 1991.
- On May 15, 1991, the four federal bank and thrift regulators responded to Secretary Brady's April 5, 1991 request and provided Treasury with an assessment of what kind of effect the March 1, 1991 guidance has had on the examination process and lending climate. Generally, the regulators believe that the regulatory environment has improved:
 - * Clarifying supervisory policy guidelines with each field examiner, has led to consistency among examiners' practices and to a more balanced approach to conducting on-site examinations.
 - * The clarification on the evaluation of real estate collateral will contribute to a more positive lending climate.
 - * OTS officials said credit availability in residential real estate has not been impaired over the last several months as thrifts have increased their lending in residential real estate.
- Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan, testifying before the Senate Finance Committee on May 16, 1991, stated that "while we are beginning to see signs that while the credit crunch is not easing, it has reached its maximum, and there is some evidence that we may not be too far from a basic softening in it". -- New York Times, May 17, 1991
- Former Comptroller of the Currency, John Heimann, in a May 24, 1991 Wall Street Journal article stated "Many bank examiners believe that they will be exposed to criticism from their bosses or Congress if they use their judgement. No examiner has ever been criticized for being too tough. So some examiners have discarded balanced judgment for the most conservative application of the rule books... Examiners, the ball is in your court. The nation needs and wants vigorous, informed and balanced bank regulation. What most people do not understand is that examination -- just like bank lending -- depends upon judgment."
- Deputy Secretary Robson met with Commerce Secretary Mosbacher and Commerce Deputy Secretary Rockwell Schnabel to discuss the status of the credit crunch on May 31, 1991.
- Deputy Secretary Robson speaking in a June 5, 1991 press briefing at the EPA on a proposed rule that would clarify a lender's liability under the Superfund, said that the proposal should "significantly improve the lending climate and is a positive contribution to the administration's efforts to fight the credit crunch that hinders the economy's return to growth".

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June 13, 1964 13 PH 7:27

To: The President
From: Mike Boskin *MB*
Re: May Consumer Prices, Industrial
Production and Capacity
Utilization

Mike
Good tidings
GB

Good news. The CPI rose a modest 0.3 percent in May, exactly as expected. After declining for several months, energy prices rose 1.4 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI rose just 0.2 percent. Inflation appears to remain well under control.

Industrial production rose 0.5 percent in May and was also revised up slightly to show a 0.3 percent gain in April.

We are already getting numerous stories--some instigated by yours truly--that the recession has ended and the recovery begun. A couple of more months of improving data and this will become a consensus. The strength and durability of the recovery will become the big issue, and while the credit crunch issues we discussed today are important, it is monetary policy which will most determine the course of the economy. The Fed needs to make sure the money supply expands continuously and somewhat more rapidly.

Michael J. Boskin
Chairman

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICHAEL J. BOSKIN *MB*

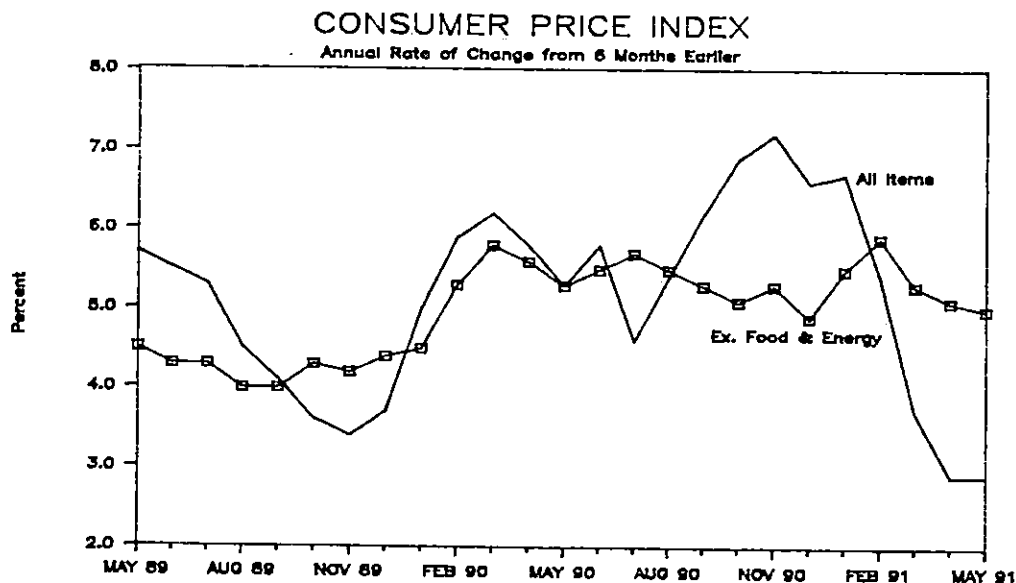
SUBJECT: Consumer Price Indexes for May, Labor Department
Release, Tomorrow Morning, 8:30 a.m.

Consumer prices rose 0.3 percent in May, following a 0.2 percent rise in April. May's increase matched private predictions. Over the last 6 months consumer price inflation has averaged 3 percent at an annual rate.

Energy prices were up 1.4 percent in May, the first increase in 6 months. The increase in energy prices accounted for about a third of the overall price increase, and was led by a jump in gasoline prices. Food prices were unchanged in May, after rising 0.7 percent in April.

Excluding energy and food, consumer prices rose a modest 0.2 percent for the second consecutive month. Over the last year, consumer prices excluding energy and food were up 5.1 percent.

The graph below shows that overall inflation is at a 2-year low, reflecting the steep drop in energy costs in the late winter and spring. Excluding energy and food, inflation is more stable, but is also on a downward trend.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICHAEL J. BOSKIN *MJB*

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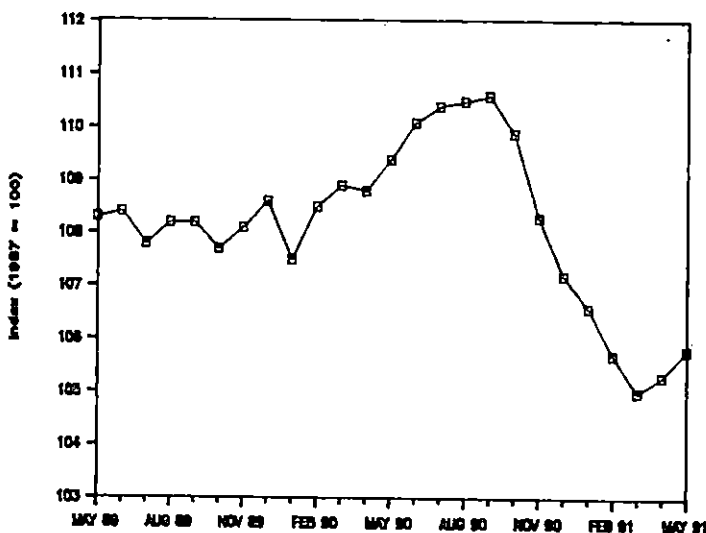
Industrial production rose 0.5 percent in May, following a revised 0.3 percent increase in April. Last month's estimate of April's increase was 0.1 percent. Private forecasters had predicted that production would be up 0.4 percent in May.

Manufacturing production was up 0.2 percent in May, following a revised 0.5 percent increase in April. Production of nondurable goods rose 0.2 percent, led by sharp increases in textiles and petroleum. Production of durable goods rose 0.2 percent, paced by a 4.1 percent rise in motor vehicle production.

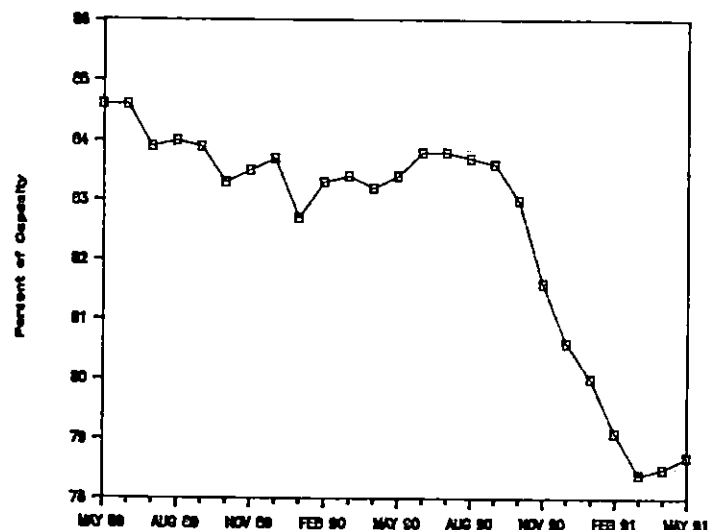
As a result of increased production, capacity utilization rose 0.2 percentage point in May, and was revised up to show a 0.1 percentage point increase in April. Capacity utilization fell slightly in manufacturing in May, but rose in electric utilities.

The graph below shows that capacity utilization remains at relatively low levels despite the increases in production in April and May. Nevertheless, the increases are positive signs that the recession is ending.

TOTAL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION



TOTAL CAPACITY UTILIZATION



Patty:

Mr. O'Malley said it would be fine for David and Suzy Grimes to sit in the box for the game.

I spoke to David Grimes and he is thrilled.

I spoke to Mel Lukens and passed on the phone numbers and alerted him that the President wanted know to go to batting practice.... someone in Advance will get w/ the Grimes to give thme details.

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THE PRESIDENT

June 13, 1991

Dear Jim,

Many thanks for remembering my birthday (67--not one of the classic birthdays to remember!). It's hard to believe another year has gone by--a good year.

You're thoughtful, and I appreciate it.

Warm regards,

*ain't bad
at all!*

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C

The Honorable James Wright
Room 9-A10
Lanham Federal Building
819 Taylor Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 13, 1991

Dear Gordy:

Many thanks for remembering my birthday (67--not one of the classic birthdays to remember!). Your kind words and the handsome slippers make the occasion special. I've added the slippers to my ever-growing collection. It's hard to believe that another year has gone by--a good year.

You're thoughtful, and I appreciate it. Barbara joins in sending our best to you and Carol Sue.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,



Mr. Gordon B. Zacks
13405 Yarmouth Road, N.W.
Pickerington, Ohio 43147



THE PRESIDENT

June 13, 1991

Dear Preston,

Thanks for your good letter about the library. Barbara and I are fired up about this project and appreciate all your efforts in helping us make the big decision. I'm glad you're enthused, too.

Warmest regards to you and Colleen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "G. H. W. Bush", with a long, sweeping underline.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Preston Geren, Jr.
Suite 619
4200 South Hulen Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76109

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ms. Diane Ruebling
Director
Management and Executive Development
IDS Financial Services, Inc.
IDS Tower 10
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440



THE PRESIDENT

June 13, 1991

Dear Diane,

Sorry to be so long responding to your good "P.C." letter. I read it, digested it and appreciate it, and perhaps one day we can discuss it. I'll miss your visit to Washington this time, though. I head West tomorrow (California, Colorado and Wisconsin), returning Monday night.

In any event, I was happy to hear from you and appreciate having General Holm's book. I fired off a note to her today.

Hastily, but with warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G" followed by a diagonal slash.

Bernie Presock



THE PRESIDENT

6-13-91

Dear Bernie,

You, too, are a birthday
boy ?? May Happy Returns
You're a young guy so you'll
have Many. Good luck!

Cap TBL



THE PRESIDENT

June 13, 1991

Dear Jeanie,

Many thanks for remembering my birthday (67--not one of the classic birthdays to remember!). It's hard to believe another year has gone by--a good year.

You're thoughtful, and I appreciate it.

Warm regards,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C

The Honorable Jeanie R. Austin
Co-Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003



THE PRESIDENT

June 13, 1991

Dear Arnold:

Many thanks for your letter in support of Dr. Friedrich von Hayek for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. I appreciate your comments and will be sure to give Dr. von Hayek every consideration when selecting future recipients for this award.

Barbara joins in sending our best wishes to you and Maria.

Sincerely,

*see you
+ his husband*

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Arnold Schwarzenegger
Suite 203
321 Hampton Drive
Venice, California 90291

10:30 A.M. NEWS UPDATE

100 DAYS/REACTION (AP) -- ...Rep. Foley said that Bush's speech "I don't think was particularly helpful. But at least if it's not the beginning of a partisan rancorous attack on the Congress, trying to run up the 1992 election a few months ahead of time, I'll be relatively happy." Rep. Michel said, "the Democrats are rather frustrated. They don't even have a real presidential candidate out on the track yet." The two spoke on ABC's "Good Morning America."

RUSSIAN ELECTION (Moscow/AP) -- Boris Yeltsin won the first popular election for Russian president, the republic's chief electoral officer said. Tass quoted Vasily Kazakov as saying Yeltsin got more than 50 percent of the vote and that a runoff would not be necessary. A referendum to restore Leningrad's czarist name, St. Petersburg, was favored by a bare majority of 53 percent to 54 percent, said a member of Leningrad's electoral commission, citing preliminary figures.

BAKER-LEVY MEETING (Reuter) -- Secretary Baker met Israeli Foreign Minister Levy and denied reports that President Bush was considering inviting Mideast leaders to a special meeting at Camp David. As the meeting began, Baker denied reports in the Israeli media that he was planning a new Mideast trip or that Bush was considering issuing invitations to the foreign ministers of Israel, Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon to come to Camp Davis to break the diplomatic deadlock. Levy said it was unthinkable that the peace effort should fail after all the efforts invested in it. "There are problems but we will discuss them and together we will try to push on in the right direction," he said.

IRAQ/SHIITE CAMPS (Geneva/Reuter) -- A senior U.N. officials said the world body is ready to set up transit centers for Shiite refugees who are trapped in southern Iraq and want to go home. "We hope to set up such centers in the south within the next few days," said U.N. envoy Prince Aga Khan.

IRAQ/OIL (Ankara/Reuter) -- Turkey has rebuffed a direct Iraqi appeal that Ankara reopen a vital oil pipeline which before the Gulf crisis was the source of half of Baghdad's hard currency. Foreign Minister Alptemecin told visiting Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Aziz that the twin pipeline would stay shut until the U.N. lifted economic sanctions.

SOVIET NUKES/GERMANY (Bonn/AP) -- Foreign Minister Bessmertnykh confirmed that the Red Army still has "a certain number" of nuclear weapons in eastern Germany. During a news conference, Bessmertnykh promised that the nuclear weapons would be removed quickly.

ECONOMY (AP) -- Wholesale prices shot up a surprisingly sharp 0.6 percent in May, the biggest gain in seven months, the government said. In other economic news, the Labor Department said that the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell for the fourth consecutive week, the longest stretch of declines in more than a year.

1:30 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

IRAN HOSTAGES (AP) -- Eight Americans who were held hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Iran asked Congress to investigate allegations that Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign worked to delay their release until after the 1980 election. "I believe there was a good possibility" that political machinations kept the hostages in captivity longer than necessary, said Barry Rosen, one of the hostages who appeared at a press conference. Rep. Butler agreed with the ex-hostages that there is "reasonable cause" for a full-scale investigation. "Something probably happened," said Moorhead Kennedy, but no one will know for sure until an investigation is completed.

YELTSIN (Moscow/Reuter) -- Radical Boris Yeltsin has defeated orthodox communist rivals for the presidency of Russia, the electoral commission said. Tass quoted commission spokesman Popov as saying Yeltsin had won about 60 percent of the vote. "We can now say with certainty that a second round will not be necessary," Popov said.

G-7/GORBACHEV (London/Reuter) -- Prime Minister Major said he had invited President Gorbachev to London for talks with G-7 leaders after their G-7 summit. Major told parliament that "after consulting other leaders in the Group of Seven, I have today invited President Gorbachev to London for discussion with the Group of Seven immediately after the London summit."

BAKER-LEVY MEETING (AP) -- Israel's foreign minister appealed for concessions from the Arabs and said the U.S.-led search for a Mideast peace formula will go on. "The process is not stuck," Levy said after meeting for nearly two hours with Secretary Baker. But Levy acknowledged "there are problems." He did not elaborate and said Israel's consultations with the U.S. would be continued at the highest levels.

EGYPT/ISRAELI RELATIONS (Cairo/UPI) -- Egypt has frozen its cooperation agreements with Israel to protest what it perceives as the Jewish state's unhelpful stance toward achieving peace in the Mideast, an opposition newspaper reported. The right-wing daily Al Wafd described the Egyptian step as a serious development in Egyptian-Israeli relations. "Egypt has decided to freeze all signed agreements with Israel and halt the exchange of visits between Israeli and Egyptian officials to protest the Israeli government's stance toward the peace process," the newspaper said.

IMMUNIZATIONS/PRESIDENT (Nancy Benac, AP) -- President Bush urged parents and health officials to step up efforts to make sure youngsters are immunized against childhood diseases such as measles. "In the 1990s, no child should be at risk to deadly diseases like diphtheria, polio...or measles," Bush told a Rose Garden audience that included state and local health officials and children. "I urge you to get on now with the job at hand."

ABORTION RULING/MEDICAL GROUPS (UPI) -- A group of 21 medical groups urged Congress to overturn a Supreme Court ruling allowing the government to bar family planning clinics that receive federal money from providing abortion information or counseling. In a separate statement, the powerful American Medical Association also announced its endorsement of the legislation to overturn the so-called "gag rule," saying it would keep "the long arm of the federal government out of the patient-physician relationship." "There is no reasonable medical basis for regulating dissemination of truthful information," said Dr. Richard Schwarz, president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

FDA/SULLIVAN (UPI) -- After a decade of troubles that included a major generic drug fraud scandal, Secretary Sullivan announced this week a major reorganization of the FDA. Under the new streamlined system, five senior managerial positions will report directly to FDA Commissioner Kessler.

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4:30 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

BALTICS/SOVIET AID (Reuter) -- President Bush told a group of Baltic-Americans at the White House that the U.S. would never recognize the forced annexation by Moscow in 1940 of the Baltics. Bush said the resumption in negotiations between Moscow and the Baltics was positive. "And yet there is much reason to be concerned about recent Soviet actions against customs posts in Latvia and Lithuania and the ongoing Soviet occupation of broadcasting facilities in Vilnius -- acts that are incompatible with the process of peaceful change," he said.

London's Financial Times reported that a Soviet plan designed to attract aid of \$20 billion to \$35 billion a year would be presented to Bush this week by radical Soviet economist Grigory Yavlinsky and Harvard professor Graham Allison.

IMMUNIZATIONS/REACTION (AP) -- President Bush's remarks [on children's immunizations] drew a sharp rebuke from Sen. Kennedy. "Outreach programs are inadequate, clinics are underfunded, and vaccines are too expensive," Kennedy said. "We don't need a six-city road show to study the problem. We need a genuine federal commitment to see that every child is immunized."

ABORTION/HOUSE (UPI) -- Anti-abortion forces managed to stall an effort in the House to reverse a Supreme Court ruling banning discussion of abortion at federally-funded family planning clinics. The House Energy and Commerce health subcommittee postponed indefinitely a scheduled vote to reverse the Court's ruling. Rep. Wyden said anti-abortion forces, led by Rep. Dannemeyer, are interested in an amendment requiring minors to receive parental notification before obtaining an abortion -- the very amendment that scuttled the bill last year. Democrats want a vote on a bill without any amendments, and have not decided yet whether to wait for that opportunity or agree to a vote on some version of the Republican-requested amendments.

IRAQI NUKES/CHENEY (UPI) -- The Pentagon wants the U.N. to search "every conceivable site" for Iraqi nuclear capabilities in case Saddam Hussein is hiding something, top officials said. Secretary Cheney and spokesman Williams said the U.S. wants to be sure Iraq's nuclear program is crushed. Cheney told newspaper reporters, "We're not in a position to say we got [destroyed] 100 percent because you don't know what you don't know. But we are interested in following up to get a better assessment of what remains."

IRAQI NUKES (AP) -- An Iraqi defector has told interrogators that Iraq used 1940s technology to make weapons-grade uranium in a nuclear project previously undetected by the U.S., two officials said. The Iraqi, a government scientist who turned himself in to U.S. troops in northern Iraq, said Iraq had produced more than 80 pounds of enriched uranium using the process used by the U.S. in the infancy of its nuclear program, the officials said. Two anonymous officials said some of the defector's information was based on hearsay and was being regarded with caution by intelligence officials.

NUKES/NORTH KOREA (Vienna/Reuter) -- North Korea said it was ready to open its nuclear plants to international inspection, but hedged its statement with political demands. North Korean delegate Jin Chung Guk said in a statement to the board of the IAEA that Pyongyang was ready to sign the standard text of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty safeguards agreement committing it to open all its nuclear plants to IAEA inspectors. Jin's statement reiterated North Korea's demand that the U.S. must remove its nuclear weapons from South Korea.

CZECH TANKS/SYRIA (UPI) -- Czechoslovakia has rebuffed administration attempts to derail the planned sale of some 300 sophisticated tanks to Syria, U.S. officials said.

CHEMICAL WEAPONS DISPOSAL (Reuter) -- U.S. Army plans to incinerate 30,000 tons of aging chemical weapons pose unacceptable safety and health risks, environmentalists said. Greenpeace and the Boston-based National Toxic Campaign Fund issued a report on alternative methods of disposing of the U.S. arsenal of chemical weapons and said they should be studied before burning the weapons.

HOSTAGES/SYRIA (Damascus/AP) -- A high-ranking British official said he had received encouraging signs that Western hostages in Lebanon would be freed but there was no word of an immediate release. The two-day visit by Foreign Office Minister Hogg coincided with an Iranian newspaper report of "hectic activities" to secure the hostages' release. "The hostages have not been freed yet, but I am quite certain, for example, that the government of Syria is working hard to achieve that objective," Hogg said.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS/FEC (Reuter) -- The FEC rejected by a 4 to 2 vote Thursday a recommendation by its law staff that the regulatory agency ban campaign contributions from U.S. companies more than 50 percent owned by foreigners.

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Rool Report: Bush at Baltic event in Roosevelt Room.

No news. President made some remarks to large crowd packed into Roosevelt Room and then signed the Baltic proclamation and handed the pens to congressional leaders flanking him for the photo op. He then went into the crowd ~~xxx~~ asking if they had any other events planned in Washington. Wrong conversqtional question. First one then another shouted; .that they were picketting the Soviet embassy Saturday demanding freedom for the Baltic states and invited Bush to join then. With a goodnatured smile, the PRES REplied , "I hope you'll excuse me." With a bit more schmoozing, he was out the door.

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No News. All Color. The President and Mrs. Bush spoke inside a tent set up on the grounds which included a seated audience of adults and a group of youngsters and babies who are patients at the hospital, many in wheelchairs, held on laps of volunteers or in strollers. Balloons, clowns, etc. were scattered thru the audience.

The even was the launching of a \$19 million renovation and expansion project at the 108-year-old facility in Northeast Washington that will add 50 beds to the current 80, add new treatment areas, create a parking garage, provide a parent apartment, etc. This hospital is the only transitional care facility for children in the area. It provides "specialized rehabilitation care" for severely sick children. According to the hospital, the Bush's have an ongoing relationship with the ~~xx~~ hospital, which has prior visits from Mrs. Bush and others.

At the end of his speech, Bush spent 10 minutes or so talking with the children, signing autographs, asking names. He pinned a presidential pin on the collar of one young girl in a wheelchair to whom he referred in his speech, and another child gave him a hardhat with the hospital name on it.

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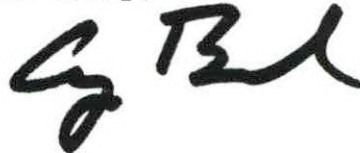
June 13, 1991

Dear Chip:

Thanks for your letter on Henry Morgan, which I have forwarded to Boyden Gray, who handles judicial appointments.

Warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Charles B. Molster, III
Keck, Mahin & Cate
1201 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-3919



THE PRESIDENT

June 13, 1991

Dear Aunt Marge,

Many thanks for remembering my birthday (67--not one of the classic birthdays to remember!). It's hard to believe another year has gone by--a good year.

You're thoughtful, and I appreciate it.

Warm regards,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mrs. Stuart H. Clement
Apartment 438
200 Leeder Hill Drive
Hamden, Connecticut 06517



THE PRESIDENT

June 13, 1991

Dear Fred,

Many thanks for remembering my birthday (67 - not one of the classic birthdays to remember!). It's hard to believe another year has gone by -- a good year. You're thoughtful and I appreciate it.

Warm regards,

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Rear Admiral Frederick M. Reeder
Post Office Box 2097
Laurel, MS 39440

Phone call to wish you a
Happy birthday

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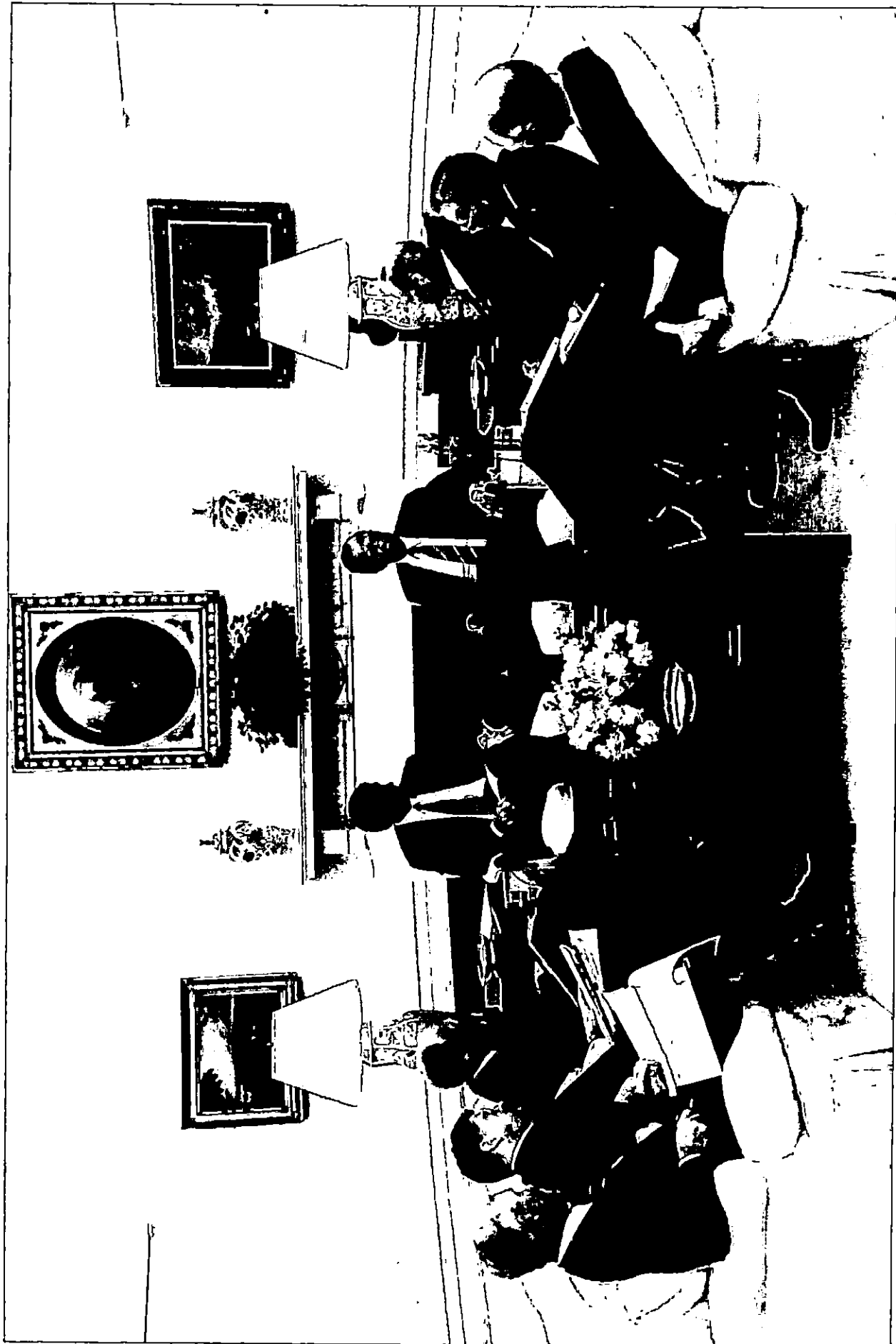
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THE PRESIDENT

June 13, 1991

Dear Parky,

Many thanks for remembering my birthday (67--not one of the classic birthdays to remember!). It's hard to believe another year has gone by--a good year.

You're thoughtful, and I appreciate it.

*Yes,
we are friends*

Warm regards,

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C

Mr. William Hugo Parkman
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