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**THE TRIP OF
THE PRESIDENT
AND
MRS. BUSH
TO
KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE**

November 2, 1992

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington, D.C.

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

FOR

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

NOVEMBER 2, 1991

EVENTS:

No Events Scheduled

DRESS:

Men - Casual
Women - Casual

CONTACTS:

Presidential Advance Office
Jay Farmer - 202/456-7565
Trip Coordinator
Kris Goodwin - 202/456-7565
Kennebunkport, Maine Signal - 209/967-5200
- *96-40-000

ADVANCE:

(b)(7)(c)(e)(f)
Kelley Gannon - PRESS
(b)(7)(c)(e)(f)
Pete Varjlen - WHCA
Wayne Justice - MIL. AIDE
Tom Schafer - AFI
Tim Corbin - EMX

WEATHER:

Cloudy/Low 50's

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

FOR

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

NOVEMBER 2, 1991

Saturday, November 2, 1991

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

- 7:30 am Vans depart West Basement en route Andrews Air Force Base. Upon arrival, Press Plane passengers should proceed to board Aircraft.
- 7:45 am Staff with own transportation should arrive Andrews Air Force Base, Distinguished Visitors Lounge, at this time for check-in.
- 8:30 am Press Plane departs Andrews Air Force Base en route Sanford, Maine.

8:30 am

8:30

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Marine One and depart White House en route Andrews Air Force Base.

MARINE ONE MANIFEST:

(b)(7)(e)

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(b)(7)(e)

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

~~8:40~~ am
8:40

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Andrews Air Force Base and proceed to board Air Force One.

~~8:50~~ am
(E.S.T.)
8:50

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush depart Andrews Air Force Base en route Sanford, Maine.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes)
(Interchange: No)
(Time Change: None)
(Food Service: Continental Breakfast)

~~10:05~~ am
(E.S.T.)
10:05

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Sanford Municipal Airport, Sanford, Maine and proceed to Motorcade.

~~10:15~~ am
10:15

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart Sanford Municipal Airport en route Walker's Point, Kennebunkport, Maine.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS:

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(b)(7)(e)

(Drive Time: 30 Minutes)

~~10:45 am~~
10:41

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Walker's Point. X

Remainder of Day TBD

4:18

Depart Walkers Point

4:49

Depart Sanford Airport

* The 5½ hours at Walkers Point was almost totally dedicated to cleaning the main house. The Potus and Flotus had lunch in the office kitchen at 1:15.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT BUSH

NOVEMBER 2 nd , 19 91

	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
	PLACED				
OUT	1:34 AM		1:35	WHITE HOUSE ENGINEER OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. 202-395-2390	TLKD-OK WITH MR. CLARK FRIES 1:34 A.M.
INC	PM				
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	7:19 AM		7:27	COMMAND POST KENNEBUNKPORT, ME.	(b)(7)(c)(e)(f)
INC	PM			(b)(7)(e)	
XXX	AM				
OUT					
INC	PM				
OUT	7:50 AM		7:52	COMMAND POST KENNEBUNKPORT, ME.	(b)(7)(c)(e)(f)
INC	PM			(b)(7)(e)	
XXX	AM				
OUT					
INC	PM				
OUT	8:04 AM		8:08	MR. MARVIN BUSH CAR PHONE	TLKD-OK 8:06 A.M.
INC	PM			(b)(6)	
XXX	AM				
OUT					
INC	PM				
OUT	AM			MAJOR ARTHUR P. WALLACE OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. 202-456-6024	TLKD-OK 7:04 P.M.
INC	6:55 PM		7:04		
XXX	AM				
OUT					
INC	PM				
OUT	AM			MR. JOHN BUSH	
INC				(b)(6)	
XXX	6:59 PM				PRESUS CA 10:03 P.M.

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WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT BUSH

NOVEMBER 2 nd 91
_____, 19____

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	XAM		MR. DONALD RHODES OFC: KENNEBUNKPORT, ME. 207-967-5343	
INC	7:11 PM	7:17		TLKD-OK 7:13 P.M.
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XAM		MRS. DOROTHY LeBLOND (b)(6)	TLKD-OK WITH MS. ANN McGOVERN 7:23 P.M.
INC	7:23 PM	7:34		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XAM		MRS. LAURA BUSH (b)(6)	
INC	7:40 PM	7:47		TLKD-OK 7:41 P.M.
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XAM		MR. NEIL BUSH (b)(6)	
INC	7:50 PM	7:58		TLKD OK 7:50 P.M.
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	XAM		MR. JOHN E. BUSH (b)(6)	
INC	7:50 PM			PRESUS CA 8:01 P.M.
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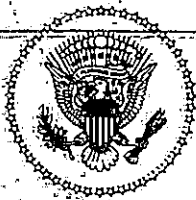
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WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

November 2, 1991

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
QBX	AM		Dr. William J. Bennett Office, Washington, D.C. 223-7775	Tlkd-ok 1:38 PM
INC	1:34 PM	1:40		
OUT	AM		Mr. James W. F. Allen Office, Washington, D.C. 395-2650	Tlkd-ok 4:45 PM via Secure Satellite
INC	4:43 PM	4:46		
OUT	AM		Congressman G. V. Montgomery (b)(6)	PRESUS Cancel 5:20 PM
INC	5:15 PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
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INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			

Presidential Phone Calls



DATE:

4/5

TIME:

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incoming/outgoing

WITH:

B. H. Bennett

SUBJECT:

"Denounces Duker"

FOLLOW UP:

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George Bush Handwriting

PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

Washington, D.C.
 Kennebunkport, Maine
 LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 2 November 1991

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0056	Arrive Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland
0108	Depart Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One
0116	Arrive South Grounds
0119	Residence
0826	South Grounds
0829	Depart South Grounds via Marine One
0837	Arrive Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland
0849	Depart Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One
0948	Arrive Sanford Municipal Airport, Sanford, Maine
0955	Depart Sanford Municipal Airport via Motorcade
1022	Arrive Walker's Point, Kennebunkport, Maine
1609	Depart Walker's Point via Motorcade
1638	Arrive Sanford Municipal Airport
1646	Depart Sanford Municipal Airport via Air Force One
1801	Arrive Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland
1811	Depart Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One
1821	Arrive South Grounds
1823	Residence

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REMOVAL OF CLASSIFIED
ATTACHMENTS

JW 11/18/13

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Max Baucus on China
Southern Lebanon

To K'port for damage assessment
Called all family

Bill Bennett/Duke
Jock McKernan letter/economy

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 2, 1991

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Fred McClure concurs.

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*
SUBJECT: Response to Senator Baucus' Letter on China

Purpose

To respond to Senator Baucus' letter to you charging the Administration with slow implementation of the commitments made in your July 19 letter to the Senator.

Background

The media focus on prison labor exports from China caused some uneasiness among those on the Hill who have supported unconditional MFN renewal, including Senator Baucus. Our decision to self-initiate a 301 trade investigation on market access has firmed up our support, but Mitchell is waiting for an opportunity to breathe new life into his conditionality bill.

The response at Tab A takes on Baucus' charge that we have been slow to implement the commitments made in your July 19 letter, leading with the market access, prison labor and Taiwan GATT issues that Baucus raised.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the cover letter to Senator Baucus at Tab A, transmitting as an attachment an update on Administration efforts to implement the commitments made in your July 19 letter to Baucus.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Senator Baucus
Tab B Attachment to Letter to Baucus
Tab C Incoming Letter from Baucus

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PER NSC WAIVER 1500 2021-02
By SS NARA, Date 12/10/24

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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Market Access

U.S. trade agencies were instructed last July to press vigorously our concerns about unfair Chinese trade practices with the Chinese government. In talks with PRC Vice Minister Tong Zhiguang August 20 - 23, The U.S. outlined for the Chinese a series of tangible steps that would begin the process of dismantling trade barriers. Because the Chinese were unable to respond definitively to these proposals before the end of our August discussions, a September 30 deadline was set for an official response. Every consideration was given to the Chinese response received September 30, but after U.S. trade agencies determined that it did not meet the requirement that China make commitments to take substantial measures to improve market access, the U.S. Trade Representative self-initiated a Section 301 investigation.

Four principal market barriers will be investigated, including selected sector-specific and product-specific import prohibitions, import licensing requirements, and technical barriers to trade as well as failure to publish laws and regulations pertaining to restrictions on imports. Under the 1974 Trade Act, as amended, the investigation of Chinese practices normally must be concluded within twelve months. If it is determined at the end of that investigation that the barriers under review burden or restrict U.S. commerce in an unreasonable or discriminatory fashion, the U.S. has the right to impose retaliatory trade action against China.

Apparel Imports and Prison Labor

The Customs Service's unprecedented action associated with apparel imports demonstrates the Administration's determination to enforce federal laws applicable to the import of Chinese goods. Moreover, this action is testament to the Administration's resolve to implement the commitments in the President's July 19 letter to Senator Baucus to use the instruments available to enforce the law and to pursue U.S. policy objectives with the Chinese. Vigorous action to protect American interests and uphold the law in these cases will continue to be taken.

The U.S. has serious concerns about the export of Chinese goods produced with prison labor. The Department of State and the U.S. Customs Service have been actively pursuing steps to prevent importation of Chinese prison labor products. On September 23 a Chinese commitment was received to negotiate an understanding on procedures for the prompt investigation of allegations that specific imports from China were produced by prison labor. The U.S. will press for a rapid conclusion to those negotiations.

The Chinese issued an official statement October 10 reiterating the national prohibition on export of prison made products.

If Chinese prison labor products have entered the U.S., it has been through a network of middlemen, including trading companies in China and abroad, that makes it difficult to trace such shipments. Cooperation of authorities in the PRC and with U.S. business people is needed to eliminate any such exports at their source. In an effort to reach out to new sources of assistance and information in achieving this objective, the Commissioner of the Customs Service held a public hearing on November 1, 1991 in Washington in order to expand awareness of the problem in the trade community and among the public.

At the same time, the U.S. will continue to do its utmost to prevent the entry of any prison labor product from China. The U.S. Customs Service has undertaken a range of short- and medium-term measures to block the entry into the U.S. of Chinese prison labor products. In his July 19 letter to Senator Baucus, the President noted the U.S. would prevent entry of products from China when there is a reasonable indication that such products were produced by prison labor. The Customs Service issued orders on October 4 to detain any shipments of certain Chinese merchandise (wrenches and steel pipe) that are believed to be produced by prison labor in China. We take our obligations in this matter seriously.

Taiwan's GATT Application

The Administration is working actively with other GATT contracting parties to resolve the issues relating to Taiwan's GATT accession. It has been made clear in discussions with other governments that the United States supports Taiwan's accession to GATT as a customs territory and that we want GATT contracting parties to resolve this matter favorably. This position in no way implies a change in the long-standing U.S. policy that acknowledges the Chinese position that there is only one China and that Taiwan is a part of China.

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VANDA B. McMURTRY, STAFF DIRECTOR AND CHIEF COUNSEL
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September 24, 1991

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge the Administration to follow through vigorously on its commitments to take strong action with regard to the People's Republic of China.

During the recent Congressional debate on extension of MFN to China, the Administration articulated a policy of using "smart instruments" to address our concerns with China. The policy involved using carefully tailored policy tools to address bilateral problems while continuing to engage China with MFN. Certainly, no policy can be expected to immediately solve all of our many problems with China. It will take continued high level pressure on many fronts to improve China's respect for human rights. And negotiations on arms sales must take place quietly behind the scenes.

However, in a letter to me dated July 19, 1991, you outlined a range of policy steps the Administration planned to take with regard to China. In my opinion, the Administration has been slow to implement a number of the steps outlined in the letter. In particular, I am disappointed that the Administration has not yet initiated a Section 301 investigation to address Chinese trade barriers or implemented the new policies directed at blocking imports of goods made with prison labor.

In your letter, you wrote that:

"...my Administration has invited senior Chinese trade officials to Washington in August for a continuation of consultations begun in June regarding access for U.S. products to the Chinese market. If these talks fail to produce Chinese commitments to take substantial measures to improve market access, the Administration will self-initiate further action under Section 301 of our trade laws."

According to published press reports, the August session with the Chinese failed to yield meaningful results. Yet, instead of initiating a Section 301 case, the Administration allowed the Chinese until September 30th to respond to U.S. proposals before taking action under Section 301. I understand the rationale for giving China until September 30th to respond to U.S. proposals. But I believe it is essential to the credibility of the Administration's China policy that the Administration initiate a Section 301 investigation against Chinese trade barriers shortly after September 30th unless China makes very substantial progress toward opening its market.

With regard to goods made with prison labor, you wrote the following:

"In particular, I am ordering the following additional measures: The Department of State will seek to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with China on procedures for the prompt investigation of allegations that specific imports from China were produced by prison labor. Pending the negotiation of this agreement, the U.S. Customs Service will deny entry to products imported from China when there is reasonable indication that the products were made by prison labor. The denial will continue until the Chinese Government or the Chinese exporter provides credible evidence that the products were not produced by prison labor."

Since the letter was written, an investigation described in recent stories on "60 Minutes" and in "Newsweek" has provided strong evidence of significant Chinese prison labor exports. Yet, I am unaware of any Customs Service efforts to stop imports of goods made with Chinese prison labor. I congratulate the Customs Service on its recent raids that seized an unprecedented amount of illegally imported Chinese apparel into the U.S. But action must also be taken to address imports of goods made by prison labor.

Finally, I am concerned that your commitment to "work actively" in support of Taiwan's effort to join the GATT has not yet been fulfilled. I understand that the Administration has been working behind the scenes to set the stage for future efforts. But I hope that the U.S. begins public efforts to assist Taiwan's entry into the GATT in the very near future.

I support the so-called "smart instruments" policy for China. But for such a policy to succeed, the "smart instruments" must be used. If the Administration fails to act, the Congress will have no alternative but to use the leverage provided by MFN to press for progress in China.

The Administration and the Congress worked cooperatively to forge a China policy during the Congressional debate on MFN extension. But it is now time to implement that policy.

I look forward to your reply and to working with you on this issue in the future.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

MSB/gre

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Max Baucus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Max" is written with a large, looped 'M' and a small 'a'. The last name "Baucus" is written with a large 'B' and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Max:

I appreciated receiving your views on the importance of following through on the issues we addressed in our last exchange of letters regarding the People's Republic of China. It is clear that we continue to agree that the best way to make progress is for the Administration and Congress to continue to work together.

We need to be firm with the Chinese about our expectations, and, at the same time, encourage them to take positive steps. There has been some positive movement since my last letter to you, but we all should recognize that forward movement very likely will be incremental and could well be complicated by setbacks along the way. Nonetheless, I am determined that U.S. policy encourage China to move in a positive direction.

We are taking strong, yet measured, action against the Chinese, including in the areas you mentioned -- market access, apparel imports, and prison labor. We are also working actively with GATT contracting parties to resolve issues of Taiwan's GATT accession. The details of these actions are attached.

There is no question that MFN is the wrong tool to bring about change in China. I think we both are in complete agreement on that. I think we also agree that a strong China policy that vigorously addresses our concerns while continuing to engage China gives us the best hope for encouraging reforms while protecting our own national interests.

I welcome your support and look forward to continuing to work together to bring about positive change in China.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Max Baucus", written in a cursive style.

Enclosure

The Honorable Max S. Baucus
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

POOL REPORT # 1
DAMAGE TOUR OF WALKER'S POINT
KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE
NOVEMBER 2, 1991

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The President, outfitted in tan baseball cap, gray slacks, salmon sweater and blue windbreaker, took reporters on a tour of roughly 25 minutes throughout the Walker's Point compound. Mrs. Bush briefly joined us.

Observations are subjective, but Bush appeared somewhat shaken and, despite some occasional wisecracks, a bit subdued. Mrs. Bush was stoic and unsmiling.

Marlin said later that their first view of the place was "tragic." "When they first walked into the house, it was a sad situation," he said. "He found a picture of his father in a swamp over there... You kind of latch onto these things as a kind of natural psychological way of dealing with the disaster."

The P. said he first learned of the storm damage during a meeting with his economic advisers in the White House, shortly after it occurred; date and time unk.

He said he found the damage hard to believe. "I've been around the ocean a long time. Nobody can (believe it). These guys who live here all the time have never seen anything like it, ever. We're talking about hundred-year storms. We're talking about something that's supposed to happen once every hundred years (that) happens twice every 13 now."

"My heart goes out to the families that were devastated by it."

Maine's governor has declared parts of the area state disaster areas, but Bush didn't know the status of requests for Federal help. "What they declare and what they ask the Federal government to do are a couple of different things, but I think they're going to all be asking, if they haven't already, to have FEMA come to the White house to have that declaration made. And we normally do what FEMA suggests," said he.

The pool reporters assume you have seen the grounds and will refrain from in-depth description. Suffice it to say entire house was filled with sand, rock and pebbles, bedroom crammed with timbers and broken furniture, though the white polka-dotted wallpaper and white beams on ceiling in living room appeared remarkably clean. Family meeting room, a former sun porch, was windowless and washed clean of sand and furniture by large waves.

Following is a detailed stream-of-consciousness transcription, appended by visual details.

Walking up to the guest house, which had been moved off its foundation by the storm, P. said, in response to query as to whether he can repair the damage: "Everything can be fixed."

Moving to the bedroom, whose front wall was blown out, P. saw a flower-upholstered sofa and cracked: "It's a family heirloom, bought in 1987. ... There's something that is good, though, that desk, and something like that, maybe you can salvage. We're taking, trying to dry stuff out, not cleaning it out, and then figuring out what we can do. But, it's, uh, as you'll see the main part of the house is as severely damaged as this is."

"But, the good news is that the builder says it's structurally sound. Even though it got clobbered in '78 (when the last storm of any size hit), the structure is sound."

Asked when he would move back, he replied: "Well, I don't know, I don't know. ... It may be a long time. It took us a year to fix up the house when there was another storm, a less severe storm."

standing outside the bedroom, Mrs. B called the damage "Pretty bad, but a lot worse things happen in life, a lot worse. It teaches you a lesson. Well, we're very lucky, we Bushes."

Mrs. B said she had removed a number of family scrapbooks only this fall and sent them to storage, after the scare of Hurricane Bob made her think of the potential loss. No overwhelming, irreplaceable losses, such as wartime letters or biographical material, appeared to have occurred.

"All that nice living room" -- it was nice, vast and white-timbered, but now devoid of furniture -- "went out to sea." Asked what was lost, P. said most of the first-floor possessions are gone. "Books and pictures and little things." Re insurance: "Some guys are coming over this afternoon to talk about that. ... There's some insurance, but I don't know how much is covered. It's flood insurance, a company in Saco, Maine." Chuckling, P added: "It's not anywhere near the value we pay taxes on. Maybe that's the good news, I've just thought of something. ... It's Federal flood insurance, but I don't understand it, it's with a private company... We've been paying on it for years, and maybe we'll get something out of that. I hope so."

P. said state laws would have made it impossible to rebuild on-site, but repairs can be made to current damaged structure. "You couldn't build it again, . You can rebuild, but if you have to do it you have to put it somewhere else."

P. moved into the bedroom, clambering over the foundation and through the blown-out front wall. "Here's our bedroom. I don't think you've ever been invited into our bedroom. ... Here's what's left of a secure telephone."

"A lot of this stuff, you know, is not so dear, not valuable, but it's things like we bought it in China, or bought it in different trips around this country and abroad. It's personal."

"That's the horseshoe pit, it suffered a severe and perhaps unrecoverable blow. We had some fine games here. The clay survived, however; notice that."

P. moved to a smaller, sand-covered room. "This used to be a porch, with porch furniture and where the kids ate and all, and with the side out of it."

"The water was up pretty high in this room. This just got blown in. Tremendous waves came sweeping through here."

P. moved into the living room, barren of furniture and foot-deep in sand and rock. "The upstairs is fine, the upstairs is dry and a lot of the things that we think are salvageable, that don't need to be dried out, wooden pieces, we've stuck up there. And you'll see outside, where my nephew (Bill Bush, son of Jonathan) and his friends from college came down to help us clean it up."

POTUS moved to the former sunporch, now family meeting room, which had one wall partly blown out and had absorbed some of the brunt of the storm. Floor was clean as a bowling alley lane. "The waves came in and blew those double doors out, and swept -- this hasn't been cleaned up, this is just the way it looks, and it's just like bathing these hardwood floors -- the chimney's still standing -- it just devastated."

Comparing this storm to 1978, he said: "It's worse. ... We didn't lose as much personal stuff in 78. It was in place and a lot of it was, we didn't own the house then." Asked again what was lost, he replied: "Books, pictures, things from little pieces you pick up, little antiques, that Barbara -- everything we had of a personal nature, like little -- it's not all gone, some of it is upstairs. But there were some pictures that we love that were floating around someplace. And I have four pairs of binoculars that I've had for years, and we found one of them, and it's full of water, and I think that's probably the end of it."

"You know, it's little things. Family pictures, although we've got some upstairs."

Asked if he had thought about moving to higher ground, P scoffed. "We'll be here, we'll be here. It means something to us. It's our family strength, being this close to the ocean. We'll figure it out. And as you can see the house is pretty strong, but it obviously needs a lot of work. But we're not going to change."

Still in the sunporch, asked how high the waves reached, P revealed that he had watched his house being destroyed on video, courtesy of the Secret Service and White House TV. "Over the top of this place," said he of the waves. "There's a marvelous tape we've got that we can send over down to the newsroom if you'd like to see it on Monday, it just shows the power of the sea. You can see it building and coming across, they had, Ed Filbert (sp?) and these guys were out here, and suddenly one wave came all across that terrace and next thing you know they're breaking over this house. So they prudently took off and took the pictures from over here."

Beginning to move out to the front yard, P. looked at the seawalls and said: "You can see out here, we're lucky. One thing that was lucky is these walls, this wall work (seawall) has been here for a long time, and except breaks like this in that pier down there that we loved, (a 15-foot gap in the breakwater)...For the most part we're very lucky because these walls, ... most of the walls survived."

He pointed to the sunporch wall, an empty spot beneath a former window, and said: "We had a beautiful antique table. These are things that Barbara, just a beautiful antique table and she had needlepointed a covering for it, and all, and it's floating out there somewhere."

"So it's more that kind of thing than not having a roof over your head."

Asked whether security was badly damaged, P was uncertain. Personal observations showed a couple of guard shacks suffered moderate damage, and cables around the ground were unearthed by waves and broken in places. "They've got some aspects of it (security) in, but as you can see a lot of it around here ... was ruined," said P.

"I can't believe it. ... NOAA claimed there were 60-foot waves out, but not in here. A 30-foot sea is an enormous sea. ... that's kind of what they were estimating" for this area.

Fully outside at last, P. moved to the front yard and surveyed two piles of furniture. "{Now, this is some of the junk that was inside; the junk (is) in this pile and the possible survival stuff in that pile. The piano has made the junk pile. (He plinked it once, making some notably unharmonious noise.) It's something we've had for 30 years."

Among the detritus: a blue Colby Lacrosse blanket; a silver tin (candy/cigarette/cigar case?) from the Reagan-Bush inauguration; a dried coral or sea plant, pulled up from the Texas gulf and preserved in a plexiglas box.

"Some of the worst stuff survived and some of the better items, unfortunately, didn't. I don't know enough about it to know whether a couch like that can be dried and be fixed, or whether it's history. But there's somebody coming out today to help tell us all that."

A passing reporter observed that the Democrats probably were not responsible for this. Replied P: "This kind of thing you don't blame on anybody. It's just one of the breaks. You don't worry about it, you just go on and come back. A lot of people facing that today, all along the coast. I didn't realize North Carolina got hit so hard, Florida, down in Massachusetts, Connecticut. It came fast. A combination of the tides -- Tom, do you know?"

Tom Clark, head of the Walker's Point Secret Service detail took stage: "First they explained it was going to be a coastal storm, but with some coastal flooding. Nothing like the warning we got for Hurricane Bob, where they evacuated the coastal area. The first indication was a low tide, the tide never went out all the way. It stayed in about 6 feet higher than normal. ... It came in about 5 feet above normal high tide. Wind-driven waves, the waves were tremendous, and they broke over the end of the house there. The sun porches, the waves actually came over the top of that part of the house."

Resuming with P, now in the front yard, pointing at the front wall of the bedroom, bowed out to resemble the hull of a ship: "I tell you, this is something. It really is something... See the side of the house, on this side? See how it just bowed out, from -- those were waves coming in on -- that's the bedroom over there. Just bowed out. The waves were just pounding in there. Then the deck that we loved out there -- those timbers, over here, they were very heavy, and they acted like a battering ram. The waves would bring them in and, wham!!! They knocked the whole side of the house.

"Here's the stonework. This has been here since the place was here, and as you can see, except for the breach in the middle (where the pier was washed away), it's done pretty well. We found one of Barbara's chairs sitting over here, where it landed."

The P. picked up a diver's mask that had washed onto the rock-strewn front lawn. "The guy who was using this, the rest of him is out there somewhere," he said.

End it.

Michael Wines
New York Times

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Dinner hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitch
Saturday, November 2
7 p.m.
Houston, Texas

The President and Mrs. Bush

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bush

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitch

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Liedtke

Bessie Liedtke

Mr. and Mrs. Baine Kerr

Marion Chambers

Jack Steel

Dr. and Mrs. Lillo Crain

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ashmun

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Neblett

Daphney Murray and guest: Al Gawthrop

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Sat 2-Nov-91 13:14 EST

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL

Associated Press Writer

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — President Bush, getting the first look at his storm-ravaged summer home, declared today that "the sea won this round." He said years' accumulation of furniture and personal belongings had been lost.

But he tried to put as upbeat a face on the extensive damage as possible.

"Everything can be fixed," Bush said.

The president and first lady **Barbara Bush** gave reporters a tour of his family home at Walker's Point, which had been battered by Wednesday's storm in the Atlantic Ocean.

"It's devastating Bush said," as he surveyed the oceanfront side of the house. Much of the first floor was washed away and there was mud, boulders and upturned furniture everywhere.

"The main part of the house is severely damaged," Bush said. But he said he believed the structure of the three-story, 26-room house built in 1903 by his grandfather was sound and could be restored.

Bush said he had insurance but that he expected it would not cover much of the damage. The House was assessed last year at \$2.2 million but local realtors have said the market value is probably substantially more.

"All that nice living room went out to sea," Mrs. Bush told reporters. "I suspect you can pick up some pillows on your way out."

But, Mrs. Bush added: "A lot worse things happen in life."

The damage to the Bushes' multimillion-dollar property was so bad that the president had to drive in from a Sanford, Maine, airport instead of flying by helicopter.

There was no safe place for his Marine One helicopter to land on the 11-acre compound. Secret Service agents warned the press corps that power wires were still down on the property, although the electricity was believed cut off.

Bush's motorcade slowed to a crawl as he headed down Ocean Avenue towards his ancestral home. Other houses overlooking the ocean bore the signs of their own losing battle with Wednesday's sudden Northeaster that battered the Eastern Seaboard.

The yard of St. Ann's Church — the stone Episcopal church where Bush's parents were wed and he was baptized — was littered with boulders.

The rocks had been cleared from Bush's own driveway, but the stone pier in his cove was in ruins and a flagpole was askew.

At the nearby Shawmut Inn, gravel and debris half-filled the swimming pool, and the deck was under a half-foot bed of sand and rocks.

Barbara Bush, who accompanied the president, told reporters in Houston on Friday that, "I think nothing on the first floor is left no furniture."

The Bushes planned to return to Washington in late afternoon.

Bush returned to the White House earlier this morning from a two-day political swing through Texas where he sought to put a good face on grim economic news by urging Americans to go out and buy a

new home or car to get the economy perking again.

Bush raised \$2 million for his re-election drive and lashed out at Democratic critics in Houston and Dallas the past two nights.

In Dallas, he charged Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, was maneuvering to force him to veto a jobless benefits bill again for "demagogic" purposes.

"If he sends me down a bill that's going to bust the budget agreement, I'm going to veto it and send it right back," said Bush. "He is not going to dish it out and then be unable to take it."

"I refuse to catch his javelins anymore," Bush said.

He bluntly urged the Federal Reserve on Friday to lower interest rates to boost the recovery, which Bush insisted was under way despite Friday's rise in the unemployment rate to 6.8 percent and the first decline in eight months in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators.

"I don't want to be a rosy scenario man," said Bush. But he said the gross national product grew 2.4 percent in the third quarter and the jobless rate is "substantially lower than it was in the heights of the last recession."

"Some of the liberal Democrats that control this Congress think the only chance they have to defeat me is to talk this country into hard times," charged Bush in an interview with Houston television station KHOU.

"The lack of consumer confidence worries me, because if they hear all this bad news all the time, people are going to get gloomy about it," said Bush. "It's a good time to buy a house. It's a good time to buy a car."

He predicted the economy will be "the driving factor" in the 1992 elections.

Bush was basking in 90 percent approval ratings earlier this year after the Persian Gulf War. But his ratings have tumbled as the economy sputtered and Democrats charged he was spending too much time abroad and neglecting problems at home.

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Bush Sees Maine Storm Damage

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — President Bush surveyed the devastating damage that a fierce Atlantic storm dealt his turn-of-the-century oceanside home on Saturday and proclaimed: "The sea won this round."

But as he stood in a yard littered with stones, mud, broken glass and overturned furniture, the president vowed to rebuild the three-story home that has been in his family since 1903.

"It's devastating ... but everything can be repaired," Bush said as he led a group of reporters on a tour of the damage.

He said he had some insurance, but it wouldn't come close to the amount needed to restore the imposing house and its furnishing. The home was assessed last year at \$2.2 million. Local realtors, however, have said it is worth considerably more.

Bush said many years' accumulation of books and personal belongings had been destroyed or washed out to sea entirely in the storm that ravaged the Atlantic seaboard on Wednesday and Thursday.

At the height of the storm, 30-foot waves crashed over the house and the rocky point on which it sits, the president said.

The front, first floor of the three-story stone-and-shingle home was ripped open to the sea, revealing the remains of what had been the Bushes' living room, a bedroom and a family sitting room.

"The main part of the house is severely damaged," Bush said as he and a group of reporters stepped gingerly over broken glass and twisted pieces of wood and metal that had once been the Bush's living room.

"All that nice living room went out to sea," an obviously pained Barbara Bush told reporters.

But, she added philosophically: "We are very lucky, we Bushes. A lot worse things happen in life."

The president said he couldn't believe the extent of the damage "and I've been around the ocean a long time. Those who have lived around here all their lives have never seen anything like it."

"Unfortunately, the sea won this round. We'll see how we go on the next one," he said.

Bush said his "heart went out" to others up and down the East Coast whose homes were also ransacked by the fierce storm, including some he said fared a lot worse.

The president said that as soon as the governors submit the appropriate paperwork, he would declare the coastal areas of Maine and other affected states a disaster area, enabling people to get low-interest loans for repairs. He said he did not know if he would be eligible for such a loan.

Bush has spent every summer of his life at the Walker's Point house except 1944, when he was a Navy pilot in World War II.

The house was built by his mother's father, George Herbert Walker, in the winter of 1902-03. Bush bought the property in 1981 from his aunt Mary Walker for \$800,000.

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BUSH PICKS THROUGH STORM-DEVASTATED MAINE VACATION HOME

By Irwin Arieff

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, Reuter - President Bush poked through the devastated remains of his seaside vacation home Saturday, mourning the loss of irreplaceable personal items but vowing to rebuild the storm-damaged building.

"Unfortunately, the sea won this round," Bush said, standing on some large rocks that lined the outside of his house. "We'll go on to the next one."

In a swampy area he found a treasured photograph of his father, former Sen. Prescott Bush of Connecticut. In the backyard was a Howard piano, in the family for 30 years, hopelessly ruined. Three of four binoculars the president prized were lost.

Bush came to Maine early Saturday after raising \$2 million at two campaign fundraising dinners Thursday and Friday in Texas.

"This kind of thing you don't blame on anybody. This is one of the breaks. You don't worry about it. You go on and come back," he said.

The house was previously damaged in a 1978 storm.

Bush has spent part of every summer at the compound all of his life except in 1943, when he was a Navy pilot during World War II.

Often called the world's most powerful man, the president was reduced by an unexpectedly savage ocean storm Wednesday to a helpless homeowner at the mercy of nature, trying to salvage some of the remains of a lifetime of fond memories.

Taking a small group of reporters on a tour of the house's heavily damaged first floor, Bush and his wife, **Barbara**, pointed out room after room strewn with jagged rocks, sand and mud, seaweed, broken furniture and shards of broken glass.

"All that living room just went out to sea," said Mrs. Bush.

"It's pretty bad, but a lot worse things happen in life," she said. "It teaches you a lesson -- we're very lucky, we Bushes."

The sprawling home at Walker's Point, assessed before the storm at \$2.2 million, is the only house the Bushes own. It will take at least a year to rebuild.

The president said he had been told that the house's stone structure remained sound and that a portion of the cost of rebuilding would be covered by insurance, though "it's not anywhere near the value we pay taxes on."

Bush ducked through a broken French door into the family room, part of the house originally built in 1903. Its entire contents had been swept away by pounding waves, leaving only a bare wooden floor.

"It just cleaned out the big room where we sit and live." the president said.

"Right here we had a beautiful antique table and she (Barbara) had needle-pointed a covering for it," Bush said. Later he found part of the table on the back lawn.

He said the greatest loss consisted of personal effects that held fond memories for him and his family.

He vowed to rebuild the house at the same spot.

"It means something to us," he said. "It's our family strength to be this close to the ocean."

Sat 2-Nov-91 16:59 EST

President, first lady inspect storm-ravaged seaside estate

By THOMAS FERRARO

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (UPI) — A somber but resolute President Bush and his wife, **Barbara**, sifted through their storm-ravaged seaside estate Saturday, uncertain of the costs to repair the damage but vowing to rebuild and return.

"We'll figure it out," Bush told reporters as he led a grim tour of the vacation compound, an 11-acre spit of land that juts into the Atlantic Ocean about 100 miles northeast of Boston.

A sudden storm Wednesday, with winds of 50 mph and generating waves 30 feet high, turned the once picturesque estate into nightmarish shambles.

In the main house, wood-framed windows were smashed, paneled walls were buckled and virtually all of the first-floor furniture destroyed.

"All that nice living room went out to sea," Mrs. Bush said.

A small guest cottage was shoved off its foundation, underground powerlines were exposed and a lifetime of momentos swept away.

Untold tens of thousands of stones from the ocean floor littered the grounds, including what had been a fenced-in tennis court.

"Pretty bad, but a lot worse things happen in life," said Mrs. Bush. "We are very lucky — we Bushes."

"Here's our bedroom," the president said. "I don't think you've ever been invited into our bedroom. Here's what's left of a secure telephone."

Walking outside the house under low-gray skies, Bush pointed to a stake. "That's the horsehoe pit. It suffered a severe and perhaps unrecoverable blow. We had some fine games here."

The North Atlantic storm, known as a nor'easter, blasted much of the Northeast, causing heavy coastal damage in Massachusetts and Maine, and is blamed for at least three deaths, one in Rhode Island and two in New York.

The Red Cross said at least 120 homes were swept into the raging surf or pounded to pieces along more than 400 miles of coastline. More than 800 others were damaged, nearly half of them seriously, it said.

"My heart goes out to those who were clobbered," the president said.

In Kennebunkport, a fishing and tourist village, the presidential compound seemed to sustain far more damage than any of the neighboring homes, virtually all of which are on higher land.

Just up the street, the outdoor benches of St. Ann's Episcopal Church were torn out of the ground and tossed along the road.

At the nearby Shawmut Inn, a portion of a seawall was in the swimming pool.

The president and first lady had cut short a trip to their adopted home state of Texas to return Saturday to their estate, Walker's Point, which was built in 1903 by Bush's grandfather, George Herbert Walker.

"It's devastating," Bush said, standing in the remains of his living room. "It's still hard to believe. Guys who have lived around here for years say they have never seen anything like it."

This is the second time in 13 years that the compound has been hard hit by a storm, but Bush said his family has no intentions of moving.

"We'd never leave," he said. "It means something to us. It's our family strength to be this close to the ocean." Bush, 67, has spent a

portion of every summer of his life at the compound except in 1943, when he served as a Navy flier in World War II.

The president said, "Unfortunately, the sea won this round. We'll see how we go on the next one."

Bush said he is awaiting an estimate on damage, which could reach or even exceed the \$2.2 million assessed value of the compound. He also acknowledged that limited insurance would likely cover just a fraction of it.

"We've got to figure out what we can afford to do," he said.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said when the president and first lady first arrived at the house Saturday morning, "It was pretty sad. There's a lot of pain there."

"When he wandered through the house, it was a tragic scene. You are left to looking for momentos."

The press secretary said, "He found a picture of (his late) father, (George Prescott) in the swamp over there."

The first lady showed her grit and ever-present sense of humor. When a photographer asked her and the president to stand in front of their suddenly exposed bedroom, she quipped, "You want us to get in bed?"

Bush to inspect storm-stricken Maine home

Associated Press

President Bush will fly to his Maine vacation home on Saturday, interrupting a political trip to inspect heavy damage from storm-driven waves that battered his beloved seafront property.

"It's not good news," Bush said Thursday before leaving on what would be an abbreviated trip to Texas.

Bush's home on Walker's Point was one of many that suffered severe damage when a powerful Atlantic storm swept the coast on Wednesday.

"There is extraordinary damage inside the home and the other buildings" of the compound, said Bush's press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater. "There are reports of windows and walls being caved in and a disastrous situation there with regard to their personal property."

He said reports indicate that the storm's tallest wave could be seen crashing 15 feet over the roof of the president's home.

Another White House source said the first floor of the house was virtually gutted and that water had covered the entire Bush property,

with the main house sticking up like an island.

The extra-tropical Atlantic storm which battered the Bush compound built surging tides Thursday that hurled 20-foot waves into low-lying East Coast areas, ravaging houses, boats, sea defenses and beaches from Maine to Florida.

"Hurricane Bob was a pussycat compared to this one," said Gil Hanse Jr., an emergency worker for the town of Babylon on New York's Long Island. He referred to the Aug. 19 storm that caused more than \$1 billion in damage in the Northeast.

The current storm hit the Northeast like a sledgehammer, and it was blamed for at least one death. Two people were reported missing. One was a fisherman who was swept from a rocky point at Narragansett, R.I., on Tuesday night, and the other an Air National Guardsman whose four crewmates were rescued early Thursday after their rescue helicopter went down off Long Island.

Rescuers said Thursday evening they may have found the missing helicopter crewman. A life raft carrying a man was spotted near the

crash site, authorities said.

The 200-mile-wide Atlantic storm, which has no official name, formed earlier this week off Canada and is called "extratropical" because it didn't originate in the tropics as hurricanes do.

Meteorologists said it followed a southward course Thursday and appeared to be weakening as it stalled 300 miles east of Virginia. But its whiplash was expected to sting the mainland through Friday.

At high tide Thursday morning, waves up to 20 feet crashed against Boston Light, a lighthouse in Boston Harbor.

The destruction from towering waves and hurricane-force gusts reached a crescendo Wednesday night and early Thursday.

The storm pushed rivers through inland backyards and commuter routes, punched holes in wooden seawalls and smashed others to pieces, flooded coastal towns and collapsed houses, knocked out power to thousands. It tossed boats onto shore, eroded beaches as far south as Palm Beach, Fla., and prompted dozens of sea rescues.

"I've seen a couple of summer cottages float by whole," said Jeff

Sullivan, a fisherman in Chatham on Cape Cod.

Thousands fled year-round homes to shelters set up in schools along the coast. Emergencies were declared Thursday in nine counties in Massachusetts, two counties in Maine and in Dare County on the North Carolina Outer Banks.

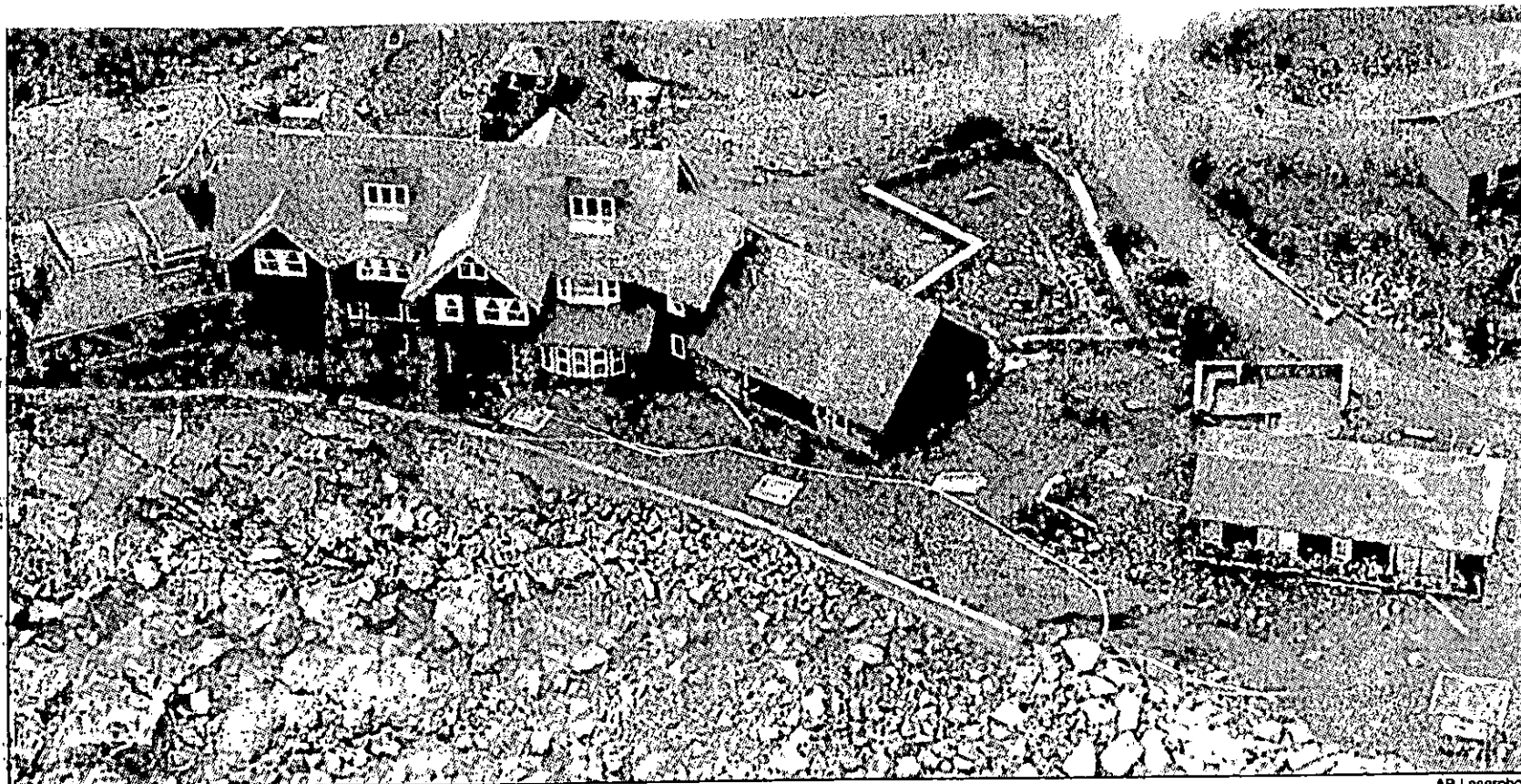
Four Air National Guardsmen whose H-60 Pavehawk helicopter ran out of fuel and dropped into the sea as it returned from a futile Massachusetts rescue mission were found floating in or near a life raft about 60 miles off Long Island.

Surf that a meteorologist described as the area's second-highest recorded tide damaged part of the Atlantic City Boardwalk, police said. Casino gamblers stopped to watch the awesome sight of giant waves pounding the beach.

In Marshfield, Mass., a house was lifted off its foundations, then set back down at an angle. Inside, the crockery and furniture were undisturbed.

"It really looks like something out of the Wizard of Oz," said the owners' daughter, Virginia Murray. "We're just missing the ruby slippers."

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Storm debris surrounds President Bush's vacation home Thursday in Kennebunkport, Maine. The first floor of his house is reportedly gutted.



AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE

Bush walks through living room in Maine home, where high winds and waves broke down walls and smashed furniture.

For the First Family, a Sense of Loss

Bush Calls Storm Destruction at Kennebunkport Estate 'Devastating'

By John E. Yang
Washington Post Staff Writer

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, Nov. 2—The hardwood floors were covered by a thick mixture of mud, rocks, broken glass and splintered wood. Large sections of walls that faced the ocean were gone, broken down and washed away by the fury of the sea, and the opposing walls bowed by the force. Furniture, mementos and other belongings littered the lawn.

The owner enlisted a nephew to help him rip up waterlogged carpeting and spread it on the soggy grass, met with insurance adjusters and lamented that his coverage is "not anywhere near the value we pay taxes on."

"It's devastating," he said of the destruction. "It just cleaned out the big room."

"All that nice living room went out to sea," his wife added.

The power of his office did nothing to spare President Bush and his wife Barbara the sense of loss they experienced today when they returned to Walker's Point, the vacation home for four generations of his family, to survey the damage left by a sudden and violent nor'easter that pounded the Maine shoreline this week.

"I can't believe it," Bush told reporters as he led them on a tour of what remains of the only house he owns. "Unfortunately, the sea won this round."

The president seemed shaken and subdued, but kept his humor. Climbing through a blown-out wall, he told reporters: "Here's our bedroom—I don't think you've ever been invited into our bedroom." The First Lady was stoic and unsmiling.

The damage to the 11-acre estate that juts into the Atlantic Ocean was extensive. The first floor of the 26-room stone-and-shingle main house

was gutted, interior walls shredded and the furniture swept onto the lawn or out to sea. The sea wall of massive boulders that protected the pier where Bush's 28-foot cigarette boat, "Fidelity," ties up had collapsed in the center.

Today, the pier itself was up by the driveway, about 200 yards away. Furniture was stacked behind the house in two piles: one for junk, one for salvage. In the junk pile were a large dining table, torn in two, and a small piano that the Bushes had owned for 30 years.

The living room where Bush met with foreign leaders and planned the U.S. response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait last year was a shambles. Swept away was the back porch overlooking the sea where Bush's sweeping plan to cut U.S. nuclear arms was born last August during a conversation between the president and Brent Scowcroft, his national security adviser.

After Hurricane Bob threatened the house in August, Barbara Bush removed a number of family scrapbooks for safekeeping. But the greatest loss was still personal and family memorabilia, Bush said. Family photographs and other items, including pieces collected during his tenure as the U.S. envoy to China and other world travels, were lost. As Bush walked around the compound this morning, he found a photograph of his father, the late Sen. Prescott Bush (R-Conn.), in a swampy area several hundred feet from the house.

"A lot of this [was] stuff that you would call dear, not valuable, but things we bought in China or different trips," he said. "It's personal. You'll see 'em floating around out here. . . . Some of the worst stuff survived and some of the better items, unfortunately, didn't."

Other nearby oceanfront homes escaped the storm unscathed. But the president's home was vulner-

able because of its position on a rocky promontory.

The compound survived a 1978 storm in which another powerful wave smashed part of the main house, separating one wing. The detached structure was turned into a guest cottage, cheekily called "The Wave." Today, that house was sitting intact, but several feet off of its foundation.

A structural engineer declared the house sound, and Bush said there is no question about whether to rebuild. "We'll be here," he said. "It means something to us. It's our family strength, being this close to the ocean. We'll figure it out."

The towering waves that battered and broke the president's house were an apt metaphor for the week, which saw the president's political fortunes buffeted by bad economic news, worried Republicans who fear he does not appear to be on top of the problems and gleeful Democrats who hope to exploit that issue in next year's campaign.

With nearly half of those questioned in the most recent Washington Post-ABC News survey saying Bush cares more about serving upper-income people than the needs of middle-income and poor Americans, Bush has been sensitive to the appearance of a millionaire lamenting the loss of a property valued at \$2.2 million.

He flew to Maine today aboard a small Air Force C-20, the military version of a Gulfstream executive jet, rather than his usual Boeing 747. In his comments, he seemed to try to avoid appearing to seek sympathy.

"It's just one of the breaks," he said. "You don't worry about it, you just go on and come back. A lot of people facing that today, all along the coast."

Added Barbara Bush: "Pretty bad, but a lot worse things happen in life, a lot worse."

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Bush Toll: Memories Lost to Sea

By MICHAEL WINES
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KENNEBUNKPORT, Me., Nov. 2 — A shaken President Bush and his wife, Barbara, led reporters through their devastated vacation house today, clambering over broken timbers and shattered glass to show where antiques and political mementos had been washed away this week by a powerful ocean storm.

Afterward, he pledged to repair the Walker's Point compound, an 11-acre estate on a seaside promontory named for the President's grandfather, where his family has summered for 89 years.

"We'll be here," he said. "It means something to us. It's our family strength, being this close to the ocean."

The Bushes interrupted a political fund-raising swing through Texas to fly to Maine today and view the wreckage. Thirty-foot waves blew out rear walls of the first floor of the two-story main house and washed most of its furniture and personal effects out to sea.

Guest House Moved

A guest house nearby was jarred off its foundation, and a fenced-in tennis court was filled with sand, rocks and other storm rubble.

The second story of the house was all but untouched by the storm, Mr. Bush said.

The President said he has a Federal flood insurance policy that should cover some of the loss, but Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said the policy would fall far short of paying for all the repairs.

"When they walked into the house, it was a sad situation," Mr. Fitzwater said, adding that Mr. Bush and his wife seemed stunned by the scope of the damage. "He found a picture of his father in a swamp over there."

"Unfortunately, the sea won this round," Mr. Bush said. "We'll see how we go in the next one."

Looking at a vast white-timbered room that was empty save a thick coat of sand and rocks on the floor, Mrs. Bush said, "All that nice living room went out to sea."

Although the Bushes lost virtually all their first-floor furniture and personal effects, few valuable or irreplaceable items appear to have vanished. Mrs. Bush said she had taken scrapbooks of Mr. Bush's political career from the house only this fall, after a scare over an approaching hurricane convinced her that the house was not a safe place to store such items.

Souvenirs Lost

The President said most of the lost personal effects were books, photographs and souvenirs of Presidential trips.

Mr. Bush flew to Walker's Point this morning after viewing a videotape of the storm lashing their house that was shot earlier this week by the Secret Service and White House television technicians.

"It just shows the power of the sea," he said. "You can just see it building and coming across. These guys were out here, and suddenly one wave came breaking across that terrace, and next thing you know they're breaking over this house. So they prudently took off."

One of Mr. Bush's college-age nephews, Bill Bush, and his friends were at the house today, clearing debris and sorting remaining items into piles of throwaways and salvageable goods.

Mr. Bush said he found the damage hard to believe. "I've been around the ocean a long time," he said. "These guys who live here all the time have never seen anything like it — ever."

"My heart goes out to the families that were devastated by it."

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REPORT ON DAMAGE IN STORM IS GRIM

Officials Along Coast in Gale's
Path Put Toll in Hundreds
of Millions of Dollars

By ROBERT D. McFADDEN

Disaster relief officials, environmental experts and grim property owners surveyed the wreckage of homes and eroded beaches along wave-battered coasts from New England to the mid-Atlantic states yesterday as estimates of last week's storm damage climbed into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

At least four deaths were attributed to the storm, which howled and hit like a hurricane and then moved slowly down the coast on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The storm reduced coastal homes to kindling and tossed ships and boats like toys, endangering scores of people at sea.

A sea-and-air search went on for a third day for a missing Air National Guard rescue specialist whose helicopter ditched 60 miles south of Long Island on Wednesday night. But the focus of the search shifted to Virginia coastal areas. The missing man was believed to be drifting 100 miles a day.

Shore-Front Houses Suffered

From Maine to Virginia, officials said, hundreds of shore-front houses were destroyed by the storm and thousands of other homes, including President Bush's summer retreat at Kennebunkport, Me., were heavily damaged by floodwaters and winds. Many of the homes were among the most expensive in the area.

Environmental experts said hundreds of miles of fragile dunes and sandy beaches had been gouged away by 25-foot waves and winds just short of 74-mile-an-hour hurricane force. In many shore areas of Cape Cod, Long Island and New Jersey and on barrier islands like Fire Island and the Outer Banks of North Carolina, cliffs jutted up where pristine beaches had been.

Like many homeowners affected by the storm, President Bush took a firsthand look at the damage to his three-story, 26-room Kennebunkport retreat, built by his grandfather in 1903 on Walker's Point, a rocky peninsula with the Atlantic on three sides. The house took heavy damage from pounding surf and floodwaters.

The Governors of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Maine said they would appeal for Federal disaster aid for stricken areas after the destruction is fully assessed. Such aid includes low-interest loans to individuals and small businesses and money for states and cities to repair roads, bridges and other public structures.

Unlike Hurricane Bob, which tore through parts of New England in August and caused \$780 million in damage to homes, trees and power lines far inland as well as on the shores, the storm last week left wreckage almost entirely along coastal areas, with people and property untouched only a short way inland.

Estimates of the damage were preliminary and are likely to rise, officials said, and in the case of lost dunes and beaches the destruction is not easy to assess. Hundreds of millions of dollars spent on erosion-control projects on the barrier beaches of Long Island may have been lost, environmental experts said.

Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts estimated that property damage in his

As shores were
battered, inland
areas escaped.

state alone would reach "hundreds of millions of dollars," but he and Richard Strome, the regional director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said a more complete figure would have to await further assessments by relief teams.

Extent of Damage Isn't Known

The American Red Cross in Boston said 3,000 homes on the shores of Cape Cod and Massachusetts Bay had been damaged sufficiently to force their residents to evacuate. Anne Wilcox, a Red Cross spokeswoman, said that 584 houses had major damage and that 172 had been swept away or reduced to rubble. "And these are just preliminary estimates," she said.

A tour of Cape Cod showed that large sections of beach had been torn away on the National Seashore from Orleans to Provincetown and in other areas pounded by mountainous surf. In Chatham, 25 beach-front homes were destroyed and 59 others were heavily damaged, officials said. Chatham's fishing fleet was prevented from sailing because the storm had changed parts of the channel. Sandwich town officials said more than a dozen homes had been severely damaged.

Gov. John R. McKernan Jr. of Maine asked President Bush to declare the state's entire south coast a disaster area. Similar requests were made by Gov. Mario M. Cuomo of New York for parts of Long Island and by Gov. James J. Florio of New Jersey for shore communities.

In New Jersey, preliminary estimates of the damage rose to \$26 million, but the figure was expected to climb higher because many towns and homeowners had not begun to assess their costs. The most extensive dam-

age was reported in Sea Isle City, Ocean City, Atlantic City, Brigantine, Harvey Cedars, Ocean Gate, Monmouth Beach and Sea Bright.

On Long Island, officials said beach erosion in the Town of Babylon accounted for most of Suffolk County's \$10 million preliminary damage estimate for public property. The figure was expected to go much higher as officials surveyed eroded beaches, washed out roads and other destruction.

In Westhampton Beach, one of the hardest-hit communities, 19 homes on Dune Road were destroyed and 17 more were irreparably damaged. "There is no more Dune Road," said Gary A. Vegliante, head of the Barrier Beach Preservation Association, a property owners' group.

Mr. Vegliante said he had had a stream of calls from distraught homeowners. "The best news you can find out is that your home has survived," he said. But he added: "Nobody has gone without some damage."



Associated Press

President Bush examining damage in the living room of his home in Kennebunkport, Me., after a coastal storm hit the area last week.

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Bush: No more slow burn

By MAUREEN SANTINI

News Washington Bureau

DALLAS — So much for kinder, gentler.

With Democrats accusing President Bush of not doing enough to boost the faltering economy — and polls showing that message is sinking in — the White House engineered a quick change in strategy.

Within days after new polls showed the overwhelming majority of Americans believe the country is on the wrong track, Bush abandoned his Rose Garden strategy of remaining above the fray.

Instead, he began unleashing anger that's been mounting as critics charge he spends too much time on foreign policy and cares more for the rich than for those

who are out of work.

Since a bad economy could threaten his reelection chances, those polls have sent shivers through the White House.

Once Bush started letting his frustrations out, he seemed unable to stop.

"Some of the liberal Democrats that control this Congress think the only chance they have to defeat me is to talk this country into hard times," he complained.

"I've been trying to be kind and gentle and absorb these political shots.... But I'm a little tired of having the liberal Democrats up there in the House and Senate, these entrenched leaders and chairmen of these little subcommittees, dictate to the American people."

"They get under your skin after a while," Bush said with a sigh.

'I slugged back'

After his first anti-Democratic tirade in Houston, Bush reported: "I felt good because I slugged back at these guys that have been sniping at me for six months."

"We're going to be in a real fight," he predicted. "I'm not going to roll over and let them misrepresent my record."

He also complained about unions.

"The union fights me, so I'm going to fight them," he said.

But, in a series of interviews, Bush wavered between declaring the economy

a big problem and insisting it wasn't so bad.

"Any time you've got a bad economy, people are going to look at anybody that's in office," he said. "I think the economy is going to be the driving factor in these elections."

Bush said he wanted people to know that he does want to extend jobless benefits — even though he thinks the Democratic bill is too expensive.

"I've been standing there like a placid punching bag," Bush said. "I've been kind of a shock absorber for highly partisan criticism. And I'm not going to do that anymore."

"I'm not going to let them alter the facts by these personal attacks."

Dems rake Bush in N.H.

By SUSAN MILLIGAN

News Washington Bureau

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Kicking off their presidential season, Democratic hopefuls here yesterday did what Democrats do best: they bashed Bush, bemoaned the state of the economy and engaged in a little infighting of their own even as they called for party unity.

Bush — whose falling popularity is nonetheless high — was accused of playing racial politics, ignoring American problems and pursuing a "stupid" economic policy.

The only thing Bush did right, Democrats gathered here for their mid-year meeting agreed, is that he took former New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, a Republican, out of the state to make him White House chief of staff.

"Bush just doesn't get it. He doesn't understand that his policies are hurting his country," said Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, one of five Democratic presidential candidates who addressed the Democrats yesterday.

"We are following a stupid economic policy that is going to destroy this country," said

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, drawing cheers.

Clinton was ushered to the stage to the accompaniment of Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" — the musical equivalent of the Democrats' contention that their party is not to blame for the country's problems.

The forum was the closest thing the Democrats have come to a debate among their presidential candidates. Joining Clinton and Harkin were Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, Nebraska Sen. Robert Kerrey and former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas.

Former California Gov. Jerry Brown did not attend.

No candidate emerged as a clear favorite, and the men sought to draw distinctions among themselves as well as between the Democrats and the Republican party.

In attacking Bush, the group played to the President's weaknesses: the faltering economy, the health care crisis and the impression that the Republicans have engaged in racial politics.

Four of the five candidates mentioned Louisiana Republican gubernatorial candidate David Duke, whose run-

has irked a Republican party seeking to distance Duke from Bush.

Bush's long delay in agreeing to a civil rights bill — which the President called a "quota bill" — "has been shameful, it has been destructive and it has produced a climate conducive to Republicans like David Duke," said Wilder.

"Americans do not need a policy based on hatred, based on racism," Kerrey said.

Kerrey was also the only one to focus on abortion rights, which is expected to be a big issue in the campaign next year.

Tsongas complained about the "damage" done by "Hurricane George," noting that the President was examining damage this weekend to his Kennebunkport, Maine, estate while New Hampshire — where Bush won his first 1988 primary — is suffering serious economic decline.

In the most militant call to arms against Bush, Harkin said the party should be ready for a negative campaign assault from the White House.

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KEY OF GEE: President Bush tries playing piano that suffered water damage in coastal storm at his Kennebunkport, Maine, home.

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Bush: "we'll stay" at peace table as long as it takea

By HELEN THOMAS

UPI White House Reporter

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush vowed Sunday that the administration would remain engaged in the unprecedented Arab-Israeli talks until peace prevails over war in the volatile Middle East.

Bush made the remarks following a three-hour golf game at the Andrews Air Force Base golf course. The president flew to Andrews after attending an early morning Episcopalian church service near the White House with Mrs. Bush.

Pausing to chat with reporters, Bush said he received an update from Secretary of State James Baker Sunday morning and would talk to him again later in the day.

He said that Baker was having his "ups and downs" since the conference in Madrid, Spain began last Wednesday, when Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev opened the parley.

But, he said, "It's very good news that some of the delegations are talking," referring to the meeting between Israelis and Palestinians. He added, "Then there are some — the Syrians and Israelis — who are still going back and forth. So we're not going to know for a while.

"We'll stay there as long as it takes," he added. "We will be in the middle of it as long as we can be helpful."

The president avoided becoming publicly involved in the argument between the parties over the location for the next round of talks.

The Arab delegations have opted for continuing the negotiations in Madrid. The Israelis want the talks moved to the Middle East. Washington is considered a possible compromise location.

On that question, Bush said "We'll let the people in the area negotiate all of this. Discussions are going on on all of this."

After a relaxing Sunday at the White House where he watched and routed for his adopted hometown Houston Oilers play the Washington Redskins, the peripatetic Bush planned to board Air Force One Monday morning for a one-day round trip to California where he will join for former presidents in dedicating the new Ronald Reagan Presidential Library on a 30-acre site in Simi Valley, about 50 miles from Los Angeles.

Bush noted that former President Jimmy Carter was making an "extraordinary effort" to attend the ceremonies, as the Democrat has just completed a mission to Zambia where he headed an international team to monitor that African nation's first democratic election last week.

Former presidents Reagan, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon, all Republicans, will attend the ceremony, marking the first time the five presidents have assembled.

"It's going to be a very nice event, a very pleasant event," said Bush, who will return to Washington Monday evening.

The president will be at the White House Tuesday, before he sets out again Wednesday on a three-day journey to Rome to attend a NATO meeting and to The Hague where he will gather with members of the European Community.

Regarding the first meeting of the NATO heads of government since the collapse of the Soviet Union, formally the end of the cold war, Bush said: "We're not expecting any surprises but we'll be defining our security role in the '90's. I don't think there will be any shocking

events."

While in Rome, the president will make a visit to the Vatican to meet with Pope John Paul II. He also will have private meetings with individual foreign leaders.

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President Bush Vetoes Redskins

Wants Oilers to Win Sunday, and in Super Bowl

By John E. Yang
Washington Post Staff Writer

HOUSTON, Nov. 1—President Bush, a former Texas oilman, showed the ultimate disrespect for a Washington institution today: He said he hoped the Washington Redskins would lose to the Houston Oilers on Sunday.

"I want the Oilers to win it and I want them to go on and do so well that Barbara and I receive them in the White House as Super Bowl champs," Bush said in a television interview in his adopted home town. He told another interviewer, "I may catch a little hell in Washington, but, look, this is my home and that's who I'm for."

Bush is a quintessential Washington insider, the son of a senator who has worked inside the Beltway on and off for

nearly three decades. He has not resided in Houston in more than 10 years and his voting address is a suite in the Houstonian Hotel here. Nevertheless, he said, "Look, this one isn't that tough for me. . . . Put me down in the Oilers column."

Bush tried to blunt his partisanship for the 7-1 Oilers by saying, "I take pride in the Redskins' 8-0 record." He was careful too to praise Redskins Coach Joe Gibbs: "You better have great affection and respect for Gibbs if you want to live in Washington, even inside the fence in the White House. Besides that, he merits it."

The president telephoned Oilers Coach Jack Pardee this morning and sent a note to quarterback Warren Moon. Bush said he told Pardee "I was rooting for him, and told him I hope he'd come by the White House on this visit. . . . And I'll have to get up quickly and explain it to Gibbs."

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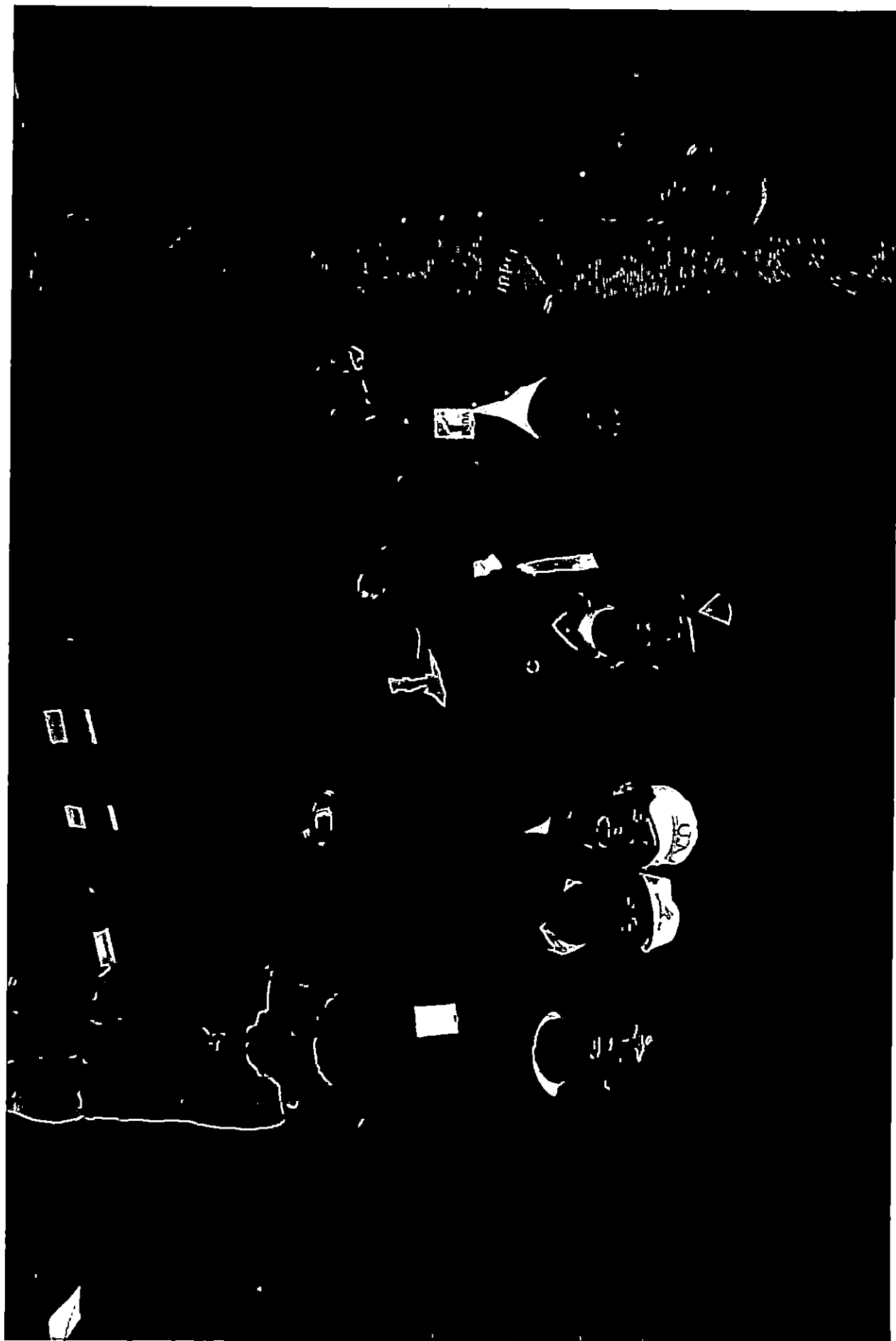
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