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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Monday, January 20, 1992

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Federal Holiday

B Camp David

TBD

B Arrive White House

South Lawn

UNP 01/17/92
6:00 pm

WASHINGTON

JANUARY 20

. 1992

PRESIDENT BUSH

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

January 20, 1992

	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
	PLACED				
OUT	7:11 AM	7:12		Major John E. Wissler Laurel Lodge, Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1670	Tlkd-ok 7:11 AM
INC	PM				
OUT	8:07 AM			Mr. Edward Rollins Office, Alexandria, Virginia 703-636-3247	Left Message on Answering Machine 8:11 AM
INC	PM	12:34			
OUT	AM				Tlkd-ok 12:32 PM
INC	PM				
OUT	8:15 AM	11:25		Mr. Roger B. Porter Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2283	Tlkd-with Ms. Porter 8:16 AM Tlkd-ok 11:24 AM
INC	PM				
OUT	8:19 AM			Ms. Bridget M. Montagne Office, Washington, D.C. 456-2990	PRESUS Cancel 8:23 AM
INC	PM				
OUT	9:31 AM	9:42		Mr. Roger E. Ailes Office, New York City, New York 212-685-8400	Tlkd-ok 9:33 AM
INC	PM				
OUT	10:49 AM	11:17		Mr. George W. Bush Jr. (b)(6)	WCB 10:50 AM Tlkd-ok 11:06 AM
INC	PM				
OUT	11:26 AM	11:30		Ms. Patty Presock Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2198	Tlkd-ok 11:26 AM
INC	PM				
OUT	AM			Corporal Richard J. Owca Jr Wye Oak Fitness Center Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1555	Tlkd-ok 12:21 PM
INC	12:21 PM	12:21			
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				

PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Camp David, Maryland
Washington, D.C.

DATE 20 January 1992

[illegible]

Presidential Phone Calls
Camp David



DATE: 1-20-92 TIME: 9:35 - 9:45
incoming/outgoing

WITH: Roger Ailes

SUBJECT: got Stu - really bad 3

talk Tector yesterday

Main thing

1. stay cool

2. " words

3. smile

They say "anxiety problem"

FOLLOW UP: You're the President "

Cable said Bush too insulting

to

Need "Mega Thesis"

New even responsibility

Pub. Don't recipients must have it
Redd " "

Presidential Phone Calls

Camp David



DATE: _____ TIME: _____
incoming/outgoing

WITH: _____

SUBJECT: *if you are Bur-*

atman responsibility is

everyone must get something

back

enough to enough

public likes you

" " BPB

FOLLOW UP: *need to pick waves*

stay cool

keep smiling

simple. Haxies

can't agree with each other

vested interest



January 20, 1992

To: Connie Horner

From : Pres.

Re: Dorothy Collins Weaver (mrs. David)

Dorothy, long time supporter is (has been)
Pres. of Dallas Fed Reserve Board. Also many
other civic activities. Perhaps head of
Chamber of Commerce for a year.

In any event she is able ,long time
supporter.

Please see if she'd be interested in some
assignment- full time or part time. David is
a very active business person too.

GB

FROM THE PRESIDENT

530
Abdullah Salah Dec. 31
Fadwa Salah 1922 April 29
Hanya Salah 1925
Oct. 21, 1965

1/20/92

Mr. President:

George, Jr.. called to say that Bobby Holt was looking for 2 tickets to the State of the Union for him and Mrs. Holt.

YES _____

NO _____

2) Roger Porter would like it to be a very personal Meeting. Told him I would call when you got in. West Wing office is OK.

3) Mrs. Fadwa Salah (Abdullah) called to say that she and her husband are in town today and tomorrow. Wondered if there was any possibility of their seeing you and Mrs. Bush. You wrote him and told him if they had an opportunity before they left for Jordan to come by to say hello.

Otherwise they will be back on the 27th. They head back to Jordan on the 3rd of February.

Tele. # Park Hyatt Hotel - 789-1234 Room 720.

WANT TO SEE? YES _____ NO _____

WHEN? TODAY _____
TOMORROW _____
JANUARY 27th _____

3:30
4/20/92
left word
no ans -

rz

11:15
Today



January 20, 1992

To: Phil Brady

The attached letter came in today from a cousin. I do not know her though we may have met.

She writes about Joe Doherty

Will you please have a reply prepared- giving me a synopsis of this case in the process.

Thanks.

gb

A handwritten signature, possibly "LJ", is written in the center of the page.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 17, 1992

President George H. W. Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

1040 E Johnson St.
Madison, Wis 53703

Dear George:

I am writing to you, as a relative, on a most urgent matter. I have never seen any reason to avail of my family relationship to; nor did I imagine that I would ever see such a day. Until now.

I will not dance around the subject: I am requesting that you ask Attorney General Barr to order a hearing on the asylum claim of Joseph Doherty. Since the Supreme Court, in an unusually divided opinion, has effectively cleared the way for Mr. Doherty's deportation, the only hope that this man has left for his day in court lies with the Attorney General, who has the power to give Mr. Doherty a hearing on his claim for asylum.

Because of the extreme urgency of this matter, I am not particularly eager to engage in a debate on the political or legal points of this case, but I will go so far as to make a few comments about why I believe that your intervention would be politically expeditious: First, interest in Mr. Doherty's case has never been based on partisan lines. As you probably know, Senators Hatch and Helms are two of the most outspoken advocates of Mr. Doherty's right to an asylum hearing. Therefore, your action in this case would in no way be an aberration in terms of your party's commitments. Nor would it be seen as bowing to pressure from an Irish-American lobby. Support for Mr. Doherty's claim has long come from well outside that particular grouping, to include lawyers, human rights activists and academics such as myself. For me, this has nothing to do with Northern Ireland and everything to do with the integrity of the American political system.

Finally, I and other political analysts are of the very strong opinion that Dick Thornburgh's loss in the gubernatorial race in Pennsylvania, despite your support, had a great deal to do with the public outrage over his mishandling of the Doherty case, and his refusal to let Mr. Doherty have his day in court. This outrage was organized to an effective political opposition that, unfortunately, helped secure Mr. Thornburgh's defeat. It seems to me that the citizens of Pennsylvania felt that, on this issue at least, the former Attorney General was out of touch with the people.

This letter, however, is not about politics. It is quite frankly and sincerely a personal appeal and one which I make with everything in me. I write this as family, hoping that you know that I would not take advantage of our relationship in normal circumstances. There is nothing normal, however, about this case.

I trust that you are having better luck keeping those nasty viruses at bay. Avoidance of dairy products has always been my trick.

May God bless and keep you.

Much love,

Hilary House

Hilary House

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Initials of Receiving Clerk: <u>WHITE</u>	Weight: <u>1.00</u> lbs. oz. <u>00</u>		
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For Customer Use

FROM:

Military House
1440 S. Johnson St.
Madison, WI 53703

URGENT - FALLEN

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For Customer Use

ADDRESSEE'S COPY

TO: Telephone Number: _____

Planned Parenthood
The United Way
Washington, DC 20500

WALKER



January 20, 1992

Laurie:

More fine suggestions:

Dorothy Collins Weaver and Husband David
Miami.... invite to State Dinner or some
good event.

cm

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TALKING POINTS

1-16-92

Would-Be White House Aide Decides to Remain Consultant

White House Chief of Staff Samuel K. Skinner got some bad news yesterday. Consultant James H. Lake, unable to sort out the financial and legal problems of leaving his lobbying firm, declined to head up the White House communications office.

An administration official said Lake was concerned about his clients as well as the government's rules that would keep him from lobbying anyone in the executive branch for a year after he returned to the private sector.

Lake will retain his volunteer post as senior communications consultant to the Bush campaign. One source said, "In or out of the White House, he's still

going to be Bush communications czar this year."

Another Bush Aide Will Just Remain

■ Meanwhile, White House officials said reports that Andrew J. Card Jr., deputy chief of staff, would soon resign are untrue. Card was reported to be leaving to become head of the American Railroad Association's Washington operation, a post that pays several multiples more than government service.

Sources said Card was a leading candidate until executives wanted to consider someone with stronger Democratic ties in Congress. A source said that while Bush obviously would not stand in the way of Card leaving, he had asked him to stay on when former White House chief of staff John H. Sununu left.

Ann Devroy

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Mr. President

Two phone calls that came in this morning:

1. Jimmy Walker -- he called to chat w/ me regarding Dorrance. A friend of his had lunch with Dorrance. Dorrance was quoted as saying that Sam Skinner is like a "bull in a china shop." Very short fuse. Much turmoil here. Unease.

If Jim Lake were to come to the White House as Communications Chief, Dorrance would leave.

(b)(6)

What drives what -- policy drives communication or does communications drive policy. We need to focus on a domestic policy -- or is there an inability to get our domestic message out? Just getting rid of Demerest might not be the answer.

Cokie Roberts tells Jimmy she is hearing from lots of N.H. Republican voters that they are going to vote against George Bush just to make a statement.

2. Steve Rhodes called from Jamaica. (He's now with the Jamaican company, COMET RICE.) He splits his time between LA & Jamacia.

Wants you to know that he's for you 100% and if there's anything he can do to be helpful, just let him know. Said to stay the course.

Will be getting married in Washington - July 25th to Dr. Linda McMurdock a clinical psychologist in Washington, DC. You and Mrs. Bush will be receiving an invitation to the wedding.

PHONE NUMBERS FOR STEVE:

Jamacia: 809-978-2677
 984-4307
 984-4398

LA : 213-938-2649

Patty Presock

The Honorable Joseph Verner Reed
Denbigh Farm
591 Riversville Road
Greenwich, Connecticut 06831

cc: (in & out)
Nikki Richnow
Jan Burmeister✓



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jan 20, 1992

Dear Joseph -

Thanks for
The Adventures of Theodore,
an easy read and interesting

Yes I was pleased
to see the supportive note
from Mrs. Marion Seblott (I
return her card for you files)

The Reed enthusiasm
is unreal, office to office
around here; though Jack Weisman
is doing well - very well. Good luck
- Thanks - GIB

Dear Mr. President.

Dec. 31. 41

JOSEPH VERNER REED

The enclosed book on TR
is sent along with appreciation,
admiration & affection.

The Christmas message to me
comes from my former secretary at the
Cham... interesting! All the best
Joseph

To the
Joseph Reed family



Wishing you
bright Christmas memories
to shine
through the New Year!

All the best to you
Marion Little

(It seems to be gloom & doom here -
hope the economy & the general outlook
improves thereby improving the
President's chances. This for him no
matter what!)

Mr. President -
JOSEPH V. REED SENT
THIS GIFT TO YOU VIA
MY OFFICE. HE ASKED
THAT I DELIVER IT
TO YOU.

Aug 9/11/92

1-14-92

1/21/92

No answer at his NY office
(212) 415-4240.

Per his previous office at
State, they recommend
sending correspondence
to his CT home until
his office is completely
established.

Robin MacLean

WASHINGTON, D.C.
The Honorable Phil Gramm
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20016

CC:
Zamaria ✓

(Personal)



CAMP DAVID

Jan 20, 1992

Dear Phil -

Two great Gramm reports.

1. An ecstatic Jeb Bush called
about your speech to the GOP in
Florida - acclaiming it to be the best
he's heard.

2. The New Hampshire reviews
per Tudd Gregg and
others were terrific too.

May my thanks.

All the "negative stuff"
will abate as the economy gets
moving and it will.

Thanks for all you're doing

CZB /

GB
CAMP DAVID

Senator Phil Gramm

personal

10:00 A.M EST NEWS UPDATE

TRIP (Christopher Connell, AP) -- President Bush sought to put the spotlight on an old campaign promise he has fulfilled in part: bigger budgets for Head Start to prepare poor children for school. But Democrats in Congress already are looking to double Bush's newest proposal for a \$500 million increase for the popular preschool program. Bush was flying to Catonsville to visit a Head Start center and announce what the White House billed as "the largest increase ever" for Head Start. Secretary Sullivan said on CBS' "This Morning" program, "We will have more than 300,000 additional children in the Head Start program who were not being served before. That's the important thing, the difference this will make in their lives and in their future as leaders in our country."

U.S. WORKERS/JAPAN (Tokyo/AP) -- In a frantic stab at damage control, Japan sought to soothe U.S. anger over a senior politician's comment that lazy U.S. workers are to blame for the countries' trade gap. Japanese leaders also quickly issued reassurances that Prime Minister Miyazawa had not reneged on pledges made during his Tokyo summit with President Bush to increase imports of U.S. cars and auto parts. "We have determined that we will sincerely accomplish each item which we have promised to do," Koichi Kato, the chief government spokesman said, referring to targets to import 20,000 more U.S. cars annually and roughly double U.S. auto part imports to \$10 billion.

(Tokyo/UPI) -- The speaker of Japan's House of Representatives denied saying one third of Americans cannot read and professed his friendship to the American people. Yoshio Sakurauchi also denied writing off the U.S. as "Japan's subcontractor," and warning that "the rest of the world may tell America, 'You're no good.' As a friend, I made a well-meaning statement that I hope the American economy, along with Japan, will be the most competitive in the world," Sakurauchi added.

ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS (Jerusalem/UPI) -- Israel engaged in a massive building campaign throughout the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip last year, more than tripling the number of housing units built in Jewish settlements in 1990, Haaretz said.

POWS/VIETNAM (Bangkok/AP) -- A Vietnamese government investigation has concluded that no KGB agents interviewed American prisoners in Vietnam after the U.S. troop withdrawal in 1973, state radio reported.

CUBAN EXILES (Mexico City/AP) -- In announcing the execution of an exile convicted of leading an armed three-man infiltration team, Cuba decried Washington's unwillingness to prevent exiles from organizing such missions. The Cuban news agency Prensa Latina did not say where the reported execution occurred. Indeed, the dispatch focused more on arguing that the U.S. is not easing its aggression toward Cuba in what are trying times for the island's residents.

THE WHITE HOUSE
MRS. BUSH'S PRESS OFFICE

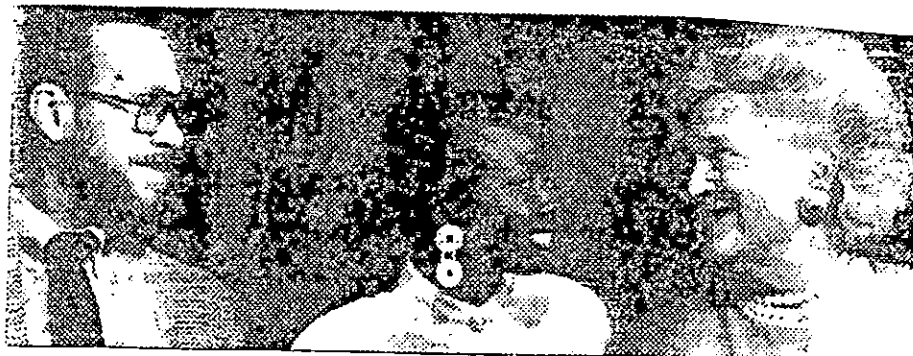
DAILY PRESS CLIPPINGS

Friday, December 20, 1991

Mrs. Bush	(in folder)
Secretary Skinner	West Wing
Marlin Fitzwater	West Wing
Constance Horner	West Wing
Carol Powers	West Wing
✓ Patty Presock	West Wing
First Lady Detail	Staircase
Karen Connell	Room 58 OEOB
Shirley Green	Room 94 OEOB
Anne Griffith	Room 98 OEOB
Diana Kellogg	Room 157 OEOB
Gregg Petersmeyer	Room 100 OEOB
Marguerite Sullivan	Room 268 OEOB
Carolyn Washington	Room 268 OEOB
Benita Somerfield	hold one copy
Ann Brock	
Julie Cooke	
Joan DeCain	
Laurie Firestone	
Jane Moore	
Susan Porter Rose	
Sally Runion	
Peggy Swift	
Anna Perez	
Sondra Haley	
Jean Becker	
Jay Suchan	(plus originals)

AN AIDS HAVEN

First Lady Barbara Bush with John Maddix and Cornelia Scott at the new Bill Austin Day Treatment and Care Center, dedicated yesterday at the Whitman-Walker Clinic.



Mrs. Bush. Reaching Out Support for Victims at AIDS Facility Dedication

By Donnie Radcliffe
Washington Post Staff Writer

Calling AIDS "a tragedy that affects us all," Barbara Bush yesterday helped dedicate a new Washington haven for those afflicted with the disease and in the process also may have built a bridge for her husband, who has been criticized in that community for a lack of leadership in fighting it.

"The Bill Austin Day Treatment and Care Center will be a beacon of caring in our community for victims of this horrific disease," the First Lady told an audience of volunteers, professional caregivers and people infected with the AIDS virus. "Yes, there are other places where people can find counseling, medical treatment or a hot meal, but no other place where they can find all these services under one roof."

The center, named for a local architect who died last year of AIDS at the age of 38, is attached to and operated by the Whitman-Walker Clinic on S Street NW and is one of only three in the country offering outpatient programs providing medical care and psychosocial services.

"Most important," Mrs. Bush said, "this will be a place where you can find a friend. Loneliness is often the toughest battle seriously ill people can face, especially people with AIDS. They spend hours alone in their bedroom or hospital needing friends who understand how they feel and know how to help."

She said she was "especially touched" when AIDS patients she met with earlier "told me they have a little problem with family—or let me put it this way, that family has a little problem with them."

"I certainly make a pitch to all families to open your hearts and your minds and get educated about AIDS. You can't catch it, you can't give it by love, and I would make an appeal for all families to open your arms up to your children, your relatives and friends."

Later, John Maddix, an AIDS patient and a member of the Whitman-Walker Clinic's board of directors, said that although he felt confident Mrs. Bush would go back to the White House and tell her husband "what happened here today," he also felt the president has too great an understanding of AIDS or what it will take to combat it. "He's like so many Americans," he said, "people who've never studied human sexuality—people are afraid of sexuality."

Bush's criticism this week of anti-AIDS programs in which condoms are distributed to teenagers was another example, said Maddix, a former teacher, of "the message of prevention not getting out to young people. Even if you're an abstinence-based sex-education program, you need to give kids the information."

Cornelia Scott, another AIDS patient, said she told Mrs. Bush that "we need to pull together as a nation, we need more education, more compassion, that many people are walking about in the community who are HIV-positive and are afraid to come and say, 'Help me, hug me, comfort me, guide me.'"

"She was very positive, very supportive," said Scott, who was more circumspect about the Bush administration's record on AIDS. "I can't say it's not been good or has been good because we are all learning about this disease. But Mrs. Bush being here is a definite breakthrough."

Riley K. Temple, president of the clinic's board, said he hoped Bush, in his comments about condoms, meant "that people can protect themselves and reduce the risk of infection, and that that is the behavior we ought to encourage."

He added, "I said I hope that's what he meant."

And Jim Graham, Whitman-Walker's administrator, said he thinks Bush doesn't understand the problem because AIDS is not generally a disease of the male heterosexual.

"The major problem associated with this disease is the way in which the people who have it have been marginalized," Graham said. "It has not been a disease of the male heterosexual, so to some extent we haven't impacted the power structure of the United States. The power structure is not women. It's not gay men. It's not IV drug users."

"We had a president—Ronald Reagan—who never mentioned the word AIDS until 1988 [Reagan actually mentioned the word in September 1985, in the first year of his second term]. So I think we're doing better. I'm a pragmatist. If this visit today is a sign of increased personal interest by the president of the United States and the First Lady, then I think that is very good news."

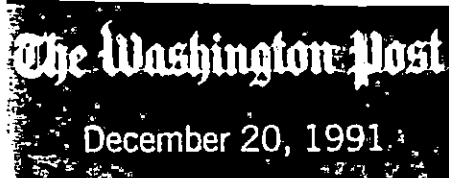
Also prominent on the day's program was Robert C. Gallo, chief of the National Cancer Institute laboratory and co-discoverer of HIV. He predicted that in the decade ahead researchers will achieve some success in the development of an HIV vaccine, as well as improved therapies and treatments for AIDS patients.

The 3,700-square-foot Austin Center is the realization of a long-awaited dream built with both public and private funds. It is expected to serve an estimated 5,000 patients each year. Among other features, it offers an infusion therapy room, a nap room, a physical therapy room, a kitchen and activities room as well as emotional support services.

Isaiah J. Poole, executive director of LifeLink, an AIDS coalition, said the day held special significance for him as someone "representing a group of people living with HIV who never get the sense that we really have friends at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Barbara Bush has shown some degree of sensitivity, and what her husband needs to do is equal the example."

Like others at the dedication, Poole took issue with the president's most recent statements on AIDS. "LifeLink is an organization that talks about abstinence," he said, "but the fact that you say it or set that example does not necessarily mean that people are going to do it."

"When you're talking about the difference between life and death, I'd rather have a kid wearing a condom than a kid dying."



WEEKEND/FRIDAY, Dec. 20, 1991

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You can see how the president and First Family spend their holidays by day and by night at two different White House tours. U.S. military bands and other musical groups will entertain during candlelight tours of the White House from 6 to 8 Thursday through Dec. 28. Regular daily tours of the executive mansion and its holiday decorations are from 10 to noon Tuesdays through Saturdays through Dec. 28, except Christmas Day (Wednesday), when the White House is closed. Both day and night tours are free, with the line for admission forming at the East Gate on East Executive Avenue NW. All in line by noon for the day tours will be admitted into the White House. The very popular candlelight tours require free tickets, which are distributed to people when they join the line. Those evening tours end promptly at 8. Call 202/456-2200.

First Lady Enters Bush in N.H. Race

From Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H.—Barbara Bush paid her husband's filing fee Wednesday for the New Hampshire primary and then took a rare plunge into the political fray herself, blaming the nation's economic woes on a do-nothing Congress.

"Nobody suffers more than George over the economy," she said during a visit to the Statehouse in snowy Concord. "Congress ought to do something."

Before leaving, she handed Secretary of State William Gardner the President's filing papers and a \$1,000 check to enter the Feb. 18 primary, the first in the nation.

Then it was off to the Mall of New Hampshire in Manchester, where Mrs. Bush grabbed some fast food, exchanged small talk with shoppers and deposited a Babar stuffed animal into a Toys for Tots bin.

Surrounded by a phalanx of Secret Service agents, aides, reporters and campaign workers hoisting "George Bush for President" signs, Mrs. Bush made a beeline for Arby's, where she shared a corner booth with a photogenic family.

Some spectators took a Scrooge-like view of the First Lady's visit.

"She should go out and talk to the people being thrown out of their homes," said Gary Jenisch, a restaurateur from Gilmanton, N.H. "A lot of people have had total misery for four years, and now we're going to forget it all because he buys socks, and she comes down and gets a roast beef sandwich?"

Barbara Bush files her husband's N.H. candidacy petition

By Chris Black
GLOBE STAFF

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Barbara Bush filed her husband's application for candidacy in the first presidential primary state yesterday, and declared that George Bush cares about those people hurt by the nation's economic woes and that Congress is to blame.

Mrs. Bush's 2½ hour appearance in New Hampshire marked the official kick-off for the Bush reelection campaign and was latest evidence of the White House's frenetic, if belated, activity to bolster the president's sagging fortunes in a state stuck in economic stagnation.

Mrs. Bush, dressed in her signature blue with triple strand of pearls, acted as an advance scout to smooth over the rough political terrain. She repeated the latest White House talking points, which seek to portray the president as concerned about a recession that he denied existed as recently as a month ago.

"No one worries more about the economy and works harder to have something done about it," she said at a press conference at the State House. "For three years, I have seen George present a growth package and ask Congress to do something about it and for three years they have done nothing."

She dismissed the president's recent statements denying that the nation was mired in recession as "semantics... it's not a matter of what you call it. As long as one person is hurting, the president is going to be worried. But instead of whining about it, people should get out and do something. The Congress ought to do something."

"We're working every single day to get this economy on the right track. We're working domestically and in foreign markets, too. It's very important that people understand that we are now a world market," she said in a not-so-veiled shot at the isolationist policies of Bush's Republican challenger, Patrick Buchanan.

She said that Congress, not

Bush, broke Bush's famous 1988 campaign promise that he would never raise taxes.

"I think the president kept his word," she said.

The insurgent candidacy of Buchanan, the conservative commentator, and the most recent Globe poll showing that barely one in five likely Republican primary voters were committed to Bush's reelection, has fired up the White House to run an aggressive campaign in New Hampshire.

In recent weeks, the Bush administration has poured millions of dollars in federal grants into the small state. The Bush campaign opened a campaign office headed by Gov. Judd Gregg, and this week Bush himself spoke by telephone to schoolchildren in Derry.

The appearance of the popular Mrs. Bush was cheered by Gregg.

"President Bush has been accused of bringing New Hampshire a lot of benefits over the last few weeks, but Mrs. Bush comes and we get snow and we can't have much more than that," said Gregg, a perennial booster of the state's ski slopes.

Asked later at the Mall of New Hampshire in Manchester about the threat posed to Bush by Buchanan's candidacy, Mrs. Bush said: "He is not going to have any trouble. He's got a lot of work to do and he knows it."

At the press conference, she shrugged off the latest national public opinion poll, which shows that Bush's favorability rating has dropped under 50 percent for the first time in his presidency.

The president does not believe in polls, she said — a statement that is at odds with observations of others in the White House.

Mrs. Bush worked Christmas shoppers at the Mall of New Hampshire as if on a receiving line at a White House reception, shaking hands, extending season's greetings and cooing at babies.

Her appearance created a stir. Shoppers crowded around to meet

her. But Mrs. Bush's popularity has not always translated into political support for her husband.

"I like his wife," said Rose Peter-shearn of Goffstown. "But I certainly don't have much to say about our president. I don't approve of his economic policies or his lack of economic policies."

Others in this staunch Republican state still voiced support for him. "I don't think it is all the president's fault. I don't feel one man can have the whole country on his shoulders," said Cheryl Boutot of Londonderry, who said her husband has been out of work for months.

Bush was the 28th candidate to file a statement of candidacy and \$1,000 filing fee with the secretary of state yesterday.

At her last appearance at Manchester City Hall, Mrs. Bush told city workers that the president had left her with a warning before he flew to an event in Texas.

"The last thing he said to me was, 'If by chance it snows, don't go sleigh riding,'" she said.

Mrs. Bush broke her left tibia when she hit a tree while sledding with grandchildren at Camp David last January.

White House about-face: There's a recession here

By Timothy J. McNulty
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WASHINGTON—The Bush administration, recognizing bleak economic prospects and seeing the president's popularity sag to its lowest point ever, began talking like most Americans Tuesday and said the nation is still mired in a painful recession.

The change in strategy and tone coincided with White House Chief of Staff Samuel Skinner's second day on the job and seemed to reflect Skinner's no-nonsense approach to dealing with President Bush's biggest domestic problem.

The new-found candor also recognizes that national concern over the economy has knocked Bush's job-approval rating down to 47 percent in the most recent ABC-Washington Post poll, a drop of 12 points from six weeks earlier and the lowest of his presidency.

The poll said 70 percent of



Americans disapprove of Bush's handling of the economy and 63 percent said they want a new direction for the country.

The latest poll came only one day before his wife, Barbara Bush, travels to New Hampshire to enter her husband's name in the first 1992 presidential primary.

Bad economic news is seen as the biggest threat to Bush's re-election next year. Democrats, warming up for the campaign, have dubbed the president "George Herbert Hoover Walker Bush" after the Depression-era chief executive.

The White House admits its more sober attitude is aimed at re-

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storing Bush's credibility.

"You can't try to have it both ways," presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said—although that is exactly what White House officials have been doing by pointing to faint signs of economic recovery. "If things are bad, you might as well say it's bad."

"The first step is to let the country know the president understands there is a problem and not sugar-coat it in any way."

Fitzwater said that, "for all practical purposes, the recession continues. The people of this country know that the economy is in trouble. It doesn't make any sense to try to play games."

While acknowledging Tuesday that the economy is ailing, Bush stopped short of labeling current conditions as a recession. "I am less interested in what the technical definition" of a recession is, the president said in an interview with an ABC affiliate in Philadelphia. "You might argue technically, 'Are we in recession or not,'" he added. "But when there's this kind of sluggishness and concern, definitions—heck with it. Let's get on with the business at hand."

Projections for the immediate future have helped the new reality sink in.

"It's clear the fourth quarter is going to be very, very slow," Fitzwater said. Many economists believe the growth rate for the last three months of this year will fall between 0 and 2 percent.

White House officials said "options"—including tax cuts and breaking last year's budget agreement—are being considered to stimulate economic growth.

Looking for ways to assure anxious voters about the economy, Bush will travel to Dallas on Wednesday to sign the \$151 billion highway bill and tout it as a jobs-creating measure.

The Federal Reserve is expected to cut interest rates again as early as Wednesday, the same day Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan is to testify before Congress.

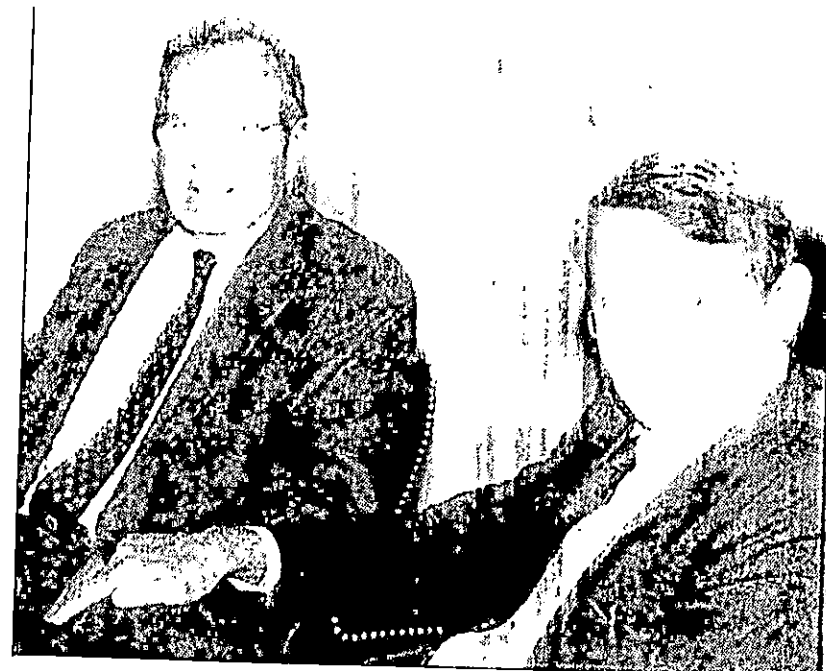
In the latest dose of bad economic news, the government reported that housing starts fell 2.1 percent in November, despite the lowest home mortgage interest rates since 1974.

Skinner, suggesting that Bush may be willing to compromise with Democrats on economic policies, told a group of reporters, "The president wants to get results, and he will go the extra mile, as he has all his life, to get results."

Skinner claimed the White House has a communication problem and said he has directed White House aides to meet daily to coordinate policies and how they are presented to the country.

The shift in White House strategy may limit the influence of Budget Director Richard Darman who, along with former Chief of Staff John Sununu, encouraged Bush to do nothing and let the economy rebound on its own.

After taking over the corner suite of White House offices from the high-handed Sununu, Skinner actively promoted his own self-eff-



New White House Chief of Staff Samuel Skinner meets President Bush on Tuesday. Skinner wants to see "good advice given to the president."

AP Laserphoto

facing administrative manner and said his years as an IBM salesman contributed to his team philosophy.

"My role is to make sure the trains run on time, and that good policy options get presented, and that good advice is given to the president," he said.

Distancing himself from the policies of Sununu, who often ridiculed those offering differing proposals, Skinner said, "My style is to let people participate and to seek advice from the team."

For a long time, Bush had subscribed to the do-nothing school of advisers and economists who

believed the economy would correct itself. But last month the president became alarmed at the prospects of a renewed recession and at the national perception of his lack of leadership.

Reversing himself, the president agreed to extend jobless benefits for those who had been unemployed for a long time. He also ordered \$9.7 billion in government spending advanced to the first half of the fiscal year to help boost the economy more quickly.

However, Bush still intends to wait until his State of the Union address at the end of January to present an overall economic plan.

Bad news, bad timing for Bush

By Karen Brandon
Special to the Tribune

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas—The scene at the United Auto Workers hall was the last thing President Bush needed as he came to Texas for a bill-signing aimed at underlining White House concern about the economy.

There was a serious timing problem.

As the president was signing a \$151 billion transportation bill in Euless, Texas, and extolling it as a job-creating measure, the auto workers were gathering at the union hall down the road in Grand Prairie to consider General Motors' announcement that thousands of jobs would be disappearing over the next few years.

GM didn't say exactly where its auto parts and construction plants would shut down, only that 21 facilities would be closed and tens of thousands of jobs eliminated as the company struggles to return to profitability.

But GM did say the big plant in Grand Prairie, which makes the Chevy Caprice, Cadillac Brougham and Buick Roadmaster—a 2.4 million-square foot factory opened in 1953 that produces 2,800 cars a day—would be consolidated with one at Willow Run in Michigan.

One or the other is likely to go.

That is bad news for auto workers because it is a sign that the recession is deeper and will last longer than anticipated and that jobs in key manufacturing industries won't be coming back.

And it is bad news for Bush, who won substantial blue-collar support in Texas and elsewhere in 1988.

In good times, an incumbent could probably count on continued support from blue-collar workers. But with factories closing and new jobs at good wages in short supply, that "good times" support can evaporate.

"I usually vote for whom I like," said John Shellhorse, 57, who has been assembling brakes at the big GM plant for 25 years. He said he voted for Bush in 1988—"I'm sorry to say"—because he liked the president more than Democrat Michael Dukakis.

But Shellhorse said Bush has paid too much attention to foreign policy at the expense of the American economy, a feeling reflected in the president's plummet in the national polls.

"We're in one heck of a shape," Shellhorse said. "There's no reason the country should have gotten into such bad shape."

GM's announcement, which reflected the reality of the recession along with recognition that the world and America's role in it have changed, only underlined the challenge Bush faces as he hits the campaign trail during a recession.

There is not much a president can do to have a direct, immediate impact on the economy.

There is talk in Washington that Bush will propose tax cuts in his State of the Union address in January, but those trial balloons already are being popped by skeptics who say the cuts won't be deep enough, or by economists who warn of the dangers of inflation.

Wednesday's visit to Texas is an object lesson in what can happen, even to media-savvy presidents such as Bush.

It should have been one of those perfectly cast political events that were so familiar during Ronald Reagan's presidency. The president arrives, meets the locals, says a few words about the importance of the project and his concern about the economy, then departs.

It is a guaranteed big story on local TV, always important in an election campaign, and good, too, for a half-minute or so on the network evening news. But it seemed there was bad news to counter every piece of good news the Bush campaign tried to present Wednesday.

As First Lady Barbara Bush arrived in New Hampshire to make official her husband's candidacy in that state's Feb. 18 primary election, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, was offering a gloomy assessment of the economy at a congressional hearing in Washington.

And as Bush talked about the "jobs, jobs, jobs" that would be created by the transportation bill, there was the offsetting news that jobs were being lost by troubles plaguing America's biggest corporation.

In remarks at the signing ceremony, Bush acknowledged that "these are tough times, and yes, there are layoffs, and many families are having a rough go of it. The American people want action. And action is what they'll get."

He said the six-year, \$151 billion transportation bill "will launch the post-interstate era of America's surface transportation system."

"It will enable us," he said, "to build and repair roads, fix bridges, and improve mass transit, keep

America on the move and help the economy in the process."

Bush estimated that the bill "right here in Texas" would add about 150 jobs to the local economy.

But the auto factory, by comparison, provides 3,756 jobs, a \$135 million annual payroll and at least \$3 million in property taxes to local government. Those numbers increase by large margins when they are spread to all the plants GM plans to close.

Dave Perdue, president of UAW Local 276, said he believes the GM decision will give his union members reason to reconsider their departure from the ranks of the Democratic Party.

"It's coming back to haunt them," he said of union rank-and-file support for Bush. He noted the Republicans four years ago asked voters to consider whether they were better off.

"They don't want to ask that question now," Perdue said. "I think if the Democrats can't pull it off in this election, then they have blown a golden opportunity."

Perdue showed a picture of this three sons, pointing to one who had been in the Persian Gulf as a

Marine corporal. He hasn't been able to find a good job since returning to the U.S.

"That's senseless, that that good of a worker can't find a decent job," Perdue said. "No. I'm not going to be too kind to Mr. Bush this time around."

Frank Acree, 41, who has worked at the plant since 1968 as a materials handler, said he thinks the GM announcement will cause blue-collar workers to take a careful look at politicians and their promises in 1992.

"We're going to be looking at what they are going to be doing for working-class people," he said, noting the auto workers "don't understand why he [Bush] is 5 miles up the road cutting a ribbon and he didn't stop by to see what is going on here."

But GM manager James Shulze, 52, with the company three decades, says the problem is more complicated and goes beyond the president.

"It's not just autos, but televisions, electronic equipment," Shulze said. "My God! Does anybody in the U.S. even make a camera anymore?"

Tribune wire services contributed to this report.