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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Tuesday, August 20, 1991

8:00 am (15 min)	<u>Intelligence Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)	Oval Office
8:15 am (30 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Scowcroft/Sununu)	Oval Office
8:45 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Governor Sununu</u>	Oval Office
9:15 am (45 min)	<u>Administrative Time</u>	Oval Office
10:00 am (15 min)	Swearing-in of Robert Strauss as U. S. Ambassador to the USSR (Scowcroft) (Distributed Separately)	Oval Office
10:15 am (15 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
10:30 am (90 min)	<i>follow p/c</i> <u>Staff Time</u> (Scowcroft)	Cabinet Room
12:00 pm (75 min)	<u>Lunch</u>	Oval Office
TBD	<u>Depart for Kennebunkport</u>	South Lawn

UNP 08/19/91
5:00 pm

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 20, 1991

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FORROBERT STRAUSS

DATE: August 20, 1991

LOCATION: Oval Office

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT I. PURPOSE

To witness the swearing-in of Bob Strauss, U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

II. BACKGROUND

Due to the quickly changing events in the Soviet Union, it has become necessary for Bob Strauss to be available to depart for his new post as soon as possible; therefore you will witness his swearing-in ceremony this morning in the Oval Office.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See Tab A.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photo Pool

V. SEQUENCE

Welcome Ambassador Strauss and his family and friends, then ask Secretary Baker to begin the Swearing-In ceremony.

Attachment

Tab A Participants

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

PARTICIPANTS

Ambassador Robert Strauss
Helen Strauss, Wife
Robert A. Strauss, son
Olga Strauss, daughter-in-law
Richard C. Strauss, son
Diana Strauss, daughter-in-law
Staci Lin Strauss, granddaughter
Jenifer Autumn Strauss, granddaughter
Katherine Ellingsworth, Secretary
Vera E. Murray

Vice President
James Baker, Secretary of State
Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense
Governor John Sununu
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security
Affairs
Robert Gates, Assistant to the President and Deputy for National
Security Affairs
Joseph Verner Reed, U.S. Ambassador for Protocol
Peter Hauslohner, Assistant Secretary of State for Soviet Affairs

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Used Rose Garden 10 AM
8-20-91

The events in the Soviet Union continue to deeply concern the whole world. The unconstitutional seizure of power is an affront to the goals and aspirations that the Soviet peoples have been nurturing over the past years. This action also puts the Soviet Union at odds with the world community and undermines the positive steps that have been undertaken to make the Soviet Union an integral and positive force in world affairs.

I have this morning spoken with Boris Yeltsin, the freely elected leader of the Russian Republic. I assured Mr. Yeltsin of continued U.S. support for his goal of the restoration of Mr. Gorbachev as the constitutionally chosen leader. I also shared with Mr. Yeltsin the support that other world leaders voiced in my conversations with them.

Mr. Yeltsin is encouraged by the support of the Soviet people and their determination in the face of these trying circumstances. He expressed his gratitude for our support of him and President Gorbachev. The situation concerning President Gorbachev's status is still unclear. I have ^{twice} tried to reach him by phone, including within the last hour, but have so far been unsuccessful.

We continue to monitor the situation. Our new Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Robert Strauss, will be departing immediately for Moscow to take charge of our embassy, and to report to me on the situation he finds in the Soviet Union. I am asking him to return to Maine within the next several days to give me a full report. He will not be presenting his credentials ^{on this trip} ~~to the current~~ leaders. I have said that this group assumed power extra-

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George Bush Handwriting

constitutionally. ~~It therefore is premature~~ for us to consider ~~recognition.~~

In conclusion, I want to emphasize that we will continue to monitor the situation closely and consider its ramifications throughout the world. I have emphasized in my conversations with Eastern European leaders that the democratic processes in their countries cannot be reversed. The United States will continue to support the economic and political reforms in their countries. I will continue to seek the advice and counsel of Eastern European leaders in the days ahead.

Because this is an ongoing process of consultations, we intend to maintain a more formal work schedule during the remainder of my stay in Maine. There will be a number of meetings with government officials and private sector experts related to the events in the Soviet Union. There will be daily briefings by my national security advisers, and I will keep in touch with Secretary Baker, who leaves today for the NATO meeting in Brussels.

These difficult events in the Soviet Union, I believe, demonstrate the wisdom of our strong and continuous support ~~ever for the process of reform and restructuring~~ ^{this support} the past several months for President Gorbachev and President Yeltsin. We will continue to support them and the democratic processes that ~~they~~ ^{have been} set in motion in ~~their country~~ ^{the Sov Union}. Most importantly, I know that the American people stand behind the people of the Soviet Union who are seeking more freedom and more opportunity in their society.

*I am very pleased that Amb Strauss is now officially
I'd like to know in and will be ready to discuss*

*(Strauss then spoke
to " took questions*

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR PRESS CONFERENCE

AUGUST 20, 1991

1. Will Ambassador Strauss present his credentials as long as Yanayev is in charge of the country?
2. What did Mr. Yeltsin tell you about the status of Gorbachev or the prospects for the future of the coup?
3. What economic programs are you ending as a protest of this action?
suspend, on hold,
4. Do you still consider Gorbachev the President of the U.S.S.R.? *Yanayev says Gorb. may be coming back - extra-constitutional*
5. Were you surprised by this move? And, is it a failure of your policy? Were you tied too close to Gorbachev?
6. Gephardt and others suggest your support for Gorbachev should have been stronger, and should have included more direct financial assistance. How do you react?
7. Who do you intend to talk to in the next few days? Will you continue to call Yeltsin and Gorbachev?

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

20-Aug-1991 10:06 EDT

UNCLASSIFIED

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Brent Scowcroft

(SCOWCROFT)

FROM:

David C. Gompert
(GOMPERT)

SUBJECT:

EC Decisions

Brent:

We now have a definitive readout of EC decisions:

- They have concluded that it is a bad idea to hold the planned upcoming CSCE human rights conference in Moscow. (We agree, though we have not announced our position yet. It would be appropriate for the President to say that we agree with the EC position.)
- They are suspending 400m ECU of technical assistance. (Again, since we are doing likewise, we can applaud this decision.)
- They are going forward with food aid -- grant for sure and perhaps credits as well. (Best not to mention this.)
- They OKAYed Germany providing \$6b tied to Soviet troop withdrawals. (If asked, we can say that we understand this position.)

David

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Mr Gates

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General Scowcroft

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The President

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James Dobbins

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George Kolt

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02e. Diagram	Cabinet Room (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(3)	

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records

Office: Office of the President

Series: Daily Files

Subseries:

WHORM Cat.:

File Location: Tuesday, August 20, 1991 [1]

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RESTRICTION CODES

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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Washington, D.C.
Kennebunkport, Maine

DATE 20 August 1991

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0702	South Grounds
0704	Oval Office
1034	Rose Garden
1104	Oval Office
1108	Cabinet Room
1209	Oval Office
1217	South Grounds
1220	Residence
1318	South Grounds
1320	Oval Office
1401	South Grounds
1405	Depart South Grounds via Marine One
1413	Arrive Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland
1425	Depart Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One
1527	Arrive Pease Air National Guard Base, New Hampshire
1543	Depart Pease Air National Guard Base via Marine One
1600	Arrive Walker's Point, Kennebunkport, Maine
1639	Depart Walker's Point via Boat
1742	Arrive Walker's Point

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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03a. Log	White House Telephone Log [Signal Switchboard] [redaction of personal information] (2 pp.)	08/20/91	(b)(6)	

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Office: Office of the President

Series: Daily Files

Subseries:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

August, 20, 19⁹¹

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	8:12 AM	8:35	Conference Call: President Boris Yeltsin Office, Moscow, Soviet Union 205-4202	Tlkd-ok 8:18 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. Cornelius F. O'Leary White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Dr. Edward A. Hewett White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. Peter Afanasenko	
INC	PM		(b)(6)	
OUT	10:05 AM		Conference Call: President Mikhail Gorbachev Office, Moscow, Soviet Union	WCL 10:05 AM via DVL
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. David C. Gompert White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. Peter Afanasenko Office, Washington, D.C. 647-3492	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Ms. Patty Presock Office, Washington, D.C. Secure Voice x7104	Tlkd-ok 2:26 PM
INC	2:25 PM	2:30		
OUT	AM		Ms. Laurie G. Firestone	LW with Mr. Firestone 2:34 PM via Secure Satellite
INC	2:33 PM		(b)(6)	
OUT	AM		Ms. Linda Casey Office, Kennebunkport, Maine Kennebunkport Signal 4-0350	Tlkd-ok 2:43 PM via Secure Satellite
INC	2:42 PM	2:50		
OUT	AM		Ms. Linda Casey Office, Kennebunkport, Maine Kennebunkport Signal 4-0351	Tlkd-ok 2:58 PM via Secure Satellite
INC	2:57 PM	3:02		

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

August 20, 1991

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM		Ms. Linda Casey Office, Kennebunkport, Maine Kennebunkport Signal 4-0350	Tlkd-ok 3:43 PM via YANKEE ZULU
INC	3:42 PM	3:45		
OUT	AM		Ms. Linda Casey Office, Kennebunkport, Maine Kennebunkport Signal 4-0350	Tlkd-ok 5:19 PM via YANKEE ZULU
INC	5:18 PM	5:20		
OUT	AM		Conference Call: President Carlos Saul Menem (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 6:00 PM
INC	5:55 PM	6:13		
OUT	AM		Ms. Barbara Phillips Office, Washington, D.C. 647-2143	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. Robert B. Morley White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. James M. Waurishuk White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Conference Call: Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 6:19 PM
INC	6:15 PM	6:32		
OUT	AM		Mr. Barry Lowenkron Office, Washington, D.C. 395-1305	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mr. David C. Gompert White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		General Brent Scowcroft Residence, Kennebunkport, Maine Kennebunkport Signal 4-0316	Tlkd-ok 6:51 PM
INC	6:32 PM	6:56		
OUT	AM		Mr. Kenneth P. Raynor (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 6:57 PM
INC	6:56 PM	6:58		

WASHINGTON

SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

, 19⁹¹

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03b. Log	White House Telephone Log [President Bush] [redaction of personal information] (1 pp.)	08/20/91	(b)(6)	

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records

Office: Office of the President

Series: Daily Files

Subseries:

WHORM Cat.:

File Location: Tuesday, August 20, 1991 [1]

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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT BUSH

AUGUST 20 th , 19 91

	TIME PLACED	DISC	NAME	ACTION
OUT	5:12 AM	5:14	SITUATION ROOM WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 659	TLKD-OK WITH MR. PAUL CLARKE
~~INC~~	~~PM~~			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	6:04 AM	6:08	MRS. BARBARA BUSH (b)(6)	TLKD-OK 6:05 A.M.
~~INC~~	~~PM~~			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
~~OUT~~	8:34 AM		SECRETARY JAMES A. BAKER III WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 420	TOLD MRS. PATRICIA A. PRESOCK 9:43 A.M.
INC	~~PM~~			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	~~AM~~		SITUATION ROOM WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 659	TLKD-OK WITH MR. MATTHIAS MITMAN
~~INC~~	12:13 PM	12:14		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
~~OUT~~	~~AM~~		SECRETARY JAMES A. BAKER III WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 420	TLKD-OK ON SECURE PHONE 3:14 P.M. PER MRS. PATRICIA A.
INC	1:36 PM			
OUT	AM			PRESOCK
INC	PM			
OUT	~~AM~~		MRS. BARBARA BUSH (b)(6)	TLKD-OK
~~INC~~	1:55 PM	1:58		

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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04a. Note	Handwritten notes of Secure Presidential Phone Calls with Prime Minister Major (2 pp.)	08/20/[91]	(b)(1)	

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records

Office: Office of the President

Series: Daily Files

Subseries:

WHORM Cat.:

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CLASSIFIED/
SECURE

Presidential Phone Calls



DATE: 8-20-91 TIME: 1:45
Incoming/outgoing

WITH: T.A.B.

SUBJECT: Tant says Foley wants to
(1) be briefed -

TAB will brief him. Third
McClure & Tant will coordinate

T.A.B. will come to
K.B. This AM -

He'll let Brent know

FOLLOW UP: _____

Bush Presidential Library Photocopy

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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Document No. and Type	Subject/Title of Document	Date	Restriction	Class.
04b. Note	Handwritten notes of Presidential Phone Calls with Carlos Menem (1 pp.)	08/20/[91]	(b)(1)	

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records

Office: Office of the President

Series: Daily Files

Subseries:

WHORM Cat.:

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04c. Note	Handwritten notes of Presidential Phone Calls with Prime Minister Mulroney (3 pp.)	08/20/91	(b)(1)	

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records

Office: Office of the President

Series: Daily Files

Subseries:

WHORM Cat.:

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04d. Note	Handwritten notes of Secure Presidential Phone Calls with Boris Yeltsin (4 pp.)	08/20/[91]	(b)(1)	

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records

Office: Office of the President

Series: Daily Files

Subseries:

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RR YDB

201156 OVR :BC-SOVIET-YELTSIN URGENT

YELTSIN, ROARING DEFIANCE, PLEDGES TO HOLD OUT INDEFINITELY
MOSCOW, AUG 20, REUTER - RUSSIAN RADICAL LEADER BORIS
YELTSIN, ROARING DEFIANCE BEFORE HIS ADORING SUPPORTERS, PLEDGED
ON TUESDAY TO HOLD OUT INDEFINITELY TO TOPPLE THE COUNTRY'S NEW
HARDLINE COMMUNIST RULERS.

"DEMAND THEIR IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION AND BRING THEM TO
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"WE WILL HOLD OUT HERE AS LONG AS WE HAVE TO REMOVE THIS
JUNTA FROM POWER AND BRING IT TO JUSTICE," HE DECLARED AS THE
CROWD PUNCHED THE AIR IN APPROVAL AND CHANTED "YELTSIN,
YELTSIN".

AN EIGHT-MEMBER EMERGENCY COMMITTEE DEPOSED SOVIET PRESIDENT
MIKHAIL GORBACHEV ON MONDAY, SAYING ILL HEALTH MADE HIM
INCAPABLE OF CONTINUING HIS SIX-YEAR-OLD RULE.

MORE ONW ACR PS

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04e. Talking Points	Points to be Made for Telephone Call with President Boris Yeltsin (2 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	S

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News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1991
6:00 A.M. EDT EDITION

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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TROOPS SEIZE KEY FACILITIES IN BALTICS -- Soviet forces stormed television and radio stations, blocked harbors and seized key sites around the breakaway Baltic republics Monday after Communist hard-liners took control in Moscow. (Washington Post, AP)

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NETWORK NEWS (Monday evening)

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COUP/PRESIDENT -- The President issued a statement Monday night that can be characterized as a bit more harder on the new Soviet government and more supportive of Boris Yeltsin.

COUP/PENTAGON -- Pentagon officials say there is no sign of any heightened alert by Soviet strategic nuclear forces.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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The Russian Information Agency says the headquarters of the People's Front of Latvia also had been seized by special forces, and more movements of Soviet armor are reported in and near the Baltics.

A column of more than 100 light armored vehicles and trucks are reportedly on the move toward the Estonian capital. (AP)

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A Latvian radio report monitored by the BBC said one man was killed and one wounded when Soviet troops fired on their minibus in Riga.
(Leslie Shepard, Washington Post, A20)

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Miners Heed Yeltsin Strike Call To Protest Gorbachev Ouster

MOSCOW -- ...Hundreds of soldiers sent into the city to impose order went over to Yeltsin's side and joined thousands of demonstrators surrounding the Russian parliament and government building to protect Yeltsin from arrest....

One soldier, asked if he was prepared to shoot, replied: "A soldier won't shoot at another soldier, and a soldier won't shoot at the people."
(Brian Friedman, AP)

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MOSCOW -- Soviet troops were reported moving outside the Ukrainian capital Kiev Tuesday and were approaching the city limits, as the restive republic's parliamentary leadership met in an emergency session.

Vladimir Gruniov, deputy speaker of the Ukrainian parliament, told local journalists that traffic police had reported seeing a considerable number of troops about 20 miles south of Kiev. He said they were headed for the city.

No further information was immediately available. (Reuter)

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MOSCOW -- Soviet citizens resisting the overthrow of President Gorbachev strengthened barricades around Russian leader Yeltsin's parliament Tuesday and planned marches in violation of emergency regulations.

But the Soviet Union's new hard-line leadership appeared to be in control despite indications that some members of the security forces had decided to support Yeltsin in his denunciation of Gorbachev's removal Monday. (Ron Popeski, Reuter)

GORBACHEV MAY HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM HIS VACATION SPOT

MOSCOW -- President Gorbachev may have been flown from his Crimean vacation residence, and city after city across the Russian republic vowed Tuesday to defy the hard-line Communist junta that seized power from him, the Russian Information Agency said.

"According to unconfirmed data, received by the correspondent for RIA, President Gorbachev was flown from Simferopol Monday night," RIA said. "The destination of flight is unknown. According to witnesses, the President looked quite healthy..."

Late Monday, several small army units declared their loyalty to Yeltsin. (Gerald Nadler, UPI)

CROWDS MASS AGAINST TANKS

MOSCOW -- ... (CBS News reported that Prime Minister Pavlov and another hard-liner had recently flown to Gorbachev's vacation home on the Black Sea and demanded that he resign. When Gorbachev refused, CBS reported, Pavlov told him, "You are going to be sick for a very long time.") (Michael Dobbs, Washington Post, A1)

GORBACHEV REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO STEP DOWN

Soviet hard-liners tried to persuade President Gorbachev to step down, the top aide to Eduard Shevardnadze said Monday. Sergei Tarasenko said, "There are reports that Gorbachev was brought to Moscow from the Crimea and the plotters...tried to get his agreement to the coup. He declined to be a part of it," Tarasenko said. "Then he was (sent) back to the same place he is under house arrest." Tarasenko's report could not be independently confirmed. ("Shake-Up," USA Today, 3A)

ACTING PRESIDENT SEEN AS FRONT FOR HARD-LINE TRIO

...The committee of eight men who seized power early Monday from Gorbachev is nominally headed by Soviet Vice President Yanayev. But according to U.S. analysts, the group's real leaders are KGB Chief Kryuchkov, Defense Minister Yazov and Interior Minister Pugo....

The composition of the new group is predictable," said Ted Warner, a Soviet specialist at the Rand Corporation. "The accent is on military, security, and military industrial. These are the sectors that have been slowest to pick up on the reforms."

(Gary Lee, Washington Post, A17)

**SOVIET HARD-LINERS CONSOLIDATE POWER;
BUSH VOWS NO U.S. SUPPORT FOR REGIME
Economic Aid Put 'On Hold'**

President Bush Monday strongly condemned the "unconstitutional resort to force" in the ouster of President Gorbachev and vowed that the U.S. would "avoid in every possible way actions that would lend legitimacy" to the new Soviet government.

He also explicitly endorsed a call by President Yeltsin for "restoration of the legally elected" Soviet government headed by Gorbachev....

One senior Administration official said, "It is a major goal of our statements and policies to emphasize that we do not see this as a fait accompli and we will not deal with the new officials as if they were the government."...

National Security Adviser Scowcroft said the White House is examining "what we might want to take steps to suspend" in terms of U.S. Soviet ties. A policy planning group met through the day and presented Bush's crisis team, with a list of possible actions. Many were essentially symbolic, aimed at freezing the U.S. relationship and demonstrating U.S. displeasure with the coup.

(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A1)

RUSSIAN LEADER BECOMES FOCUS OF OPPOSITION

MOSCOW -- Within hours of learning that President Gorbachev had been stripped of power in a coup, thousands of citizens gathered in groups all over Moscow to argue and plead with the army troops and tank crews who had seized control of the capital at dawn Monday....

"The reactionaries will not achieve their goals; the army will not go against the people," shouted Yeltsin, who scrambled atop a tank parked outside the parliament building to address his supporters....

Yeltsin termed the takeover a "state crime" and issued a decree declaring that all resolutions passed by the new ruling committee should be considered illegal and invalid and that any Russian officials who carry them out would be prosecuted.

(Michael Dobbs, Washington Post, A17)

**WESTERN NATIONS HALT AID
EC, NATO To Hold Special Sessions**

LONDON -- Leaders of Western Europe's industrialized democracies, worried that the overthrow of President Gorbachev means the return of the Cold War, Monday signaled their displeasure by issuing tough statements and suspending economic aid to the Soviet Union....

In an effort to show the new rulers in Moscow that a retreat from reform can hurt, Prime Minister Major said he will urge the EC to speed up the process of forging closer ties between Western Europe and the former Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe.

(Stuart Auerbach, Washington Post, A17)

West Denounces Soviet Coup, Freezes Aid

LONDON -- ...Britain suspended its \$80 million in aid to Moscow, and government sources, speaking on condition of anonymity said all EC aid was "in effect on hold." (Jessica Baldwin, AP)

**KOHL, SHAKEN BY SOVIET COUP, GIVEN ASSURANCES ON GORBACHEV
Letter Sent To Bonn Says Ousted Leader Is 'Not Threatened'**

BONN -- Coup leaders who seized control in Moscow assured Chancellor Kohl in a letter delivered Monday night that ousted President Gorbachev was "not threatened" and that Soviet foreign policy would remain stable. (Marc Fisher, Washington Post, A22)

GENSCHER SUGGESTS WEST COULD HAVE BACKED GORBACHEV MORE

BONN -- Germany has suggested other leading industrial democracies should have given the Soviet leader more support while he was in power.

Foreign Minister Genscher was asked on German television Monday if the U.S. and Japan could have done more for Gorbachev.

Genscher told the ARD channel he was not sure more financial help could have prevented Gorbachev being ousted.

"What matters here is not just the supply of basic goods for the population," he said.

"But there is no doubt Germany would have wished that all other countries had committed themselves likewise to Gorbachev's reform course, not only through words but also through deeds in the way we have done within the limits of our resources."

(Rolf Soderlind, Reuter)

EASTERN EUROPE'S LEADERS REAFFIRM ECONOMIC STANCE**'Wheel Of History' Roles On, Says Havel**

WARSAW -- The leaders of Eastern Europe's new democracies reacted with concern Monday to the news of the toppling of President Gorbachev. Those leaders insisted that the Kremlin hard-liners' coup would not slow political and economic change here....

In Czechoslovakia, President Havel said his country faced no immediate danger from the Soviet Union.

In Poland, government officials said they did not believe events meant a reassertion of Soviet political or military control.

(Mary Battiata, Washington Post, A17)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Coup Threatens Economies Of Eastern Europe," by Peter Mass, appears in The Washington Post, page C3.

JAPAN SAYS SOVIET AID LINKED TO PERESTROIKA REFORMS

TOKYO -- Japanese economic aid to the Soviet Union depends on Moscow continuing reforms initiated by President Gorbachev, Foreign Minister Nakayama said Tuesday. (Reuter)

WORRY OVER SOVIET CRISIS DERAILS ASIAN MARKET RECOVERY

Worries over the impact of President Gorbachev's ouster from power in the Soviet Union derailed a recovery bid on Asian financial markets in morning trading Tuesday with price levels gyrating wildly.... By midday, many markets were struggling to keep in the black. (Michael Di Cicco, UPI)

TOP INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS REPORTEDLY WARNED BUSH ABOUT GORBACHEV

Top intelligence analysts had secretly warned President Bush for months that President Gorbachev could not hold onto power, but Bush was reluctant to accept their advice to give more support to other pro-democracy forces in the Soviet Union, some U.S. officials said Monday....

"There's been a debate within the Bush Administration for months, with the intelligence community basically saying that Gorbachev was not going to survive, that in the long term our best bet would be with the one person who has popular support and a mandate, Boris Yeltsin, and those democratic forces," said Rep. McCurdy. But "the State Department was saying, 'No, we're more sanguine, we think Gorbachev can ride this tiger, because he defies all odds, and by gosh, we think he's going to end up winning,'" McCurdy said. (Christopher Drew, Chicago Tribune)

Gorbachev's Fall: Was U.S. Intelligence Community Caught Out?

The U.S. intelligence community appears to have been caught flatfooted by President Gorbachev's ouster.

Although senior U.S. officials had publicly cited the possibility of a hard-line crackdown, intelligence assessments were hedged, as is often the case, to cover all bases, according to several well-placed experts.

"Did they categorically predict that right-wing dissatisfaction would trigger a palace coup," asked Vincent Cannistraro, a retired CIA officer.

"No, they did not," he said, citing background briefings with officials and former colleagues. "The community tried to cover its ass, and to the degree that they did not make concrete judgements, I suppose that could be identified as a deficiency."

(Jim Wolf, Reuter)

Gorbachev's Resilience Obscured Perils

The Bush Administration and many outside analysts failed to anticipate the President Gorbachev would be swept suddenly from power by a coup from Communist Party hard-liners because Gorbachev had bounced back from repeated conservative challenges in the past....

Jeremy Azreal, a senior analyst and Soviet specialist at the Rand Corp. said there were increasingly public signs of dissatisfaction in recent weeks by conservatives, who feared the signing of the new union treaty would further erode their powers.

"Analysts in Washington were getting these messages and discounting them," he added. For some, he said, "there was such a strong desire that Gorbachev succeed..." that his vulnerability to a coup was not detected. (David Hoffman, Washington Post, A20)

Soviet Military Leaders Signalled Coup Last Month: Analysts

LONDON -- Hard-liners in the Soviet military signaled their intention to move against President Gorbachev last month, according to Jane's Intelligence Review.

Henry Dodds, editor of the magazine, said in a statement Monday that 12 senior military and Interior Ministry leaders in the Soviet Union foreshadowed Monday's ouster of Gorbachev in an article published July 23. The article, in the hard-line newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya, said.... "We are convinced that the troops of the army and navy...will not allow a fratricidal war or the destruction of the Fatherland, that they will step forth as the dependable guarantors of security and as the bulwark of all the healthy forces in society," the authors wrote.

The authors included the commander of Soviet ground forces, General Varennikov, and the deputy interior minister, Colonel General Gromov. (AP)

Some In GOP Saw It Coming

...Sen. Wallop said the ouster of President Gorbachev by "a rogue element" in the Kremlin showed that the Bush Administration had failed to see the warning signs of the coup.

"We've been putting our heads in the sand," said Wallop.

"We should not be surprised."... Sen. Helms said U.S. policy failed because of a lack of support for democratic leaders in the Soviet republics. (Bill Gertz, Washington Times, B1)

Senate Intelligence Chairman Defends U.S. Intelligence On Soviet Coup

...Sen. Boren said the U.S. should be willing to use military force to build a "firewall" between the Soviet Union and its former satellites to protect emerging democracies in such countries as Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

(Arnold Hamilton, Dallas Morning News)

**DIMINISHED COOPERATION IN A CHANGED WORLD
Despite Heightened Political Tensions,
Return To Cold War Is Seen As Unlikely**

...Politically, the coup in Moscow appears to have diminished the imposing advantage President Bush had enjoyed because of foreign policy successes in his first 2.5 years....

While several of the coup leaders are known to have been hostile to Gorbachev's concessions to the U.S. and the West, according to former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union Arthur Hartman, "they don't want to get into anything that is either going to be expensive or unpopular at home." Moscow can be expected to try new efforts that are "either cheap or covert," he added....

Condoleezza Rice of Stanford University, former Bush Administration NSC official, the new leaders "have their hands full" at home and probably will not bring about a major reversal of Soviet foreign policy in the next 18 months or so, even if they are able to remain firmly in power.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1)

DEMOCRATS CONSIDER A NEW BATTLE CRY: 'WHO LOST GORBACHEV?'

The coup that ousted President Gorbachev sidetracked a Democratic offensive against President Bush on domestic issues and shifted the ground of the nation's debate back to foreign policy, the bedrock of Bush's political strength.

But some leading Democrats said Monday that Gorbachev's fall also created the first real opening for challenging Bush's competence abroad. They argued that the crisis could raise the question "Who Lost Gorbachev?" as a political battle cry.

Republicans scoffed at the criticism, dismissing the idea that Bush was ever in a position to save Gorbachev....

Sen. Boren urged Bush to "freeze all economic aid and credit to the Soviet Union until the situation is clarified."...

"I'm not saying George Bush is to blame -- the forces of the right in the Soviet Union are to blame. I am saying that we in the rest of the world could have and should have done more," Rep. Gephardt said.

Rep. Torricelli said "the 1992 presidential election just took a dramatic change."...

"George Bush prides himself on his personal caution, but his hesitancy to seize the opportunity Gorbachev presented could have a profound political impact for the U.S.," Torricelli said....

Sen. Chafee said Bush could take pride in what was accomplished in the years of Gorbachev's ascendancy.

Sen. Warner said that "we should stand firmly with President Bush, not try to politicize or speculate on this tragic situation."...

Governor Ashcroft said even Bush's strongest critics "have to concede that he has been the most capable political figure of my lifetime in assembling coalitions to promote international stability."...

Sen. Dole said the crisis proved his long-held view that "we can't afford to put all our eggs in Gorbachev's basket."

While arguing that the coup would raise new questions about Bush, DNC chairman Brown said: "I'm not sure the American people see this as a time of crisis.... Certainly it isn't some kind of wartime footing or something."

(E.J. Dionne & Eric Pianin, Washington Post, A10)

HAMMER, SICKLE MAUL DEMOCRATS' '92 TACTICS

Democrats, just beginning to think they might seriously challenge President Bush next year, awoke Monday to find events conspiring to make their task even more difficult.

The coup in the Soviet Union seems certain to once again propel national defense -- Bush's strong suit and a traditional Democratic weakness with voters -- to the fore, both Democrats and Republicans agreed....

A recent national poll taken jointly by the Democratic firm Greenberg-Lake and the GOP firm Tarrance and Associates asked voters whom they trusted more to maintain a strong national defense. Voters picked Republicans over Democrats by a margin of 64 percent to 15 percent and Bush over congressional Democrats by 70 percent to 13 percent. (Peter Brown, Washington Times, A3)

WILL COUP DERAIL U.S., SOVIET TROOP CUTS IN EUROPE?

U.S. defense officials and military analysts say it is impossible to predict whether the overthrow of President Gorbachev will derail the removal of Soviet and U.S. troops from Europe.

"It's premature to forecast anything, but I think the cuts will continue if the new Soviet leaders don't push changes in treaties and if the coup remains bloodless," former Defense Secretary Harold Brown told Reuters. (Charles Aldinger, Reuter)

**ARMS FACTS, PENTAGON CUTBACKS LIKELY TO RECEIVE CLOSER SCRUTINY
Plans To Downsize Military Expected To Remain Largely Intact**

The hard-liners' coup in Moscow has injected a note of uncertainty into two major arms control agreements and a scheduled program of deep cuts in the U.S. military, according to some Pentagon officials and independent analysts, but there were few forces Monday calling for major change on either front....

Monday's coup is seen as providing Secretary Cheney a political shield against cuts that go further than he seeks. Among the main beneficiaries, according to several senators and representatives, will likely be nuclear weapons programs such as the B-2, SDI and the MX....

Rep. Kyl said the coup was a strong argument to "reverse the decline in our spending" on defense.

Donald Latham, a former assistant secretary of defense, said the new psychology in the Kremlin might represent the most significant threat to U.S. interests. "Their perception was that Gorbachev had humiliated them," he said. "What worries me is that they are now going to try and demonstrate that their country is still a superpower. I take this development very, very seriously."

(Barton Gellman & Steven Pearlstein, Washington Post, A11)

**NUCLEAR ARSENAL AS SAFE AS EVER, EXPERTS SAY
Command, Control Structure Still In Place**

Monday's coup focused new attention on the question of who controls the Soviet Union's vast nuclear....

Arms experts said Monday there has been no evidence of a breakdown in the military's "command-and-control" structure governing the use and disposition of Soviet nuclear weapons.

(John Lancaster, Washington Post, A11)

IRAQ WELCOMES OUSTER; ISRAEL CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET JEWS

AMMAN -- Iraq, along with many Palestinians, welcomed the ouster of President Gorbachev Monday, with Baghdad Radio saying it could restore "the correct international balance." But other Arabs, and Israel, expressed fears that the overthrow could jeopardize the planned Middle East peace conference.

Israeli officials also said they were concerned that the change in Moscow could close the gates through which nearly 300,000 Soviet Jews have been allowed to leave for Israel over the past two years....

Iraq said it "will positively respond to every initiative of friendship from the Soviet Union in its new age."

Jordan's Information Minister Karaky said his government was watching developments in Moscow "with concern." Another Jordanian official predicted that the peace conference is now "dead" because "the new Soviet leadership will not agree to go on the same terms as before."...

"I'm concerned, I'm really concerned," Palestinian academic Assad Abdul Rahman said, "because it's a major change. This is what worries me. I'm afraid that instead of focusing on the peace conference, the U.S. will be attending to the new changes in the Soviet Union."

Still, Abdul Rahman said, the overwhelming response of his Palestinian and Jordanian friends has been to welcome removal of Gorbachev. Many Palestinians say he abandoned their struggle for political rights and many of Israel's Arab adversaries fault him for allowing an emigration of Soviet Jews who can populate Israeli-occupied Arab territories. (Caryle Murphy, Washington Post, A12)

CUTOFF OF SOVIET OIL COULD HURT U.S.

The coup in the Soviet Union could have a significant impact on the economies of the U.S. and the rest of the industrial world if strikes or sabotage disrupt Soviet exports of oil and natural gas, economic analysts said Monday.

But except for that scenario, the political upheaval is not expected to have much impact on the U.S. economy, the analysts said.

(John Berry, Washington Post, C1)

Soviet Oil Leader Says No Strikes In Tyumen Oil Field

MOSCOW -- Oil workers in the Soviet Union's giant Tyumen field, one of the country's main sources of foreign income, will ignore a strike call over the removal of President Gorbachev, a trade union leader said Tuesday.

Nikolai Trifonov said, "We back him [President Yeltsin] up to the point of a strike. If oil workers struck, the economy would be destabilized. We would hasten the country to confrontation and consequently to civil war."

(Reuters)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "Removal Of Soviet Leader Leaves Markets Uncertain About Future," by Stan Hinden, appears in The Washington Post, page C1.

3 YUGOSLAV REPUBLICS FEAR CRACKDOWN

Leaders Say Moscow Coup Could Be Pretext For Federal Army Move

SARAJEVO -- Three breakaway Yugoslav republics warned Monday that the overthrow of President Gorbachev may give Marxist leaders in Serbia and in the federal Yugoslav army a pretext for a move against their elected governments. Croatia and Slovenia joined the republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina in voicing fears of a similar crackdown....

The most alarmed statement came from the republic of Croatia, which is fighting and losing a territorial war to ethnic Serb guerrillas supported by Serbia and the Serb-dominated federal army.

"There is real danger that in coordination with conservative Communist circles in the Soviet Union, a similar (coup) might be tried in Yugoslavia," Croatia's Supreme Council said.

(Blaine Harden, Washington Post, A8)

POLL: 63% SEE COLD WAR REVIVAL

Kremlin hard-liners took a sledgehammer to hopes for world peace when they ousted President Gorbachev, say 86% in a USA Today poll Monday night.

And 63% predict the coup will rekindle the Cold War, while 86% foresee a Soviet civil war. (Sharen Johnson, USA Today, 1A)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "U.S. Stations Try To Fill In Blanks For Soviet Listeners," by John Goshko, appears in The Washington Post, A20.

SOVIET CRISIS CASTS PALL OVER U.S. RECOVERY AND GLOBAL ECONOMY

The hard-liner Putsch in the Soviet Union could prove a painful setback to the U.S. economic recovery and to the growth of the global economy....

Amid signs that the U.S. recovery was already faltering, the news from the Soviet Union raised fears of a slide back into recession. "It's a shock to the system at a time when the system is already under considerable strain," says George Soros, an investment fundmanager with ties to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. (Alan Murray, Wall Street Journal, A1)

Stock Prices Drop In Global Selloff; Dollar, Bonds Up

The world's financial markets reacted quickly and sharply Monday to the ouster of President Gorbachev, with stock markets around the world falling as much as 9 percent. The American dollar soared 3 percent against some currencies as the uncertainty sent investors looking for a safe harbor.

(Jonathan Fuerbringer, New York Times, D1)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Markets Withstand Soviet Crisis," by Gary Strauss, appears in USA Today, page 1B.

NATIONAL NEWS

JOBLESS BENEFITS PETITION

Democratic governors attending the NGA meeting in Seattle adopted a resolution Monday calling on President Bush to drop his opposition to an extension of unemployment benefits.

"Just as President Bush had the wisdom to help those in need in Israel, Turkey and Iraq, he should move immediately to help victims of this year-long recession in America," said the resolution adopted by the Democratic Governors' Association.

("Short Takes," Washington Post, A13)

FIXING HEALTH CARE TURNS PARTISAN AMONG GOVERNORS

SEATTLE -- Regarding extending unemployment benefits, a statement issued by the Democratic Governors' Association said: "We cannot understand the Administration's refusal to recognize that 8.5 million Americans out of work is a tragedy."...

Governor Chiles spearheaded the effort to shorten the deadline for action on health care.

"We have to act now and yet elected officials continue to ignore the problem," said Chiles. He insisted that it was not a partisan issue but one of "insiders versus outsiders."

(Donald Rothberg, AP)

HURRICANE BOB CLEARS OUT AFTER SOCKING NEW ENGLAND

BOSTON -- The remnants of Hurricane Bob swept eastern Canada Tuesday after the storm tossed boats around and tore off roofs in a race up the Eastern Seaboard. At least four deaths were blamed on the hurricane.

(Robert Trott, AP)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Medicare Cost Curbs: Fit For Universal Duty?," by Spencer Rich, appears in The Washington Post, A13.

NETWORK NEWS

(Monday evening, August 19)

SOVIET COUP

CBS's Dan Rather: An especially long, dark night in New England and inside the Soviet Union. In Moscow, 10 tanks from an elite Soviet division have rumbled through ramshackle barricades to the Russian parliament. They are trying to bolster Boris Yeltsin's resistance to the coup which overthrew President Gorbachev. Coup leaders are trying to consolidate power throughout the vast country in hopes of having a new totalitarian center that will hold.

CBS's Jonathan Sanders reports from Moscow on the coup. Some tried to stop what to them was an outrageous violation of the Soviet Union's fragile democracy.

(TV Coverage: Man lying under tank's path; people trying to hold tank back; man rolling out of the way at the last moment.)

Rumors of a move against Gorbachev have circulated for months, but they did not prepare the people for today's reality. Gennadi Yanayev explained that Gorbachev was resting in a clinic near his vacation home. Boris Yeltsin climbed onto a tank outside his office building to denounce what he called a reactionary coup.

(TV Coverage: Yeltsin speaking from tank)

He declared the hardliners' decrees were illegal, and called for a general strike. Muscovites began building barricades around the Russian government building and took to the streets to try to stop the army from taking over Moscow's center. But the government had its supporters, too. The situation in the capital was far from clear by the end of the day, and as night fell a group of tanks appeared at the Russian parliament to support Yeltsin's call to defend democracy. The official Soviet news media are reporting that the heartland is calm, but reports from the Baltics say the Soviet armed forces are on the move, and leaders there report they are besieged.

Sanders discusses the day's events with Rather. Sanders says that the proximity of the signing of the Union Treaty is what pushed people to act. Sanders has highly reliable reports that before the coup occurred, Prime Minister Pavlov and another hard-liner flew to Gorbachev's dacha and demanded that he resign. When Gorbachev refused, Pavlov told him, You are going to be sick for a very long time.

(CBS-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: We still don't know the whereabouts or the condition of Mikhail Gorbachev tonight, but we do know that the Soviet Union is in chaos, as there is spreading resistance to the coup by Communist Party conservatives and military leaders. State Department sources are now saying that some fighting has broken out in Latvia, and Soviet troops are moving into other republics as well. Gorbachev is reported to be under house arrest at his Crimean vacation home, although that has not been confirmed. Tanks roll through the streets of Moscow as the coup leaders threaten to use whatever force necessary to maintain their power. But some strikes are under way after an impassioned speech by Boris Yeltsin.

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NBC's Jim Maceda reports on the coup. A curfew is now in effect in the streets of Moscow, but it has had no effect on protesters holding vigil by the thousands. The army has cracked down in the Baltics, and most expect a similar crackdown in Moscow. The emergency committee banned all opposition press and demonstrations, strikes and reform movements. There were reports that reformers were being arrested by the KGB. There is already a growing split between pro-Yanayev and pro-Yeltsin factions within the military, and it could spark off real violence. (NBC-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: We begin, of course, with the shock that was not a complete surprise. The coup in the Soviet Union has been on the minds of many Soviets for many weeks. There's a lot we know tonight, and still a lot we do not know. It is widely believed that the head of the KGB, the defense minister, the minister of the interior, the prime minister, plus President Gorbachev's own vice president have been planning the coup for weeks, if not months. The Gang of Five, they will surely be called by many Soviets. Tonight, even though they have moved to snuff out centers of democracy in various parts of the country, including radio and television stations in the Baltic republics, they are still not in complete control. Boris Yeltsin defies them, and he has at least a small segment of the military with him. There's been no word from Gorbachev; even his specific whereabouts are not known.

ABC's Jim Laurie reports on the coup.

(Gennady Yanayev: "I should say that Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev is now on vacation. He is undergoing treatment in the south of the country. He has been very tired. He needs more time to feel better, and I hope he will take office again.")

(Yeltsin: "They won't let us contact the president at his dacha in the Crimea. I spoke to him on Friday by telephone at his dacha. He was well, in good spirits, resting and working on the upcoming union treaty.")

There is a report that one person -- the only fatality, so far -- has been killed by Soviet troops in Riga. (ABC-Lead)

COUP/PRESIDENT

CBS's Wyatt Andrews: The President has just concluded a rather lengthy meeting with his top national security advisers, and has just issued a statement that can be characterized as a bit more harder on the new Soviet government, and a lot more supportive of Boris Yeltsin. Let me refer to it: The United States is now calling for the restoration of the legally elected position of Gorbachev -- that is, the USSR president. In a statement that artfully is worded so as not to demand the restoration of Gorbachev personally, the U.S., according to the President, now opposes the use of force against the Baltics, including the elected officials; read, Boris Yeltsin. Finally, the President is saying that he is now determined to avoid any actions "that might lend legitimacy to this coup." The President's initial response this morning was muted, based on the hope the coup would fail. He avoided outright condemnation of the coup. But when asked if he supported Yeltsin's call for civil defiance, he signaled yes.

(President Bush, at Kennebunkport: "And I think what he's doing is simply expressing the will of the people there to have these reforms and have democracy. I hope the people heed his call.")

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Andrews continues: The President immediately said economic cooperation with the new Soviet government will go on standoff.

(President Bush: "If we're going to set back democracy, set back reform, obviously not only the United States but Europe will put things on hold as well.")

The Soviet ambassador made the rounds today, selling the story: Not to worry -- reform will continue. But that earned no takers.

(National Security Adviser Scowcroft, on Air Force One: "They're all very conservative -- all of them. So there aren't many doubts what the character of this action is.")

But if no one is fooled the question then is: Why isn't the President being much tougher? Shouldn't he, at a minimum, warn the new government to leave Yeltsin alone?

(Rep. Gingrich: "Any actions involving repression and killing of the people who favor democracy would run the risk of turning the Soviet Union into a pariah state.")

The President's key limitation tonight is that he knows best what he wants to avoid -- specifically, any suggestion of a military confrontation or any rhetoric that might trigger a civil war.

Rather: Underscoring that President Bush is calling for Gorbachev's return to power, and he does not recognize the coup as the legitimate government. (CBS-2)

NBC's John Cochran:

(TV Coverage: President running up Air Force One steps in rain) President Bush escaped one storm, Hurricane Bob, when he returned to Washington for briefings on the political storm in Moscow. Neither Bush nor National Security Adviser Scowcroft could see any good news in any of this, and the new regime's promise to continue reforms was not convincing.

(Scowcroft, on Air Force One: "Yanayev tried in his statement to appear moderate, to say it's not a reversal. But it is clearly an extraconstitutional -- extraconstitutional act, and can only be, I think, for the purpose of setting back the reforms.")

(TV Coverage: President Bush walking with Gorbachev on July 30) By the time he met Gorbachev last month, Bush had long since overcome his initial skepticism about his commitment to reform.

(President Bush, at Kennebunkport: "He represented enormous, productive and fantastic change. And I think throwing him out in this manner is counterproductive, totally.")

Bush stopped short of calling on the Soviet people to overthrow the overthrowers. But he seemed to hope they would protest peacefully.

(President Bush: "I'm inclined to believe that when people understand freedom and taste freedom and see democracy in action, that they're not going to want to change.")

Back at the White House, the President began deciding whether to apply pressure by cutting off economic cooperation to the new regime. All such cooperation is already on hold while Bush decides. Meanwhile, the Soviet ambassador was assuring U.S. officials that his new Kremlin bosses want to cooperate. By this time, members of Congress were getting briefed and concerned.

(Rep. Gingrich: "I think everybody over there who favors democracy is in personal danger.")

President Bush will probably return to Kennebunkport tomorrow, after the swearing-in of his new ambassador to Moscow, Robert Strauss -- who now takes on a job even more challenging than the one he signed on for. (NBC-2)

ABC's Brit Hume:

(TV Coverage: President running up Air Force One steps in rain) The President bounded up the steps of Air Force One in the driving rain of Hurricane Bob, making an unexpected return to Washington to deal with the even more unexpected developments in Moscow. As he had told reporters earlier at his vacation compound, however, it was a turn of events he and his advisers had long feared.

(President Bush: "One of the reasons that we have conducted our policy the way we have is to encourage reform and democracy, and I've said over and over again that we did not want to see a coup backed by the KGB and the military, and apparently that is what is underway.")

The President, who knows the new Soviet leader Yanayev -- indeed, was greeted by him at the Moscow airport three weeks ago -- held out some hope the events of last night might yet not prove disastrous.

(TV Coverage: President Bush with Yanayev on airport tarmac)

(President Bush: "I think it's also important to know that coups can fail. They can take over at first, and then they run up against the will of the people. So it's too early to say, but let's hope that Yanayev, when he made his statement, was speaking from conviction -- his statement being that this will not mean setting back, as I understand it, setting back reform and commitment to go forward.")

The President said there isn't much the U.S. can do; but he was in the process of contacting the leaders of all seven major industrial nations, who only last month received Gorbachev at their economic summit. Bush suggested the help announced there for the Soviet economy, for now, is off.

(President Bush: "There's a lot at stake in all of this, and certainly, I wouldn't go forward with aid or assistance when you have this kind of extraconstitutional action taken by a handful of people backed up by the military there.")

Later, aboard Air Force One, National Security Adviser Scowcroft emphasized this is not an international military emergency but an internal Soviet problem.

(Scowcroft: "It's not up to the United States. The Soviet Union is gonna have to work it out for itself.")

Scowcroft was asked about criticism already being heard that the Administration was caught off guard last night. He replied, somewhat acidly, that Gorbachev was too. Yes, came the answer, but they, the coup-plotters, wouldn't tell him. Well, said Scowcroft, even more acidly, presumably they wouldn't tell us either.

Bush put out a written statement this afternoon in which some of the language is a bit firmer than what we had heard from him earlier: he speaks of condemning the unconstitutional resort to force; he calls it a misguided and illegitimate effort; he supports Boris Yeltsin's specific call for the restoration of democracy, the elected organs of power, as they are called; and for the restoration of the office of Gorbachev. He sets forth a series of principles which he said will guide his policy. A couple of them are of note: No action that might tend to give legitimacy to the coup, and no economic assistance so long as this persists. (ABC-4)

ABC's David Ensor reports that although one senator called it the longest pending predicted coup in modern history, Bush Administration officials say they were surprised and that the takeover was a spur-of-the-moment effort.

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Ensor's report continues:

(National Security Adviser Scowcroft: "In ordinary coups, the tanks move about the time an announcement is made. The tanks didn't move for a number of hours afterwards, which indicates that they had not completed their preparations before they did it.") Critics today charged the Administration has consistently underrated the danger to Mikhail Gorbachev, and tailored U.S. policy too much to his survival.

(Prof. Peter Reddaway, George Washington University: "Mr. Bush has always put too much faith in personal diplomacy, personal relations with Gorbachev, which puts a sort of blinder on him.")

In Kiev three weeks ago, critics charge Bush missed a chance to warn hard-liners.

(President Bush, August 1: "We will not meddle in your internal affairs.")

Some analysts say that in London in July, the West should have helped Gorbachev to hold off a coup by promising massive aid. Others say there's not much the West could have done.

(Jeremy Azrael, Rand Corp.: "The culprit here is really President Gorbachev, not at all President Bush, because President Gorbachev, I think, could have fired these people.")

And if U.S. actions could not have prevented the coup, officials at the State Department concede they may also have little or no leverage with which to influence what happens next. (ABC-17)

COUP/STATE DEPT.

Rather: The State Department has just advised Americans not to travel to the Soviet Union, for at least the time being.

(CBS-12, NBC-4, ABC-6)

COUP/PENTAGON

CBS's Jim Stewart reports on how the U.S. military and intelligence sources see the coup. The Pentagon is tracking two things: First, who is maintaining control over the long-range strategic weapons; and secondly, who has the loyalty of the Red Army. Pentagon officials say there is no sign of any heightened alert by Soviet strategic nuclear forces. Western experts believe they are still under strict control, and could only be launched with the consent of two or more members of the ruling council. The Red Army is another question.

(State Department spokesman Boucher: "Our information is still very limited for outlying areas, but at this point we have no reports of a large-scale use of troops and tanks outside of Moscow.")

The troops inside Moscow are from the hard-core Interior Ministry. CBS News has learned that Defense Minister Yazov, who supports the takeover, was in the Crimea where Gorbachev was vacationing when the takeover occurred. Meanwhile, Chief of the Soviet General Staff Moiseyev was on vacation and out of Moscow at the time of the coup. How much did U.S. intelligence know? Tea-leaf readers at the Pentagon are now saying the signs were there, and no one is acting surprised. But did they know it would take place or when? The answer appears to be no; they were just as surprised as Gorbachev. (CBS-3)

NBC's Fred Francis reports that the view at the Pentagon is that the rank-and-file Soviet soldiers will ultimately decide whether the coup will succeed or whether there might be civil war. By every indication, the leadership of the Red Army supports the hard-liners. But many of the junior officers, while they did not support Gorbachev, voted for Boris Yeltsin in large numbers. And the junior officers control the men of the army. Soviet specialists at the Pentagon say the young conscripts will not be loyal to the hard-liners if they are ordered to turn their guns on the Russian people. According to experts, only about 100,000 KGB soldiers will fire on civilian demonstrators -- not enough KGB firepower to keep the coup leaders in the Kremlin. But one Pentagon official said, "Here is a chaotic nation with no food, unstable leadership, an army whose loyalty is in doubt, with winter just around the corner." (NBC-3)

ABC's Bob Zelnick reports that even though Secretary Cheney predicted two years ago that diehard communists would eventually get rid of Gorbachev, U.S. intelligence discounted warnings of a coup -- in fact, Administration sources say just last Friday U.S. intelligence reported Gorbachev was in no immediate danger. Now that a coup is underway, Pentagon sources say its leaders will have to rely on elite units from the army, KGB and internal police. They say the regular army is in such disarray over political and ethnic differences that many draftees and young officers will be reluctant to fight. Pentagon sources say nationalist groups could pose severe problems for the central government, and Administration sources say that in a full-scale civil war, some battlefield nuclear weapons could be captured. If the coup succeeds, Pentagon sources expect the new government to abide by agreements reducing nuclear arms and withdrawing forces from Europe. Few in the Pentagon expect a return to Soviet foreign adventurism. (ABC-14)

COUP/EUROPE

Rather reports NATO met to assess the crisis. The commander of 270,000 Soviet troops still in Germany said their pullout will continue as scheduled. Meanwhile, former Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe called emergency cabinet meetings, and Czechoslovakia tightened security along its border with the Soviet Union. (CBS-7)

Jennings reports that President Havel says there is no immediate danger threatening Czechoslovakia, and in Poland there is no public indication of alarm from Lech Walesa. (ABC-7)

NBC's Arthur Kent reports from London on the reaction to the coup. (Margaret Thatcher: "This is an old-fashioned-style attempt at a coup, belonging to a Stalin and Brezhnev era, to keep people down by tanks and the army and the KGB.") (Prime Minister Major: "We will expect the Soviet Union to respect and honor all those commitments that President Gorbachev has made on its behalf.") Foreign Secretary Hurd got such a promise from the Soviet ambassador, but clearly didn't believe it. (Foreign Minister Hurd: "It is very hard to imagine what credibility that can be given to these assurances about continued reform when the actual action on the streets is as described.")

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Kent continues: Hurd suspended British aid for Soviet reform, and will recommend the same to other European foreign ministers in an emergency meeting tomorrow. Chancellor Kohl asked for and got a guarantee of Gorbachev's personal safety. President Mitterrand has suggested an emergency meeting of heads of state to debate the takeover. (NBC-5, ABC-15)

COUP/ISRAEL

CBS's Bob Simon reports on the effect the coup may have on the Mideast hostage issue. The most common crystal-ball view in Tel Aviv is that everything gets put on hold -- the peace conference, the hostage releases, everything. But Baghdad Radio welcomed the ouster, and Palestine Radio said the USSR would no longer be a silent witness to U.S. domination of the region. President Assad met King Hussein today to discuss the peace conference scheduled for October, and observers thought Syria would want to delay now to try to get a better starting position from a harder-line Soviet regime. Israel's prime concern tonight is, however, whether Moscow will permit the exodus of Soviet emigrants. (CBS-5, ABC-8)

COUP/STOCK MARKETS

Rather reports that oil and gold prices surged and stocks tumbled. The Dow Jones closed down nearly 70 points. (CBS-6, NBC-6, ABC-16)

COUP/COMMENTARY

Jennings discusses the coup with Harvard's Prof. Robert Legvold. Legvold says the whole question of surprise by Western intelligence sources is a bit misplaced; in fact, anyone who is following developments closely in the Soviet Union had every reason to believe that the likelihood of this kind of thing was diminishing. The chance for the conservatives had really been two or three months ago. This was their last moment, and that's one of the reasons why they may have moved now. (ABC-5)

Jennings discusses the coup with Stanford's Prof. Condoleezza Rice. Rice says it's not clear how much authority Gen. Yazov can really command. He can command the generals and probably the upper officer corps ranks, but perhaps not then lower ranks if he asks them to fire on the people. The coup is a combination of KGB, Interior Ministry, Party apparatchik and military elements -- all the hard-line and coercive elements acting together. But it's not clear if this or any other group can put the genie back into the bottle, even in Moscow and Leningrad, let alone in the far-flung republics, some of which are in open revolt. (ABC-18)

HURRICANE BOB

ABC's John McKenzie reports on Hurricane Bob hitting New England. (CBS-4, NBC-8, ABC-10)

ABORTION/WICHITA

Jennings reports Operation Rescue has begun another week of demonstrations in an effort to shut down two Wichita abortion clinics. There were about 100 arrests today for blocking access to the clinics. (ABC-11)

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man on the scene, some Dems
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-- Bob Squier says Bush
presidency is in jeopardy.

-- Rep. Torricelli says
'92 question will be "Who
Lost Gorbachev?"

-- Doak (paraphrased):
If Bush is so good, why is
Gorbachev gone and Saddam
still there?

BUT:

-- GOP's DiVall says it
"begs the question" of Dem
foreign policy experience.

-- GOP's Black doesn't
see "millions ... wanting
Bill Clinton and Tom Harkin
to manage this crisis."

-- Dem Lunde says three
possible Dems will stop
thinking of it.

-- Cuomo's Johnson: "How
lucky can this guy get?"
(See notable quotables #6)

===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"If this were October 1992,
Bush would go up almost as much as Gorbachev went down."
-- Dem strategist Ann Lewis, WALL STREET JOURNAL 8/20, #6.

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ESPRIT DECOR: The S.F.-based clothing company, Esprit, has begun an ad campaign asking customers "What would you do?" The first print ad answers: "Keep a woman's right to choose, unless George Bush is free to baby-sit." (MIAMI HERALD, 8/19).

*1 CUOMO: A FIRM NO, WITH A "SLIGHT CAVEAT" ON THE SIDE
 Germond & Witcover report Cuomo "says he will not be a candidate -- but again with a slight caveat." Cuomo: "This situation makes me uncomfortable. What do I have to say? ... All right, I'm not going to run. Now I've put it to rest." Germond & Witcover add, "Having said that, however, Cuomo said he will be asked, 'Is it possible you could change your mind?' And he answered his own question: 'Everything's possible.'" Cuomo "insisted, at the same time, that this caveat should not be taken as an evasion, and that he means it when he says he has no plans to run. He emphasized that he has made no effort to line up a new organization or to raise campaign funds, and said the absence of such activity should underscore that he is not going to run. ... He says he wants to lay it to rest once and for all -- but with that 'everything's possible' caveat that is likely to keep the door open just a crack to many of those who hear it" (Balto. EVENING SUN, 8/19).

*2 HARKIN: SHOW OF "INDEPENDENCE"

In an L.A. TIMES profile, Robert Shogan writes, "Given his message and the ideological cast of the probable [Dem] field, Harkin's candidacy would have a considerable advantage." Unless Cuomo or Jackson run, "Harkin seems likely to have a better chance than any of his rivals to gain the allegiance of the liberal cadre, a force that, when it is united, can come close to dominating the [Dem] Party nominating process. ... But some [Dems] fear that by telling union leaders and others what they want to hear, Harkin may be positioning himself too far to the left to win back the mainstream voters [Dems] need to regain the White House." On a trip to MN, Harkin was criticized by a gay-rights activist. "Pressed ... because he would not agree to co-sponsor an anti-discrimination measure for gays, though he was willing to vote for the bill, Harkin snapped: 'That's not the way I'm going to run my campaign. If you won't support me just because I won't put my name on a bill that doesn't have a snowball's chance in hell of passing, so be it.'" MN DFL chair Todd Otis: "Some people thought he reacted too heavily." But notes Shogan, "given the standard indictment of the [Dems] as a party too willing to make concessions to special interest groups, Harkin's show of temper might be taken as a welcome sign of mental toughness and political independence" (8/19).

LOOKING AHEAD: DES MOINES REGISTER's David Yepsen writes, "The betting among some Iowa politicians" is that Harkin will run and lose in '92, but run again in '96. That would open Harkin's Senate seat in '96, "prompting" Rep. Fred Grandy (R-06) "to position himself for it. ... After a race for president, Harkin might be forced to hang up his Senate career. Senators who run for president often have trouble in their next re-election back home. Voters see them differently and not all of them like what they see. Freed of any re-election considerations, Harkin could devote the next four years to the sort of concentrated effort required of a serious contender" (8/19).

*3 GORE: SPECULATION RISING TO MARIO-ESQUE PROPORTIONS

Evans & Novak report that before Rockefeller "publicly bowed out of the race ... he telephoned word to his good friend, Sen. Al Gore. But Gore gave no hint whether that would influence his

own decision about getting into the race. Not even Gore's closest political associates know what [he] will decide. They are unsure themselves, feeling that this might be the year for Gore to win the nomination against a weak [Dem] field but worried about him becoming a two-time loser so early in his career. Gore's advisers also fear a nightmare scenario under which he would announce and then be blown out of the water by ... Cuomo as a late-blooming candidate" (BOSTON HERALD, 8/18). N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE's Edgar Poe writes, "Certainly I have no inside information on what Al Gore's decision will be. However, I am guessing he will decide against trying to obtain the nomination for the upcoming election. This is in the face of a prediction by a next-door suburban [VA] neighbor who flatly predicts he will jump in with both feet. This retired well-to-do neighbor was a financial contributor" for Gore in '88 (8/17).

*4 DEM ROUND-UP

BENTSEN: While he "has shown a bit of interest in heading next year's ticket, he refuses to submit himself to the ordeal of the primaries. If the party wants him to run, it will have to hand him the nomination" (Martin Smith, SACRAMENTO BEE, 8/18).

BRADLEY: NEW REPUBLIC's Morton Kondracke profiles his resurgence under headline, "Senator Lazarus": "Both old and new staffers say there's no 'new Bradley,' but his two civil rights speeches on July 10 and 16 clearly are an outgrowth of the introspection that followed the ['90] election. ... But Bradley is not going to run, aides say, because he still does not think he is 'ready.' One aide says Bradley thinks 'there is no point in seeking the presidency unless you know how to get it and what you want to do with it, and there is no point in getting it unless conditions in the country will allow you to do what you want to get done.' It's a line worthy of the old Bradley, not the new one" (9/2 issue).

BROWN: Columnist Joe Scott examines Jerry Brown's "unorthodox, hydra-headed, exploratory campaign ... A 'fine line' maneuver under federal law, Brown continues to nimbly pursue a dual-track strategy. But not for much longer. By early winter, he must decide whether to stake a bid for electoral resurrection on a run for the White House or Capitol Hill. If Brown is really running for the Senate, some argue, why give a well-received speech to a [FL] state convention of Young Democrats last weekend? Brown supporters argue that he's not surrendering any options by moving around because there's a thirst for a reformist with a national voice." Brown has said he would limit individual donations to \$100, but his "national advisers" say "he can get more bang for the buck by running for president -- bumping contributions up to a max of \$250." Scott notes the one-for-one federal matching funds for presidential donations: "That's the rationale for the persistent conventional wisdom that Brown will abandon his Senate bid, and opt for the White House" (SACRAMENTO UNION, 8/17). Under header, "Is America Ready for Jerry Brown's Outsider Message?" Charles Cook writes, "Sometimes, it's hard to tell if a person is a visionary or an eccentric. [Brown] is such a person." Cook cites Brown's recent populist radio addresses and reports on voter disillusion by the Kettering Foundation, adding, "while few Americans would disagree with much of what Brown has said, his problem is that while he may have identified some themes that could strike a responsive chord with the electorate, he may be a flawed communicator of that message. Do too many Americans, or Californians for that matter, have a hard-

fast, negative impression of Brown that is not subject to change? Do they remember who he is at all? Whether Brown can capitalize on these themes is unclear but this is precisely the kind of message that could sell and drive more conventional politicians nuts next year. It is a message that transcends party and ideology -- the most difficult to craft and most powerful when designed and delivered well. Watch for the 'Outsider' message. It can be a potent force" (ROLL CALL, 8/19).

CLINTON: If he "isn't already a candidate, he was beginning to sound like one as he held the political spotlight" at the NGA meeting (Thomas Hardy, CHICAGO TRIBUNE). "Presumably, the loose ends -- a campaign staff, financing, and arranging for the management of day-to-day affairs in [AR] ... will be tied up by late [9/91], and he will formally announce his plans then." He has "used his turn at the helm" of the DLC to "establish himself as a centrist and set himself apart from the party liberalism espoused by Dukakis and Harkin" (8/19). N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE editorial headline: "Bill who?" The paper says, "Bill Clinton? That cheeky, 44-year old tenderfoot blowhard with zero experience in foreign affairs and no political base (Arkansas has only six Electoral College votes)? ... Very long shot that he undeniably is against President Bush, Mr. Clinton would be anything but a long shot to attain the [Dem] nomination. ... To the qualities of brightness and daring, the underdog can add telegenic and articulateness, essential assets in the age of TV politics. This, of course, assumes he has learned, over the last three years, not to run on too long" (8/17).

DIXON? State Sen. Pres. Phil Rock (D) asked Sen. Alan Dixon (D-IL) "to stand as a favorite-son candidate so that [IL Dems] could run as delegates committed to him." Dixon "said no. But the problem remains for Dems. They have to be committed to someone -- anyone -- by December's filing time" (O'Malley & Collin, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 8/19).

JACKSON: CHICAGO TRIBUNE's George Curry notes his planned lawsuit "calling for equal statewide education" in CT: "Some African-American leaders," including Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), "say such a shift in strategy by civil rights leaders would divert attention from underlying racial issues" (8/19). He will hold a DC press conference today at 11:00 to "announce an upcoming summit to be held in the [DC] metropolitan area to address" job concerns, Bush's veto of the DC budget, statehood, education, health care, and crime (Rainbow release, 8/19).

TSONGAS: Reaction to the Soviet coup: "As these critical events unfold ... the United States must make clear this will not be casually accepted. ... I support President Bush's statements to the renegade right wing that the evolving forces of democracy will not be deterred." In his platform pamphlet, "A Call to Economic Arms," Tsongas wrote, "One must understand that the alternative to Mikhail Gorbachev is not just Boris Yeltsin. It is the hardline military conservatives as well. The 1990's will see events in the Soviet Union (and Eastern Europe) which will not be pretty" (Tsongas release, 8/19).

WILDER: If Wilder "decides to run for president, he will boast to Americans of a record marked not so much by what he's accomplished but by two things he hasn't done as [VA's] chief executive: raise taxes or change permissive abortion laws" (Rob Eure, ROANOKE TIMES & WORLD-NEWS). "Already, Wilder is honing the anti-tax issue and complaints about the federal deficit as the main theme of his message. ... Casting himself as the

outsider" -- like Reagan in '80 or Carter in '76 -- "Wilder will rail against Washington's 'budget follies,' as he described them recently. ... Wilder's harshest critics grant that he has kept the no-tax pledge, but the mix of cuts and fund transfers that Wilder used to close the \$2.2 billion state revenue shortfall could tarnish the claim." State Sen. Joe Gartlan (D): "The real test is going to be the budget in January." U of Richmond's Tom Morris: "He's really got somewhat of the same problem George Bush has got. There is a lack of an agenda for the state because there's no money there to do anything with." Adds Eure, "Wilder's complaints about the deficit and his penchant for placing fresh faces on boards and commissions also could blend to give him credibility in attacking financial scandals such as crises in the [S&L] industry and BCCI" (8/18).

AH WISH THEY WAS IN DIXIE: Raleigh NEWS & OBSERVER's Ferrel Guillory writes "a certain geographical fact of modern life suggests that the [GOP] ticket begins the 1992 with a substantial advantage" over the Dems: It's "possible, to be sure, for [Dems] to build an electoral vote majority without the South, and it's tempting for the party to try to do so" -- he notes the 6/91 reports of Dem "write-off" plans for parts of the country. "Now, however, is not the time for [Dems] to write off the South, or any wide swath of it ... It is in the South that the Democratic Party must deal with the central challenge before it: how to remain true to its traditions as a progressive force and still reach out to moderate-to-conservative swing voters" (8/20).

WELL, MY BROKER'S RON BROWN. AND RON BROWN SAYS: SAC BEE's Martin Smith writes, "Regardless of whether [CA] holds its presidential primaries in March or June, the results of next year's [Dem] primaries ... may prove inconclusive if no contender strikes a spark with voters. The result could be the brokered convention that many political observers anticipated when ... [Dems] instituted candidate-selection reforms that led to an increased number of primaries ... Whether party leaders could then entice Cuomo or Bradley or another big-name [Dem] into accepting the nomination would depend mostly on how vulnerable Bush looked at the time ... If the still ailing economy dips back into a recession ... [Dems] would have a more interesting convention than they have had for a long time" (8/18).

*5 GOP ROUND-UP

LITIGATION DENUNCIATION EXPLANATION: L.A. TIMES editorial writes Quayle "is already running for re-election ... he began last week to outline what may be one of the themes of the presidential campaign: restoring America's wobbly competitiveness." But "trouble is, he didn't do his homework very well ... Quayle's proposals do little to advance debate over the best approach" to the litigation problem, "but do raise the question of whether his real agenda at the ABA was to participate in the easy sport of lawyer-bashing" (8/19).

BUSHMEN: Evans & Novak look at the '92 team: "Eyebrows were raised ... when it was learned" Sec/State Jim Baker "would spend his [8/91] vacation backpacking" with Bob Teeter. Baker, "supposedly removed from partisan politics for 1992, is assuring everybody that the occasion is purely social with no campaign talk on the agenda." But "it would be astounding" if Baker didn't "get his two cents in for '92 after directly influencing" the last 4 GOP presidential elections (BOSTON HERALD, 8/18). They also ask "can any credence be put in published reports" of Bush's restoring invitations to "close supporters for the recent

Camp David campaign planning session after they had been stricken" by CoS John Sununu? (see HOTLINE 8/13). "The answer -- almost surely -- is no. Even Sununu critics call the story pure fiction. Yet the fact that somebody credible ... put out the story is the talk of the town these August dog days." The reason: "It connotes the harsh grinding of gears by the still uncompleted re-election machine. Here is no GOP band of brothers. The point may appear to be moot in the face of [Dem] fecklessness, but in fact such internal stresses could threaten Bush in a close election ... The purpose [of leaking the story] can only be to get rid of Sununu before the presidential campaign gets underway. If he is still [CoS] after Labor Day, he is automatically a big player." His "laid-back posture at Camp David ... was in keeping with both his lower profile in the face of political adversity and the fact that Bush was putting the focus there" on Teeter. "Anybody who has been around the campaign of a [GOP] incumbent president knows the central role" of the WH CoS. Teeter "is no nuts-and-bolts political mechanic." Sec/Commerce Robert Mosbacher "as chairman will not dominate like Baker did in 1988." Businessman/ex-Nixon aide Fred Malek, "in line" to be manager, "displayed at Camp David the inexperience to be expected from a resume showing a low-level job in 1972 as his last national political campaign assignment." That leaves "the battered John Sununu with his hand on the tiller for '92. The story of the canceled invitations has the earmarks of one of the clumsier attempts to dispose of him before it's too late" (N.Y. POST, 8/16). Gossipist Liz Smith reports Bush '88 media man Roger Ailes, who was reported to now have competition for the job in '92 (see HOTLINE 8/14), "seems absolutely sanguine about the future ... I got the idea his feelings wouldn't be hurt if Bush doesn't tap him to come aboard for 1992" (NEWSDAY, 8/18).

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*6 THE CHANGED POLITICAL LANDSCAPE: NOTABLE QUOTABLES

W.S. JOURNAL HEADLINE: "While Ouster of Gorbachev Is Setback for Bush, Democrats May Have Been Dealt a Bigger Blow" (David Shribman, 8/20).

EX-DNC POLITICAL DIRECTOR ANN LEWIS: "If this were October 1992, Bush would go up almost as much as Gorbachev went down" (WSJ, 8/20).

DEM CONSULTANT ROBERT SQUIER: "Bush has staked his presidency on the new world order, so I think this puts his presidency in jeopardy" (USA TODAY 8/20).

GOP POLLSTER LINDA DIVALL: "It still begs the question of the foreign policy credentials of the potential Democratic challengers" (ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 8/20).

DEM CONSULTANT DAVID DOAK: "It's not much of a new world order when Saddam Hussein is still in power and you have a conservative regime in the Soviet Union" (ATLANTA CONST., 8/20).

DEM POLLSTER BILL HAMILTON: "People still think this country is going in the wrong direction, and that's not going to go away" (WSJ, 8/20).

DEM POLLSTER HARRISON HICKMAN: "The gods of politics have dealt this guy [Bush] another ace. None of the people in the field can arm-wrestle with the president on these kinds of issues unless they grow an awful lot very fast" (WSJ, 8/20). COX NEWS SERVICE reports, "Hickman said it was as if Bush drew an inside straight just when the card game seemed finally to be turning against him" (8/20).

REP. ROBERT TORRICELLI (D-NJ): "The 1992 presidential election just took a dramatic change. If the inevitable result of this change is a military dictatorship in the Soviet Union, we are going to enter into an American political debate over Who Lost Gorbachev" (WASH. POST, 8/20).

DEM CONSULTANT BRIAN LUNDE: "That is not where we want to fight political battles as Democrats. I'm sure that three Democratic candidates who were thinking about running may not be thinking about it today" (WASH. TIMES, 8/20).

GOP POLITICAL CONSULTANT CHARLES BLACK: "There are not millions of Americans flooding into the streets wanting Bill Clinton and Tom Harkin to manage this crisis" (ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 8/20).

GOV. BILL CLINTON (D-AR): "I think people like me shouldn't say much right now until we find out exactly what's happened and we give the president a chance to assess it and announce a policy" (N.Y. TIMES, 8/20).

CUOMO AIDE BRAD JOHNSON (on Bush): "How lucky can this guy get?" (WASH. TIMES, 8/20).

JESSE JACKSON: "Any flicker of hope we have to rebuild America will further be sacrificed on the altar of fear of the Soviet Union" (WASH. POST, 8/20).

UNIV. OF ROCHESTER'S LARRY BARTELS: "It's hard to think of a Democrat, running or not, who could even make a good shot at a credible campaign in this atmosphere" (WSJ, 8/20).

HARVARD'S GARY ORREN: "People may not want any of these Democrats eyeball-to-eyeball with anyone" (WSJ, 8/20).

DNC CHAIR RON BROWN: "If anything, it raises a lot of questions in an area that is supposed to be George Bush's strength, the foreign policy arena" (N.Y. TIMES, 8/20). "I'm not

sure the American people see this as a time of crisis" (WASH. POST, 8/20).

HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER RICHARD GEPHARDT (D-MO): There had been "a limited opportunity to bring, pull and push the Soviet Union in the right direction, and there was a time limit on it. I'm not saying George Bush is to blame -- the forces of the right in the Soviet Union are to blame, I am saying that we in the rest of the world could have and should have done more" (W. POST, 8/20).

SEN. JOHN MCCAIN (R-AZ): "Our first priority is to re-evaluate our defense budget in light of this rapidly changing situation" (USA TODAY, 8/20).

SEN. MALCOLM WALLOP (R-WY): "We've been putting our heads in the sands. We should not have been surprised" (W. TIMES, 8/20).

REP. DAVE MCCURDY (D-OK): "The weak link in Bush's foreign policy is his preference for the status quo whether in China, Yugoslavia or the Soviet Union" (WASH. TIMES, 8/20).

REP. NANCY PELOSI (D-CA): "How a president can come back from a trip to the Soviet Union and for us to be caught off guard is unexplainable" (S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/20).

REP. DON EDWARDS (D-CA): Bush's early statement "gave the wrong signal. It was almost an acceptance of the new regime, when it should have expressed very strong disapproval. There is going to be blood spilled. I guarantee it" (S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/20).

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER GEO. MITCHELL (D-ME): "I do not believe the United States should now reward those who have acted illegally" (WASH. POST, 8/20).

SEN. DAVID BOREN (D-OK): "Freeze all economic aid and credit to the Soviet Union until the situation is clarified" (WASH. POST, 8/20).

SEN. JOHN WARNER (R-VA): "We should stand firmly with President Bush, not try to speculate on this tragic situation" (W. POST, 8/20).

GOV. LAWTON CHILES (D-FL): "Right now, the ball goes back in his court, where his strength is" (N.Y. TIMES, 8/20).

GOV. JOHN ASHCROFT (R-MO): Bush's strongest critics "have to concede that he has been the most capable political figure of my lifetime in assembling coalitions to promote international stability" (WASH. POST, 8/20).

GOV. JIM FLORIO (D-NJ): "Moscow is important, but Miami is important and Metuchen, N.J., is important as well" (S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/20).

EX-NH DEM CHAIR NED HELMS: "For weeks we've been talking about how we have to turn our attention to domestic issues and the economy. Well, that was yesterday" (WSJ, 8/20).

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE'S NATALIE DAVIS: "The way to get Bush is to portray him as surprised too" (WSJ, 8/20).

COLUMNIST GEORGE WILL: "The essential U.S. policy is still: Keep our powder dry and have lots of powder. The 'peace dividend' will be a little late, again" (WASH. POST, 8/20).

BROOKINGS ANALYST STEPHEN HESS: "What you need to maximize your position as incumbent is a certain unease on the international scene" (USA TODAY, 8/20).

AIDE TO A GOP SENATOR (after W. TIMES noted that "some conservatives ... privately gloated" that predictions of a putsch had come true): "I've been smiling all day" (WASH. TIMES, 8/20).

EX-REAGAN DOD AIDE FRANK GAFFNEY: "We ended up propping up the system" (WASH. POST, 8/20).

FOREIGN POLICY MAGAZINE'S CHAS. WM. MAYNES: "We have been pushed to the sidelines, reduced to the status of observers, because we didn't help Gorbachev and the reformers as vigorously as we should have and could have done" (N.Y. TIMES, 8/20).

EMORY UNIVERSITY'S MERLE BLACK: "This is playing up Bush's strength ... and this is going to be the main issue for weeks and weeks" (ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 8/20).

GOP ANALYST KEVIN PHILLIPS: "The big danger for Bush is a thing that creates enough stress on everything he's put in motion -- not only the Soviets but the Mideast and the economy as well" (WSJ, 8/20).

*7 BCCI: STRETCHING ITS TENTACLES

Columnist Warren Brookes contends BCCI investigator Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) "is trying to turn a political sow's ear into a silk purse for Democrats." Unfortunately "BCCI's tenacles were firmly wrapped around prominent Democrats -- including" Kerry. CentTrust chair David Paul "was a key angel for Mr. Kerry's 1988 Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC). ... While there is no evidence that Mr. Kerry ever did anything for Mr. Paul, his association with him was more than casual. Not only did Mr. Paul's CentTrust PAC contribute \$30,000 to the DSCC, but during the same election cycle that PAC contributed another \$76,000 to the senatorial campaigns of" Dem Sens. Lloyd Bentsen (TX), George Mitchell (ME), Howard Metzenbaum (OH), Ted Kennedy (MA), Tom Harkin (IA), Joseph Biden (DE), Terry Sanford (NC), Jim Sasser (TN) and Frank Lautenberg (NJ), among others (WASH. TIMES, 8/20).

SNEAKY CONECTIONS: The Viking Savings in Santa Monica, CA has been linked to BCCI. In March, Michael Goland, "an independent contributor to pro-Israeli candidates around the nation, was convicted of secretly acquiring Viking in 1986 to use the thrift to help finance his political activities. Viking failed in 1989 and was aquired by another S&L" (James Risen, L.A. TIMES, 8/20).

FL COMPTROLLER PLEADS CASE: In a letter to St. PETE TIMES, FL Comptroller Gerald Lewis (D) rebuts charges issued in an 8/11 editorial that he urged BCCI to expand its presence in FL in '85. In response to the editorial's headline "Is he a regulator or a promoter?" Lewis said his "participation in the recruitment of foreign banks," was required by "both tradition and statute." Lewis notes that he seized the bank immediately after it pled guilty to money-laundering charges in 2/90, unlike other foreign and domestic regulators who did not "close BCCI operations in their jurisdictions until roughly 16 months later" (8/19).

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*8 ALABAMA: HUNT'S USE OF STATE PLANE RENEWS "ETHICS" Q'S
Gov. Guy Hunt's (R) "use of a state airplane to travel to the West Coast for a vacation and then to attend the [NGA] conference prompted the Associated Press to review his use of the state airplane for the past two months." AP found frequent trips to Hunt's home and 3 out-of-state trips for speaking engagements at churches (MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, 8/20). The findings renewed "ethics questions that have plagued him since his re-election campaign last year. ... Hunt then, as now, cited a 1980 ethics opinion that said the governor may use state transportation to go anywhere he wants." Hunt press sec. Terry Abbott said Hunt "considers the appearances part of his private life." But records show Hunt's office spent at least \$184,000 this fiscal year to use state aircraft (AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/20).

GOP UNHAPPY WITH ITS CANDIDATE FOR SHELBY: AL GOP chair Spencer Bacchus "says he's concerned that the GOP does not have a well-known and well-financed candidate" to challenge Sen. Richard Shelby (D) in '92 (Michael Brumas, BIRMINGHAM NEWS). Bacchus said announced challenger/businessman Richard Sellers (R) "does not have those qualifications": "He is unknown to the people of [AL]. He's going to have to get out there and meet a lot of people in order to be competitive." Sellers: "I agree 100 percent. However, (for anyone) to assume that a challenger a year-and-a-half before the general election has to have anywhere near the name [ID] of the incumbent shows he does not have a clear understanding of how campaigns are won." Bacchus "said that with the right candidate, the [AL GOP] has a 'tremendous advantage' because state party polls show Shelby has relatively low" name ID: "The national party recognizes that if we had a good strong candidate, we would have a 50-50 shot at it. And we don't have that today." Bacchus added the AL GOP would not back any candidate until after the 6/2 primary. Afterwards, we will get behind the candidate financially if he has a reasonable prospect of winning. We're going to put our resources and efforts on those races that we can win." Shelby spokesperson Tricia Primrose: "I wouldn't put too much weight in a GOP poll that says Richard Shelby has low" name ID (8/15).

*9 ILLINOIS: RYAN WEIGHS CONSOLATION PRIZES OF DIXON CHALLENGE
CHICAGO SUN-TIMES' Steve Neal asks, "If ... State's Attorney Jim Ryan [R] decides to roll the dice in a 1992 bid for the Senate, how much of a political gamble will he be taking? Not a small one," according to Dem and GOP pols. Ryan would be "passing up certain re-election to a third term" in favor of a "longshot" challenge to Sen. Alan Dixon (D). Dixon, "undefeated in a 42-year political career ... is widely viewed as a favorite to win ... whether or not Ryan is his opponent." While Ryan has been "urged" by top GOPers like Gov. Jim Edgar, Sen. Minority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) and NRSC chair Phil Gramm (R-TX), his "friends are split." A "factor" in his decision will be "what kind of a consolation prize" he might get if he lost. Pres. Bush "is strongly committed to rewarding" failed candidates, indeed he "might never have gained national prominence" if he hadn't lost his '70 bid for the Senate and been rewarded with the ambassadorship to the UN and RNC chair. "Bush's consolation prizes put him on the road to the White House." So, "what kind

of consolation prize" can Ryan expect? He would have "the rights of first refusal" to succeed U.S. Atty for No. IL Fred Foreman, or he "could be named Circuit court judge," or be appointed to the U.S. District court. He could also run for AG in '94. Of course, "it's possible that Ryan may not require a consolation prize. Ryan could benefit from Bush's '92 coattails" (8/16). Ryan said that he "will decide by Labor Day" whether to challenge Dixon: "This is something that I'm interested in, but I need more information" (Tobey Eckert, Peoria JOURNAL STAR). "One of the factors" he'll weigh is if he can raise enough \$ to compete with Dixon who already has \$1.6M in the bank. Ryan also said, while in D.C., he was shown NRSC poll results for 500 residents that show 37% "want to toss out Dixon," while 36% are for a Dixon re-elect with the rest undec. Ryan: "I left the meeting encouraged" (8/15). Ryan received encouragement to run from Gov. Jim Edgar (R) and Sec/Transportation Sam Skinner (Hardy, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 8/20). Chicago DAILY HERALD's Medeline Doubek writes, the "more we political students say the task" of Ryan v. Dixon "is a suicide mission, the easier we make it for him to survive." As one GOP "operative put it: 'Expectations are now so low with everyone saying Dixon's unbeatable," a "respectable showing would help Ryan." Doubek, "Good point. He just might be able to revive a political career after all even with two losses on his record" (8/15).

***10 MICHIGAN: ENGLER RECALL COMMITTEE NEARS DEADLINE**

"Organizers of the campaign to recall Gov. John Engler [R] are billing this weekend as the last chance to sign petitions to force a recall election." The Cmte to Recall Gov. Engler estimated it had more than 600,000 of the 641,141 signatures required. Recall leader Jackie Schrader "said her anger over Engler's plans to cut state spending for human services and the arts persuaded her to start the recall campaign in May." Engler Comm. dir. Rusty Hill "said the governor isn't worried and that the administration is ready to contest signatures if necessary": "We're not going to change our course. We think what we're doing is right for Michigan" (Jacquelynn Boyle, DETROIT FREE PRESS). Interestingly, the FREE PRESS story concludes: "The recall committee can be reached at 1-800-421-3550" (8/17).

EMPEROR DINGELL: U.S. NEWS profiles Rep. John Dingell (D-16), dubbing him "Congress's most feared Democrat." Dingell has used his position as the House Energy and Commerce Cmte chair "to thwart much of the conservative plan to dismantle Washington's regulatory framework. ... Dingell figures he has a right to go after anything he chooses. ... the motive is always the same: to extend his reach" (9/2 issue).

***11 MINNESOTA: WELLSTONE'S IN NEED OF FOCUS**

Sen. Paul Wellstone's (D) wife is on her way to DC and some Wellstone "supporters think she's getting there just in time" (Bruce Orwell, ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS). Supporters say Wellstone "could use a steadying influence to help calm him ... because he is increasingly preoccupied with his approval rating and the way the news media treat him." Dem consultant Pat Forciea: "Paul has been obsessed with his poll numbers." That's troubling, "he and others believe, because it is a symptom of something everyone thought the unconventional Wellstone would avoid -- being an average politician." It's "doubly true" for someone who ignored polls during the campaign. Wellstone has also lost two "key" staffers -- CoS/'90 manager John Blackshaw and MN comm. dir.

Cathy Forciea. In a recent interview, Wellstone "said ... he has chosen his major priorities," but he "admits" he is "given to speaking out on anything and everything": "There's so much to object to, right?" He disagreed on polls: "My views about polls haven't changed at all." But "most" observers agree he "has a growing zeal for attracting positive press coverage" and "a strong aversion to criticism." Forciea: "Paul Wellstone is clearly not as effective as a person or as a senator as he is when Sheila Wellstone is there every day" (8/18). Ex-Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R), "who has indicated that he wants to reclaim" his Senate seat in a '96 rematch with Wellstone, "sure will have some interesting neighbors at his Super Duper Milk House" when the MN State Fair opens 8/22. A "few booths up" he'll find the bus-shaped booth of Wellstone and "right next door" will be the MN North Stars' booth, "regularly staffed" by North Stars VP Pat Forciea. Forciea "said some of his colleagues were nervous when he suggested setting up a puck shooting gallery using the milk house as a target. It was just a joke, he emphasized" (PIONEER PRESS, 8/18).

*12 MISSOURI: GOP FEARS ASHCROFT EXIT FOR AG

K.C. STAR'S Rich Hood writes MO GOPers "have a message" for Gov. John Ashcroft (R): "Don't even think it." The "rank-and-file" GOP is "aroused" that Ashcroft "would even consider" an appointment to succeed ex-AG Dick Thornburgh, "thus leaving the state in the hands" of LG Mel Carnahan (D). "Alarm intensified" among the GOP after some papers carried the story that Ashcroft was the WH's "top choice" for the job and Ashcroft "refused" to put their fears at rest. Both Dems and GOPers saw the refusal as a "signal" that Ashcroft was "more than willing" to take the job, leaving GOPers to "fend for themselves" a year before the next gov. election. Ex-GOP chair John Powell: "The temptation for him of going up that ladder is understandable, ... but I hope he doesn't do it. ... I would prefer he not give the [Dems] an advantage of having" a sitting gov. Two reasons "cited" by GOPers for Ashcroft not to take the AG position: It would "presumably" give Carnahan a "significant advantage" should he run for gov, and it would allow Carnahan to "fire and replace" more than 200 GOP officials, thus "invigorat[ing]" the Dems from the top down, which GOPers say they "can't afford" (8/18). St. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH's Jo Mannies profiles Gov hopefuls St. Louis Mayor Vincent Schoemehl (D) and AG William Webster (R). Schoemehl contends he will not "change his position on what he would do" if Carnahan becomes Gov before their '92 primary showdown: "I'm running for governor period." Webster "says the [GOP] needs to do a better job of 'reaching out and expanding the tent' to groups, such as minorities and rank-and-file union workers, that often share the party's views" (8/17).

*13 NEVADA: GOP HAS REID STRATEGY, THEY JUST NEED A CANDIDATE

Sen. Harry Reid's (D) "ability to win the support" of "diverse camps" is one of the main reasons supporters believe he'll be "difficult to beat" in '92 (Mike Norris, RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL). GOPers, who lack a challenger, "plan to show" Reid "doesn't score high enough on the most critical political success index of all -- likeability." GOP consultant Tony Payton: "He's a cold fish." GOPers will also charge "Reid is out of touch with [NV] on some issues, such as civil rights, and accuse him of using a flurry of publicity releases to divert attention from his overall voting record in [DC], where he is rated highly by such

groups such as Ralph Nader's Public Citizen." Yet, "Reid has played skillfully to conservative sentiment" in NV on certain issues such as a nuclear waste dump siting controversy. While the GOP can raise money "rapidly and, thus, launch a race quickly," and the fact that they have "nearly closed" the registration gap, any challenger who jumps into the race by 9/1 "will have to raise nearly \$75,000 per week to match the estimated \$3.5 million Reid plans on collecting." Payton sees it differently though, "he believes" a challenger can wait "as late as" 2/1/92 "because campaigns do not tend to gather momentum until spring" (8/19).

*14 NEW YORK: AND I'LL SEND IT SEALED WITH A KISS

N.Y. DAILY NEWS editorial, on Sen. Al D'Amato (R) sending 3 million letters to "tout" the Sen. Ethics Cmte's findings: "According to a spokesman, he felt it was 'imperative,' to inform the public. 'He felt that he 'had an obligation to let the citizens of [NY] know that the committee had cleared his name.' What 'cleared'?" A "wimpier entity than the ethics panel you'd be hard pressed to find." Yet, "timid as it is, it mewled about D'Amato's conducting his office 'in an improper and inappropriate manner.'" D'Amato "should rethink his duty to his constituents. Yes, congressional franking privileges permit such mailings. But, frankly, taxpayers do give a damn about their money being wasted on self-serving, 'I told you I was wonderful' ego trips" (8/18). N.Y. POST reports D'Amato appeared on WWOR's "Nine Broadcast Plaza" 8/15 and must have been in "extremely good spirits." When the show cut to a live, on-the-set commercial for Dial-A-Mattress, an "attractive blond" was selected from the audience to "test the mattress." She "promptly started jumping up and down" on it and, as D'Amato "joined in the bouncefest, he said to the audience, 'If Pee-Wee had had this, he wouldn't have gotten into any trouble" (8/16). D'Amato challenger/ex-Rep. Geraldine Ferarro (D) at an S.F. \$-raiser 8/16, "stressed" health care and education, and "emphasized that although" her VP bid "was a spectacular failure at the polls," it was a great "inspiration" for young women seeking a career in politics (S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/17).

NYC MAYOR: A poll, conducted 7/27-28 by Century Research Corp., surveyed 650 city residents; margin of error +/- 4%. Candidates tested: NYC Mayor David Dinkins (D), ex-U.S. Atty Randolph Guiliani (R), NYC Comptroller/D'Amato challenger Liz Holtzman, NYC Council pres. Andrew Stein (D), NYC Council speaker Peter Vallone (D), and "Depression-era," 45-years-deceased ex-NYC Mayor Jimmy Walker (RIP) (POST, 8/15).

Dinkins	29%	Dinkins	28%	Dinkins	33%
Stein	38	Guiliani	48	Walker	13
Undec.	33	Undec.	24	Undec.	55
Dinkins	31%	Dinkins	34%		
Holtzman	34	Vallone	21		
Undec.	35	Undec.	46		

*15 OHIO: HOUSE WARMING FOR WOULD-BE GLENN CHALLENGERS

Akron BEACON JOURNAL's William Hershey compares the OH GOP's search for a challenger to Sen. John Glenn (D) to national Dems' hunt for Bush challengers. OH GOP spokesperson Terry Holt, "bravely": "My feeling is that John Glenn has made himself vulnerable and we have a wide range of potential candidates,

including people outside the normal group, that could run." But, "it's getting late for a campaign that will have to raise millions ... from contributors reluctant to knock a national hero." Almost "ignored in this summer of Bush-worshipping has been the inability" of GOPers to "come up with" challengers for other Senators who, "unlike Glenn, aren't national heroes. ... With Bush's through-the-roof popularity and a throw-the-bums-out attitude supposedly infecting the voters, finding [GOP] candidates shouldn't be so tough." But he cites the '90 Senate results, where 5 GOP House members "from safe districts took on supposedly vulnerable [Dem] Senate candidates. All five lost.

... You can bet those second-place finishes weren't lost" on Reps. Bob McEwen (R-06), Paul Gillmore (R-05), and John Kasich (R-12). They've "all more or less said 'No, thanks very much' to the possibility of challenging Glenn." NRSC spokesperson Wendy Burnley: "When we analyzed these post-election results, what we found was that these fresh-faced outsiders fared better than members of Congress." So the "search is on -- in Ohio and across the country -- for fresh-faced Republicans. Who knows? It might work" (8/19).

*16 OKLAHOMA: REPORTING ON WALTERS SPURS DEBATE

"One of the state's hottest news stories last week apparently had no basis in fact" (Arnold Hamilton, DALLAS MORNING NEWS). It was the "juicy rumor" that "embattled" Gov. David Walters (D) "intended to resign in the face of a federal investigation of alleged misdeeds" during his '90 campaign. At his weekly news conference 8/15, "Walters flatly denied that he would quit. He charged that the rumor was conceived and spread by his political foes." The incident "rekindled debate over the news media's coverage of public officials and accusations of wrongdoing." It also "raised questions" of whether it's "proper and responsible for news organizations to report rumors even if they are widespread." Only one news outlet, An OK City radio station "reported the rumored resignation in advance," but once Walters was asked about it "in a public forum," OK newspapers, TV and radio stations "jumped on the tale and carried stories" of Walters' denial (8/18). TULSA WORLD 8/16 headline: "Walters Vows He Won't Quit." DAILY OKLAHOMAN "carried a similar story on page 14" 8/15 "reporting that Walters brushed aside 'rumors' that he would quit." And the "business-oriented," JOURNAL RECORD, "produced a Page One story under the headline": "Walters Says Rumors of Resignation Untrue." Walters "said he expects" rumors of his resignation to "persist" because "it is in the best interest of his political adversaries to 'plant rumors'" (8/18).

*17 TEXAS: PERRY ADVISER LED PROBE INTO HIGHTOWER

A "close friend" to Ag Commis. Rick Perry (R) -- who now serves as Perry's "ethics advisor and special assistant ... may have had a conflict of interest" when he investigated then-Ag Commis. Jim Hightower (D). Larry Beauchamp, while working for the Travis Co. DA in '89, "started an inquiry into possible mismanagement" by Hightower (David Elliot, AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN). After Perry upset Hightower, he hired Beauchamp, "who also has worked for Perry's brother-in-law." Public Citizen dir. Tom Smith: "This begins to appear as if there was a concerted effort to influence the outcome of an election by starting investigations and rumors." Beauchamp "confirmed that he looked into Hightower, but said it was part of his job with the Public Integrity Unit. He said he did not see any conflict

of interest, despite his long term friendship with Perry": "To question my integrity and intentions on that is really offensive to me." But critics say his activities "support a charge voiced frequently" by Dems in '90 that GOPers used "law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, to manipulate several ongoing investigations into Hightower." In a letter sent to "top USDA officials, a farm bureau official asked that an investigation be started before the March 13 primary elections": "We are confident that there are many skeletons in the closet and they need to be rattled. We can be successful -- but a little smart politics on the part of a Yeutter-directed USDA sure would help." Clayton Yeutter, then Sec. of USDA, is now RNC chair. USDA inspector Thomas Wall "said he remembers talking to Beauchamp several times and giving him documents he requested about Hightower." Integrity Unit head Mike Lynch said it was "routine" for Beauchamp to gather information on Hightower: "However, we opened no formal investigation because in looking at the information we read in the newspaper and gathered on our own, we didn't see enough to proceed on it." Atty Gerry Morris: "It certainly appears that he was conducting an investigation. Whether he was being ordered by his superior or doing it on his own time, I don't know." Perry consultant Karl Rove: "We were behind the curve [on the investigation]. We knew from the FBI calling up people and from the grand jury that there were investigations going on." Smith: "It's beyond belief that all of these events are coincidental" (8/17).

===== CALIFORNIA CABLE
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*18 SENATE WATCH: MAJOR SWITCH POSSIBLE IF BROWN OPTS FOR PRES.

Columnist Joe Scott writes, there's "persistent conventional wisdom" that ex-Gov Jerry Brown (D) "will abandon his Senate bid and opt for president." If he does, what "impact" would that have on the CA Sen. races? "Railbirds juice about a major shift in the primary line-ups" for retiring Sen. Alan Cranston's (D) seat, the "A" seat, and appointed Sen. John Seymour's (R) seat, the "B" seat. "The current hot rumor -- and only a rumor" is that Rep. Mel Levine (D-27), "penciled in" for "A," will switch to "B" -- challenging ex-S.F. Mayor/'90 Gov. nominee Dianne Feinstein (D). "Conversely, goes the scenario," Controller Gray Davis (D), "with the same team of consultants as Levine," would switch to "A," challenging LG Leo McCarthy (D) and Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-06). "Feinstein is now favored to beat Davis, while the less well-known Levine, with Brown out of the race, trails McCarthy and Boxer. What's not fully grasped, however," is that the Levine-Davis switch would "dramatically shift" the \$-raising "dynamics" of both primaries and "benefit both current underdogs." According to the latest FEC reports, Levine, with \$3M on hand, "would enjoy a 5-1 cash on hand advantage over Feinstein. Davis, by playing political musical chairs, would jump out to a roughly 2-1 cash advantage over McCarthy and Boxer -- perhaps shifting the momentum of the race with Brown gone" (SACRAMENTO UNION, 8/17). If Brown runs for pres., McCarthy, running 2nd to Brown in polls, "would be the immediate beneficiary" (Tim Curran, ROLL CALL, 8/19).

MORE "A" SEAT: CA Dem chair Phil Angelides "does not think" L.A. TV commentator Bruce Herschensohn's (R) TV "exposure is fair to [Dem] hopefuls. So far, he's complained" to Herschensohn's station, KABC and the FCC and "the two entities have been less than outraged." KABC's position is that "until Herschensohn is an 'officially' declared candidate, he has a right to earn a living. The FCC has taken no position at all." Angelides' position "is to send out press releases, decrying the unfairness of it. Noting that Herschensohn is raising money and has said he intends to run, Angelides said, 'It's a question of looking like a duck and walking like a duck. This guy's a duck'" (Susan Yoachum, S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/17). Angelides has good reason to be concerned. Herschensohn's "audience is immense. It reaches from Santa Barbara to northern San Diego County and is 45 percent" of CA's media market" (George Raine, S.F. EXAMINER, 8/17).

MORE "B" SEAT: Seymour has hired GOP "media wizard" Roger Ailes. "Because Ailes also will be serving in the same capacity for [Bush] in '92, this further solidifies the ties between Seymour and Bush, who will be appearing" at a 9/91 \$-raiser for Seymour (Yoachum, CHRONICLE, 8/17). The "hiring of Ailes, considered one of the killer sharks of American politics ... signaled that Seymour plans an aggressive" '92 media campaign. Ailes associate Greg Stevens "put a positive spin on Ailes' role": "[Seymour's] a tough, aggressive guy with a great story to tell. ... We're looking forward to helping him tell it" (Larry Peterson, ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER, 8/16).

===== POLL UPDATE ===

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*19 USA TODAY: ONLY 7% WANT BUSH TO ENCOURAGE SOVIET OVERTHROW
613 adults interviewed 8/19 by Gordon Black; margin of error
of +/- 4% (USA TODAY 8/20).

QUESTION: How serious a threat to world peace is the Soviet coup?

Very serious	44%
Somewhat serious	42
Not very serious	7
Not at all serious	3

ALSO:

- 63% predict the coup will rekindle the Cold War.
- 86% foresee a Soviet civil war.
- 51% say "President Bush should await developments before deciding on action."
- "Just" 7% want him to encourage an overthrow of the new Soviet leaders, while "only 16% favor even economic sanctions."
- 60% favor giving Gorbachev political asylum.

===== TV MONITOR =====

*20 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" interviewed Sen. Joseph Biden (D-DE) and Sen. William Cohen (R-ME). NBC's "Today" interviewed Sen. David Boren (D-OK) and Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA). "CBS This Morning" interviewed ex-UN Amb Jeanne Kirkpatrick.

A.M. QUOTABLES: On the USSR -- Cohen: "Ultimately we are not capable of altering the dynamics inside the Soviet Union by anything other than moral force or economic sanctions." Biden: "All we can quite frankly do now is make it clear in a united view of all of Europe as well as the United States that we condemn what has happened" ("GMA," ABC, 8/20). Boren: "It is not a surprise ... our intelligence people have been warning now for months that we had to consider this possibility very, very seriously." Nunn, on US security: "In the short run I don't think there is any military threat at this stage. In the long run this can have a big effect on our security and certainly could have a big effect in Europe and Eastern Europe and indeed regional spots all over the world" ("Today," NBC, 8/20). Kirkpatrick: "I think the president has behaved correctly, promptly, making a clear strong message condemning the coup and demanding the physical security of Gorbachev" ("CBS This Morning," CBS, 8/20).

LAST NIGHT: All nets led with the crisis in the USSR. PBS' "MacNeil/Lehrer" hosted ex-Asst. Sec/State Rozanne Ridgway, ex-NSC member Madeline Albright and Gen. William Odom. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted ex-CIA dir. William Colby and Center for Security Policy's Frank Gaffney. CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted ex-UN Amb. Jeane Kirkpatrick and World Chess Champion Gary Kasparov. ABC's "Nightline" interviewed outgoing U.S. Amb to the Soviet Union Jack Matlock and Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA) Chair of the Senate Armed Services Cmte.

A.M. UPDATE: ABC's Morton Dean: "The European community is meeting in the Netherlands today to reconsider aid to the Soviet Union, Moscow stands to lose \$1.5 billion and the European foreign ministers are also demanding access to Mikhail Gorbachev. The hardliners who ousted him ... are making a show of force in the Baltic Republics now. Soviet warships are reportedly to be blocking the harbor in the capital of Estonia." ABC's Sheilah Kast: "Thousands have gathered at a rally outside the Republic headquarters Yeltsin, their leader, had issued a demand that since the emergency committee contends that Gorbachev is sick, he should be examined by doctors and that the results be made public. An even bigger rally in Leningrad, filled Winter Palace Square with speakers and demonstrators opposed to the coup. ... The key question is still who among the army and how much of the army will remain loyal to the committee and how much to the opponents like Yeltsin?" (ABC, 8/20). NBC's Jim Miklaszewski: "Yesterday the coup in Moscow caught the Bush administration totally off-guard so the initial response was cautious, but as events unfolded in Moscow the president and his message got tougher. ... In a written statement Bush condemned the coup's resort to force and he declared support for Boris Yeltsin's call for restoration of the previous government and Mikhail Gorbachev. The president also threatened to end all economic cooperation. Sources say the president is considering pulling back on favored trade status for the Soviets and ending technical economic assistance" (NBC, 8/20). CBS's Jim Stewart: "Just down the hall from us in the situation room (at the

Pentagon) analysts are continuing to follow essentially two questions here; 1) who is maintaining control and has anything changed with the status of the Soviet nuclear forces, and 2) who is giving orders to the Red Army"(CBS, 8/20).

U.S. RESPONSE: CNN's Charles Bierbauer: "The Bush administration was completely surprised." Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN): "It's a surprise, it's not a shock. Certainly the leadership of this coup have been indicating their dissatisfaction for some time" (CNN). Bush: "It seems clearer all the time that contrary to official statements out of Moscow, that this move was extra-constitutional, outside the constitutional provisions for governmental change ... [and] could have serious consequences for the Soviet society and for Soviet relations with other countries." NSA Brent Scowcroft, when asked if the U.S. was using other options to show its disapproval: "I think you have got to remember that this is an internal development in the Soviet Union and it is not something we are directly engaged in other than as we react either" ("M/L," PBS).

WHITHER GORBY? ABC opened with video of Peter Jennings with Gorbachev 6 weeks ago, when Gorbachev was "absolutely confident about his power." Jennings: "Today, there are tanks in the streets of Moscow and Mr. Gorbachev is gone." Peter Jennings: "Like Mr. Kruschchev, he shouldn't have gone on holiday" (8/19). NBC's Tom Brokaw: "We still do not know the whereabouts or the condition of Mikhail Gorbachev tonight, but we do know that the Soviet Union is in chaos." CBS' Jonathan Sanders: "We have highly reliable reports that before this event occurred, Prime Minister Valentin Pavlov and another hardliner flew to Gorbachev's vacation dacha and demanded that he resign. When Gorbachev refused, Valentin Pavlov told him: 'You are going to be sick for a very long time.'" NBC's Brokaw: "Gorbachev was on the high wire for so long, we all wondered how long he could stay up. Now, he has been pushed off. How far he's fallen, we can't say for sure tonight."

SOVIET COUP: CNN's Catherine Crier: "It all began ... [with] a terse announcement on Soviet television [that] said President Gorbachev could no longer perform his duties ... then the tanks began to roll." PBS' Roger Mudd: "Instead of the single charismatic Gorbachev the world had become accustomed to over the past six years, it was once again eight men in gray suits who held the power" ("M/L," PBS).

===== TV SOUNDBITE =====

"On balance, this is bad news for the economy, and, within a month or two, we'll know whether it's bad enough to send us back into a recession."

-- NBC's Mike Jensen, on effects of the Soviet coup, 8/19.

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