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**Subseries:**

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Thursday, December 24, 1992 [1]

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## Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet (George Bush Library)

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01. Note	From President Bush, Re: Thank-you for Christmas gift. (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(3)	
02. Card	Christmas card, Re: Gift to President Bush. (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(3)	
03. Note	P.M. Demirel [originally closed as 01]. (2 pp.)	12/24	(b)(1)	
04. Note	Pres Kravchuk [originally closed as 02]. (3 pp.)	12/24	(b)(1)	
05. Talking Points	Points to be made for telephone call with President Kravchuk [originally closed as 03]. (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	S
06. Note	Yeltsin [originally closed as 04]. (4 pp.)	12/24	(b)(1)	
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM  
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

December 24, 1992

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
XXX INC	7:13 AM PM	7:17	General Brent Scowcroft Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2260	Tlkd-ok 7:14 AM
XXX INC	8:17 AM PM	8:20	Commander Joseph D. Camp Residence, Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1419	Tlkd-ok 8:19 AM
OUT XXX	8:29 AM PM	8:32	Mr. Charles L. Bartlet Residence, Washington, D.C. 338-0646	Tlkd-ok 8:31 AM
OUT XXX	8:46 AM PM	8:51	General Brent Scowcroft Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2260	Tlkd-ok 8:46 AM
OUT XXX	8:52 AM PM	9:10	Mr. C. Boyden Gray Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2258	WCL 8:55 AM Tlkd-ok 9:05 AM
OUT XXX	8:55 AM PM	9:16	Mr. Marlin Fitzwater Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2276	LW with Ms. Bird 8:58 AM Tlkd-ok 9:13 AM
OUT XXX	8:59 AM PM	9:01	Ms. Nancy Huang Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2199	Tlkd-ok 8:59 AM
XXX INC	10:02 AM PM	10:12	Mr. C. Boyden Gray Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2258	Tlkd-ok 10:03 AM
OUT XXX	10:07 AM PM	11:10	Conference Call: President Leonid Kravchuk Office, Kiev, Ukraine 226-2900	Tlkd-ok 10:58 AM
OUT INC	AM PM		Mr. Cornelius F. O'Leary White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	

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OUT INC	AM PM		Ms. Christine L. Potts White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
OUT INC	AM PM		Ms. Marth Zielyk White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2262	
XXX INC	10:08 AM	10:18	Mr. David Frost Residence, London, England 946-8918	Tlkd-ok 10:15 AM
XXX INC	10:19 AM PM	10:24	Ms. Katherine Super Residence, Great Falls, Virginia 703-759-0043	Tlkd-ok 10:20 AM
OUT XXX	10:46 AM PM	10:55	Mr. Donald Rhodes Sears Department Store Arlington, Virginia 703-914-2255	Tlkd-ok 10:52 AM
XXX INC	11:10 AM PM	11:11	Mrs. Barbara P. Bush Aspen Lodge, Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1606	Tlkd-ok 11:10 AM
OUT XXX	11:43 AM PM	11:58	Conference Call: Prime Minister Suleyman Demirei Office, Ankara, Turkey 685-783	Tlkd-ok 11:48 AM
OUT INC	AM PM		Mr. Cornelius F. O'Leary White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
OUT INC	AM PM		Ms. Katherine E. O'Loughlin White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
OUT INC	AM PM		Mr. Neil G. Bleicken White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
OUT INC	AM PM		Ms. Jane Hall Office, Arlington, Virginia 703-522-4575	

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XXX INC	11:49 AM PM	12:01	Mr. C. Boyden Gray Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2258	WCB 11:49 AM Tlkd-ok 11:58 AM
XXX INC	11:59 AM PM		Senator John McCain Sheraton Hotel, Fiji Islands 701-777	LW with Maj Johnson 12:01 PM PRESUS Cancel 8:00 PM
OUT XXX	AM 12:06 PM	12:09	Mr. C. Boyden Gray Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2258	Tlkd-ok 12:07 PM
OUT XXX	AM 12:38 PM	12:47	Mr. Marlin Fitzwater Office, Washington, D.C. 456-7600	LW with Mr. Wilmont 12:39 PM Tlkd-ok 12:46 PM
XXX INC	AM 1:11 PM	1:21	Reverend Jesse Jackson Howard University Hospital Washington, D.C. 865-5684	Tlkd-ok 1:14 AM
XXX INC	AM 1:12 PM	1:14	Major Michelle D. Johnson Laurel Lodge, Camp David Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1671	Tlkd-ok 1:13 PM
XXX INC	AM 1:20 PM		Congressman Henry Hyde Residence, Dallas, Texas 214-570-5664	LW with Maj Johnson 1:21 PM PRESUS Cancel 8:00 PM

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	TIME		NAME	ACTION
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OUT XXX	AM 1:30 PM	2:31	Conference Call: President Boris N. Yeltsin Office, Moscow, Russia	Tlkd-ok 1:43 PM via DVL
OUT INC	AM PM		General Brent Scowcroft Office, Washington, D.C. 456-2255	
OUT INC	AM PM		Ms. Christine L. Potts White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
OUT INC	AM PM		Mr. Neil G. Bleicken White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
OUT INC	AM PM		Ms. Susan J. Koch White House Situation Room White House Signal 7-2264	
OUT INC	AM PM		Mr. Dimitry Zarechnak Office, Washington, D.C. 647-6530	
OUT XXX	AM 1:42 PM	1:43	Major Michelle D. Johnson Laurel Lodge, Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1670	Tlkd-ok 1:42 PM
XXX INC	AM 1:46 PM		Senator Orin G. Hatch Office, Salt Lake City, Utah 801-524-4426	LW with Maj Johnson 1:47 PM PRESUS Cancel 8:00 PM
OUT XXX	AM 1:57 PM	2:00	General Brent Scowcroft Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2260	Tlkd-ok 1:58 PM
OUT XXX	AM 2:00 PM	2:01	Mr. Marvin P. Bush Wyeoak Fitness Center Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1555	Tlkd-ok 2:00 PM
OUT XXX	AM 2:02 PM	2:07	Mr. C. Boyden Gray Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2258	Tlkd-ok 2:03 PM

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OUT XXX	AM 2:31 PM	2:34	Mr. C. Boyden Gray Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2258	Tlkd-ok 2:32 PM
XXX INC	AM 2:38 PM	2:41	Secretary Casper Weinberger Office, Washington, D.C. 434-0810	Tlkd-ok 2:39 PM
XXX INC	AM 3:51 PM	3:55	Mr. C. Boyden Gray Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2258	Tlkd-ok 3:52 PM
XXX INC	AM 4:19 PM	4:22	Mrs Barbara P. Bush Aspen Lodge, Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1614	Tlkd-ok 4:20 PM
OUT XXX	AM 4:20 PM	4:28	P.O. Anthony P. Servantes USS TRIPOLI, Indian Ocean 151-3744	Tlkd-ok 4:26 PM
OUT XXX	AM 4:22 PM	4:31	SSG Bruce T. Kellie 9th Engineer Battalion Okinawa, Japan 723-4242	Tlkd-ok 4:30 PM
XXX INC	AM 4:31 PM	4:34	Mr. Ken Raynor Residence, Kennebunkport, Maine 207-967-8655	Tlkd-ok 4:32 PM
OUT XXX	AM 4:32 PM	4:38	SPC Sheldon G. Robinson 1st Battalion, Air Defense Artillery Saudia Arabia 899-1119	Tlkd-ok 4:36 PM
OUT XXX	AM 4:38 PM	4:43	P.O. Gilberto Almodovar Coast Guard LORAN Saint Paul Island, Alaska 907-546-2384	Tlkd-ok 4:41 PM
OUT XXX	AM 4:40 PM	4:49	SGT Priscilla Anne Campbell 121st Evacuation Hospital Seoul, Korea 917-4529	Tlkd-ok 4:46 PM

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OUT XXX	AM 4:55 PM	 5:02	A1C Shawn D. Chidester USS KITTYHAWK, Indian Ocean 151-0160	Tlkd-ok 5:00 PM
OUT XXX	AM 4:55 PM	 5:04	P.O. Lawrence Carrington USCCG MONHEGAN Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico 809-865-2560	Tlkd-ok 5:02 PM
OUT XXX	AM 4:55 PM	 5:06	SGT Paul J. Nichols Marine Security Guard Battalion Prague, Czechoslovakia 253-6641	Tlkd-ok 5:04 PM
XXX INC	AM 5:33 PM		Ambassador John A. Gavin Office, Los Angeles, California 310-557-9898	WCL 5:35 PM PRESUS Cancel 8:00 PM
OUT XXX	AM 9:34 PM	 9:36	LTC Paula K. Trivette Hickory Cabin, Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1584	Tlkd-ok 9:35 PM
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THE PRESIDENT

December 24, 1992

Dear Willie,

We sinned and opened your present before coming up here to this place your served so well.

Thank you so very much for those beautiful pillow cases. Barbara was overcome with gratitude and, yes, emotion too.

We will miss you. You are a good man who has served your country well.

Warm Regards and All Best for the New Year.

*Q. B. L.*

FROM  
**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

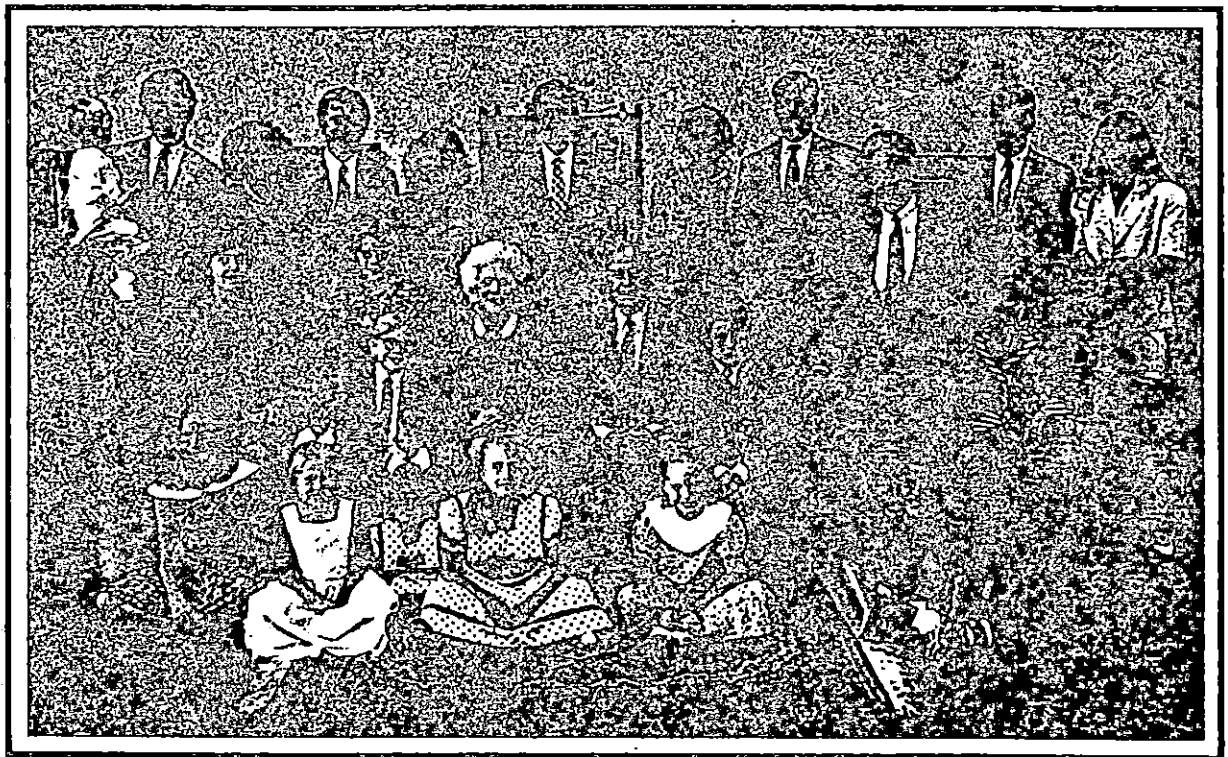
Chief Petty Officer Wilfredo Nocon, USN  
Camp David

(By Courier)

We wish you a merry Christmas  
filled with the love  
of family and friends  
and a 1993 blessed  
with peace on our earth.

12-24-92

To Willie Nocon and family  
from all Bushes with lasting  
thanks. *George Bush*



1992

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH



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*Chief Petty Officer*

*file*

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Presidential Phone Calls  
Camp David



DATE: 12-24 TIME: 10<sup>15</sup>  
Incoming/outgoing

WITH: David Frost

SUBJECT: Merry Christmas

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

~~Bill & Phyllis  
Drapen  
Poster - cowboys~~

~~David Frost  
Picture frame~~

~~Red. sweater  
Socks plus worn~~

~~Willie ~~W~~son~~

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

~~Zacks -  
slippers~~

~~Sadie  
short fly fish~~

~~May Call Rosa, Walter~~

~~Thurmond - tray~~

~~Armstrong  
Sehunnaga - throw  
Council~~

~~Dick Allen - blanket  
invits~~

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

~~Chris Robinson  
Book - sports~~

~~Lou o Green  
Wash Cup Slant~~

~~Red Sullivan  
Reputative Paper  
wright (capitol)~~

~~Timmons + Co Thron  
Bill of Tom, Larry -~~

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

~~Burt & Ann~~

~~Tie~~

~~Kimberly Smith~~

~~(M. W. "Sisk)~~

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~~Magaw~~

~~Coast~~

~~reunions Fidelity~~

~~Santa Roberts Hill~~

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

~~Mikeestas  
pichles~~

~~Rosita  
Alan Venner  
2 Bunnese  
framed -  
Figures~~

WHITE HOUSE GIFT UNIT

ID 9233067 A INITIALS JHP

LOGGED 921216 ARRIVAL 921216 PRESENT 921216  
ARRIVAL FORM M MAIL ROOM

DONOR F PERSONAL FRIEND  
PREF MR. AND MRS.  
NAME ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

ADDR OAK PRODUCTIONS  
3RD FLOOR  
3110 MAIN STREET PLAZA

CITY SANTA MONICA ST CA ZIP 90405

SALUT DEAR ARNOLD AND MARIA;  
ACKNOWLEDGE BY GB FORM DFT

INTEND B PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY  
CATEGORY 9999  
MISCELLANEOUS - N.E.C.

DESCRIP THREE UNOPENED PACKAGES WRAPPED IN FESTIVE WRAPPING PAPER.  
TWO PACKAGES APPROX. 12" X 16", OTHER 5" X 7".  
SENT TO RESIDENCE TO PLACE UNDER THE BUSHES PERSONAL TREE.

FLAG P/V

DISP PF PRESIDENT/FIRST LADY, KEEP PERSONALLY

TOTVALU P/V GIFTS A

Presidential Phone Calls  
Camp David



DATE: 12-24 TIME: 8:55  
incoming/outgoing

WITH: Boyd Gray

SUBJECT: Pardon Cap et al

- 1 All over WT, WP
  - 2 NYT edit - strongly against
- ready to go

FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Presidential Phone Calls



DATE: 12-24 TIME: 4:30  
incoming/outgoing

WITH: Ken Raynor

SUBJECT: Merry Christmas

from all

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*Last Christmas at CD*

CAMP DAVID  
EVERGREEN CHAPEL  
CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONAL  
SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT  
DECEMBER 24, 1992

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SECOND READING: "God's Action" Luke 2:1-7

\*HYMN: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" No. 231  
(Verses 1 & 3)

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: Based on Luke 2:1-20  
"The Christmas Story"

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

CHOIR: "Lullaby" John Ness Beck

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING:

The lights will go down, and the chaplain will light a candle from the Christ Candle, he will then light the ushers candles, who will in turn light the candle of the 1st worshipper in each row. Each person will then turn towards his or her neighbor in order to light their candle, until all candles are lit. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright, and the unlighted candle is tipped to the lighted (to avoid wax on the floor). After all candles are lit the congregation will sing "Silent Night." Please extinguish candles when lights come back up.

\*HYMN: "Silent Night" No. 230  
(LCDR Chris Dawkins/Guitarist)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN: "Joy to the World" No. 229

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "All Glory Be to God On High" Zachau/Vetter

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\*DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING

CHAPLAIN  
Jonathan M. Frusti, U. S. Navy

ORGANIST  
John Holland

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ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRELUDE: "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach  
"Bring a Torch" Williams  
"Improvisation on Adeste Fideles" Young  
"Greensleeves" Purnis

WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 255  
(Verses 1 & 2)

CHOIR: "Sunshine & Snowflakes Christmas Medley"  
(Arr. by Clark Gassman)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively):

My heart is steadfast; O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul,  
FOR THE MIGHTY ONE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS.

Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

GOD HAS RAISED UP A HORN OF SALVATION FOR US IN THE HOUSE  
OF DAVID.

And while they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave  
birth to her first born, a son.

I WILL PRAISE YOU, O LORD, AMONG THE NATIONS; I WILL SING  
OF YOU AMONG THE PEOPLES.

And the Angel hosts sang: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people  
on earth.

FOR GREAT IS YOUR LOVE, HIGHER THAN THE HEAVENS.

FIRST READING: "God's Promise" Luke 1:26-35

\*HYMN: "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 250

*Joy  
to the  
world*

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN  
DAN QUAYLE

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12-23-92

BUSH LIBRARY PHOTOCOPY - Miscellaneous Handwriting

Mr. President:

I opened your Christmas  
early - and broke all of my  
rules. Anyway thanks for  
the great book The Colonial  
Experience by Boonisteri.

He is one of the  
best.

BUSH LIBRARY PHOTOCOPY - Miscellaneous Handwriting

Our love to you  
Barbara over the holidays.  
I'll think of you while  
string Vail in hopes of  
playing golf too — Ca



SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT  
Thursday, December 24, 1992

B Camp David

Camp David,  
Maryland

TBD

Traditional Christmas Eve  
Telephone Calls to Members of  
the Armed Forces at Overseas

Locations

(McBride)

(Distributed Separately)

B RON Camp David

UNP 12/22/92  
5:00 pm



SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT  
Friday, December 25, 1992

Christmas

B Camp David

Camp David,  
Maryland.

B RON Camp David

UNP 12/22/92  
5:00 pm



SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT  
Saturday, December 26, 1992

B Camp David

Camp David,  
Maryland

B RON Camp David

UNP 12/22/92  
5:00 pm

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO ARMY MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Specialist Sheldon (Gabe) Robinson, USA

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. *Timothy J. McBride*  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas with duty in Saudi Arabia as a military surveyor. He is responsible for providing accurate survey information to a Patriot Missile Battalion. He enlisted January 29, 1992. His hometown is Frankfurt, Kentucky. His wife, Omayer, is currently living in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

TOPICS FOR  
DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow soldiers planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service -- it's a sacrifice we recognize -- especially with you being away from home at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow soldiers and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO ARMY MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Sergeant Priscilla ("P") Campbell, USA

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish her a Merry Christmas and thank her for her overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to 121st Evac Hospital 18th MEDCOM, Seoul, Korea as a Laboratory NCO. She is responsible for performing routine and critical pathological procedures. Her hometown is Lancaster, New York. She is not married.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow soldiers planning to do on Christmas?
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4. Please pass my best to your fellow soldiers and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO MARINE MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Staff Sergeant Bruce T. Kellie, USMC

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride *Timothy J. McBride*  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to H&S Company, 9th Engineer Battalion, 3D Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan as a Bulk Fuel Specialist. His hometown is Albany, New York.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What did you and your fellow Marines do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service -- it's a sacrifice we recognize -- especially with you being away from home at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow Marines and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO MARINE MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Sergeant Paul J. Nichols, USMC

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride *Timothy J. McBride*  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him  
for his overseas duty during the holiday  
season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to Marine Security Guard  
Battalion, Prague, Czechoslovakia. Recently  
selected for promotion to Staff Sergeant with  
promotion scheduled for January 1993. His  
hometown is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

TOPICS FOR  
DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What did you and your fellow Marines  
do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service --  
it's a sacrifice we recognize --  
especially with you being away from home  
at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow  
Marines and let them know we are  
thinking of you and are truly thankful  
for your service to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO NAVY MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Petty Officer Anthony P. Servantes, USN

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride *Timothy J. McBride*  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to USS TRIPOLI deployed off the coast of Somalia as an Interior-Communications Technician. His hometown is Paducah, Kentucky.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow sailors planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service -- it's a sacrifice we recognize -- especially with you being away from home at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow sailors and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO NAVY MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Airman Shawn D. Chidester, USN

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride *Timothy J. McBride*  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him  
for his overseas duty during the holiday  
season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to USS KITTY HAWK  
deployed off the coast of Somalia. Recently  
selected for advancement to Petty Officer  
Third Class. His hometown is Zanesville,  
Ohio. His wife, Marjorie, is currently living  
in El Cajon, California with their son Brock.

TOPICS FOR  
DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow sailors  
planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service --  
it's a sacrifice we recognize --  
especially with you being away from home  
at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow  
sailors and let them know we are  
thinking of you and are truly thankful  
for your service to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO AIR FORCE MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Staff Sergeant Lisa C. Barker, USAF

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish her a Merry Christmas and thank her for her overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to the 772nd Airlift Squadron, Air Mobility Command, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. She is deployed to Mombasa, Kenya in support of Operation RESTORE HOPE as a Turboprop technician responsible for troubleshooting, removal, replacement and repair of the engines, propellers and associated equipment on C-130 aircraft. Her hometown is Abita Springs, Louisiana. She is married to a civilian, Anthony J. Barker.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow airmen planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service -- it's a sacrifice we recognize -- especially with you being away from home at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow airmen and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO AIR FORCE MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Sergeant Robert H. Sprout, USAF

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to the Tanker Airlift Control Center, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He is deployed to Mombasa, Kenya in support of Operation RESTORE HOPE as a mission manager for tanker and airlift missions. His hometown is Rising Sun, Maryland. He is married to Sandra and has one daughter, Kris Shaunna. His hobbies are fishing and golf.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow airmen planning to do on Christmas?
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4. Please pass my best to your fellow airmen and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO COAST GUARD MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Petty Officer Gilberto Almodovar, USCG

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to the Coast Guard Long Range Aids to Navigation (LORAN) Station, St. Paul Island, Alaska as a Health Service Technician. This island is in the Bering Sea, north of the Aleutian Islands chain. Petty Officer Almodovar is married (no children). His wife's name is Sherri. His hometown is San Juan, Puerto Rico. He received the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for superior performance of duty in August 1992 at his last unit, Training Center, Cape May, New Jersey.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow Coast Guardsmen planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service --- it's a sacrifice we recognize -- especially with you being away from home at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow "Coasties" and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO COAST GUARD MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Petty Officer Jonathan G. Wilson, USCG

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY:

*Timothy J. McBride*  
Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter MONHEGAN, a 110 foot patrol boat homeported in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. MONHEGAN's 16 man crew is responsible for search and rescue, law enforcement, and pollution response. In the last year Petty Officer Wilson was directly involved in the interception and rescue of a boat load of Haitians, and a successful shipyard period. Petty Officer Wilson is married with one son, Joshua. His wife's name is Eleanor and she resides in Greensboro, North Carolina.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow Coast Guardsmen planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service -- it's a sacrifice we recognize -- especially with you being away from home at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow "Coasties" and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

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# News Summary

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1992  
5:00 A.M. EST EDITION

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**WEINBERGER MAY RECEIVE BUSH PARDON** -- President Bush has been seriously studying whether to grant a holiday season pardon to Caspar Weinberger and possibly others who already have been convicted or pleaded guilty to Iran-contra related crimes.  
(Washington Post, Washington Times)

**PENTAGON PREFERS GROUND ATTACKS ON PLANES** -- Serbian planes would have no sanctuary in the air or on the ground if the U.N. Security Council asks the U.S. and other countries to enforce its no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina, U.S. officials say.  
(AP, Washington Times)

## NATIONAL NEWS

**CONSUMER SPENDING RISE SURPRISES ECONOMISTS** -- Consumer spending is rising more strongly this quarter than economists had been expecting, a Commerce Department report Wednesday indicated.  
(Washington Post)

**NOVEMBER CONTINUES TREND FOR FACTORIES** -- The economy crept gingerly ahead in November, the government said Wednesday, as slack aircraft demand hurt factory orders and consumers dipped heavily into their savings before Christmas.  
(Washington Times)

## NETWORK NEWS (Wednesday evening)

**SOMALIA** -- A civilian working with the military was killed, three others badly wounded when their car ran over a land mine.

**BOSNIA** -- The NATO allies agreed to send the U.N. a list of ways to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina, if the U.N. were to order it.

**ECONOMY** -- Americans are earning more money and spending it even faster.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### **WEINBERGER MAY RECEIVE BUSH PARDON**

President Bush has been seriously studying whether to grant a holiday season pardon to Caspar Weinberger and possibly others who already have been convicted or pleaded guilty to Iran-contra related crimes, according to Administration sources.

White House officials who have been examining the situation with Bush recently questioned journalists informally about the expected media reaction if the President were to pardon Weinberger.

Sources said the matter "was being discussed" Wednesday in the White House. One source close to the situation said that Bush was expected to act Wednesday but left for Camp David without an announcement being made.

"Weinberger had a good shot," this source said, "but it seems less likely now that the President has left town."

(Walter Pincus, Washington Post, A1)

### **Bush Weighs Pardon Of Weinberger**

President Bush is considering a pardon for Caspar Weinberger and four other Iran-Contra defendants, and he may make a final decision before his New Year's Eve trip to visit American troops in Somalia.

"The President feels these people were wronged," said one of several high-ranking officials close to the discussions. "He feels the prosecution has been unjust and these people don't deserve that kind of fate."

No Administration official would say Wednesday that Bush had made a final agreement to make the pardons, but several sources said he was leaning strongly toward ordering them before the scheduled start of Weinberger's trial next month.

Some aides, who often counsel caution, are pressing Bush to avoid making the pardons because they could hurt his reputation with his critics. "They are arguing that it won't look good in history," an Administration official said.

(Jerry Seper & Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A1)

**DISPUTE STALLS  
BOSNIA FLIGHT BAN**

The U.S.-sponsored move to enforce the military flight ban over Bosnia has stalled because of disagreements at the U.N. with France and Britain, both of which have approved the plan in principle, Administration officials said Wednesday.

Following soundings during his trip to Europe last week and Prime Minister Major's meeting with President Bush, Secretary Eagleburger predicted on "The McNeill/Lehrer NewsHour" Monday that "forceful action to enforce the no-fly zone" would be approved this week.

When diplomats sat down at the U.N., however, the optimism evaporated. According to U.S. sources, France insisted that the enforcement measures be limited to action against particular aircraft that violate the ban. The U.S. desires the maximum military flexibility, including the right to bomb airfields of flight-ban violators.

British diplomats, meanwhile, insisted that the enforcement resolution contain a 30-day pause, or warning period, before any military action is launched against violators of the flight ban, while the U.S. prefers a short warning period, perhaps a week or less.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A8)

**U.S., Allies Disagree On Use Of Firepower Over Bosnia**

**NEW YORK** -- The U.S. and its European allies are split over how much firepower should be used to stop Serbian aircraft flying over Bosnia-Herzegovina, despite a reported weekend agreement between President Bush and Prime Minister Major.

One U.S. official said Wednesday "positions were still entrenched" between the Europeans and the U.S. on a U.N. Security Council resolution enforcing the no-fly zone over Bosnia.

The resolution's drafters -- the U.S., Britain, France, Belgium and Russia -- had expected to adopt the measure this week but admit this is highly unlikely. They hope the differences will be settled next week.

Saying the Serbs would defend themselves with all available means, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said the enforcement of the no-fly zone could endanger U.N. troops in Bosnia.

"An intervention would bring chaos over which we initially would have no control," he said. "I cannot imagine Serbs firing on traditional allies like the Americans, British or the French, but nobody could handle chaos, and anything may happen."

(Evelyn Leopold, Reuter, Washington Times, A9)

**PENTAGON PREFERS GROUND ATTACKS ON  
PLANES IF NO-FLY ZONE ENFORCED**

Serbian planes would have no sanctuary in the air or on the ground if the U.N. Security Council asks the U.S. and other countries to enforce its no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina, U.S. officials say.

Pentagon officials say their first choice would be to track Serbian violators back to their airfields, destroying them on the ground. Such an option would be simpler and require fewer planes.

But the U.S. and its allies also are able to launch an around-the-clock operation, allowing for pursuit of airborne planes.

"We have air assets tripping over themselves," one Pentagon official said Wednesday.

The U.S., unlike some of its more hesitant allies, stands ready to use those assets. "We seek a (U.N.) resolution with as broad enforcement powers as necessary and one which authorizes the commencement of enforcement operations as soon as possible," Richard Boucher said Wednesday. (Jim Abrams, AP)

**U.S. Likely To Hit Serb Air Fleet At Bases To Enforce No-Fly Zone**

A U.N. decision to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia would pit the Bosnian Serbs' tiny air fleet against the mighty power of U.S. carrier- and land-based warplanes backed by NATO air forces.

Pentagon officials said Wednesday that the U.S. military is considering plans for both air-to-air and air-to-ground pursuit of Serbian violators of the flight ban.

Officials said enforcement operations could be conducted 24 hours a day -- allowing pursuit of Serbian planes in the air. A less ambitious plan would concentrate on attacking planes after they return to their airfields, the officials said.

(AP, Washington Times, A9)

**MILOSEVIC PARTY DECLARES  
WIN IN SERBIA**

**BELGRADE** -- Hard-line President Slobodan Milosevic's ex-communist Socialist Party has declared him the winner of Serbia's presidential election.

Unofficial results from the Serbian statistics office showed Milosevic won 56% of the votes cast in the election, with 90% of the ballots counted. Challenger Milan Panic had 34%...

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic told a news conference that U.N. troops from NATO countries should be replaced with soldiers from impartial countries. He said NATO members were prejudiced against the Serbs and warned of retaliation against them if the West intervened. (Maggie Fox, Reuter)

**U.S.-LED TROOPS THRUST  
DEEPER INTO SOMALIA**

**BAIDOA, Somalia** -- Columns of U.S. and French troops thrust deeper into the Somali interior Thursday to bring the American-led armed relief operation to two more famine zones in time for Christmas.

About 1,000 marines in armored vehicles and trucks pulled out of Baidoa airfield and headed south at 7:00 A.M. Thursday (11:00 P.M. EST Wednesday), waving to Somalis who watched them rumble past.

The men, from the first marine regiment sent to Saudi Arabia in the buildup to the 1991 Gulf War, were expected to reach the town of Baardheere, about 90 miles away, by sunset.

Another column of some 600 French and American troops earlier left Baidoa on a northern route to the town of Hoddur. The force plans to enter the town early on Christmas morning.

(Howard Burditt, Reuter)

**GENERAL SURPRISES PENTAGON  
WITH SOMALIA OPTION**

The general commanding U.S. forces in Somalia said Wednesday the operation may require fewer American troops than planned, but officials at the Pentagon suggested his statement was premature.

Marine Lt. Gen. Robert Johnston said partly because of the success of the 2-week-old mission he thought it could be completed with a few thousand fewer than the 28,000 American combat and support troops first designated.

"We would always, in any military operation, reassess the requirements to perform the mission," the general said from Mogadishu on "CBS This Morning."

One senior Pentagon official said Gen. Colin Powell was concerned that Gen. Johnston's statement about scaling back the deployment was sending the wrong signal.

"He (Powell) doesn't want us making promises we can't keep," the official said, adding that Powell believes there still are too many uncertainties.

(AP, Washington Times, A10)

**AMERICAN IS KILLED IN SOMALIA**

**MOGADISHU** -- A civilian working for the U.S. Army was killed Wednesday and three State Department security guards were seriously injured when their truck was blown up by a land mine in the famine-stricken western Somali town of Baardheere.

Col. Fred Peck said the military is investigating whether the mine was left over from Somalia's two-year-long civil war, or was recently planted and, therefore, possibly directed against the U.S. forces. He said a second mine was found in the same area...

By widely telegraphing their moves beforehand, the marines seem to be following the tactics in old western movies, making sure that all the gunmen get out of town before they arrive.

But some relief agency officials say they are worried that by giving the gunmen time to move out, the Americans might be creating larger problems of instability in areas of the countryside outside U.S. control.

(Keith Richburg, Washington Post, A1)

An admission by North Korean leaders that hundreds of American prisoners were held in China and never returned has boosted the spirits of relatives of servicemen missing from the Korean war. Sen. Smith delivered word of the startling admission when he returned Tuesday from a fact-finding trip to Vietnam and North Korea. A state Department official said she could not comment on Smith's statements. But the official said a U.S. delegation will travel to China next month to discuss the MIA issue. POW activist Dolores Alford, president of the National Alliance of Families, echoed Smith's call for the U.S. government to press Chinese officials for information about American servicemen while chiding the Bush Administration for easing its sanctions on selling arms to China. "We should be asking the Chinese a lot of questions," she said, "and if they don't answer them, we should lift their most-favored-nation status." (Carleton Bryant, Washington Times, A3)

**NEWS OF POWS BUOYS  
RELATIVES 40 YEARS LATER**

MOGADISHU -- Christmas will be spartan for the U.S. forces in Somalia by the decision of commanders and by the consensus of troops, who were filling sandbags, pulling guard duty or walking patrols Wednesday. There will be no special Christmas meal or unusual effort to ensure the arrival of cards or packages. "There is already a heavy strain on our supply operation," said Col. Fred Peck. "It would be hard to justify going out of our way to ship in turkey dinners when we are here to fight famine." (Michael Hedges, Washington Times, A1)

**GIS IN SOMALIA  
PLAN LOW-KEY TULE**

MOGADISHU -- A civilian employee of the U.S. Army was killed in the interior of Somalia Wednesday when the vehicle in which he was traveling hit a mine. The incident took place at 9:00 A.M. local time, just before Robert Oakley arrived in Bardhere to brief local leaders on the scheduled arrival of American marines on Thursday. "Accidents happen. This is a dangerous country," Oakley said after returning here Wednesday afternoon from Bardhere. "This was a usual advance mission. We've got scouts all over the place trying to make sure there is not going to be trouble. It is surprising something like this has not happened before." The four men, who had driven from Baidoa, 130 miles away, were traveling on a road near the dirt airstrip in Bardhere, Col. Fred Peck said. The area was known to be mined but the men were on a track that was believed to circumvent the mined area and had been criss-crossed frequently, he said. (Jane Perlez, New York Times, A1)

**American Is Killed In Somalia By Mine Planted By Clans**

## NATIONAL NEWS

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### CONSUMER SPENDING RISE SURPRISES ECONOMISTS

Consumer spending is rising considerably more strongly this quarter than economists had been expecting, a Commerce Department report Wednesday indicated. As a result, forecasters began increasing their predictions for economic growth in the final three months of the year to an unexpectedly brisk 3% to 4% annual rate.

The Commerce report said that consumer purchases rose 0.5% last month after adjustment for inflation. More important for the fourth-quarter forecast, Commerce also revised upward its earlier estimate for spending in October to show a 1% rise rather than a 0.7% gain. (John Berry, Washington Post, D7)

### NOVEMBER CONTINUES TREND FOR FACTORIES

The economy crept gingerly ahead in November, the government said Wednesday, as slack aircraft demand hurt factory orders and consumers dipped heavily into their savings before Christmas.

Orders for expensive durable goods fell 1.9% after two months of gains. But the retreat was entirely because of fewer orders for commercial aircraft and the long-term trend for orders continued to improve, the Commerce Department said.

Separately, the department said personal incomes grew by 0.2% to a seasonally adjusted annual figure of \$5.15 trillion, the 10th month in a row that consumers had more in their pockets.

(Glenn Somerville, Reuter, Washington Times, C1)

### CLINTON SAID TO FILL LAST 4 CABINET JOBS

Scrambling to meet his Christmas deadline, President-elect Clinton Wednesday night decided to name Zoe Baird, vice president and general counsel for the Aetna Life & Casualty Co., as the nation's first female attorney general and rounded out the rest of his Cabinet with a diverse group of politicians and friends, sources said.

Former Arizona governor Bruce Babbitt was chosen as interior secretary. Rep. Espy was slated to be named agriculture secretary. Federico Pena, the former mayor of Denver and the first Latino elected to that post, was the choice for transportation secretary. Mickey Kantor, who chaired Clinton's presidential campaign and oversaw the economic conference held last week, was picked to become trade representative.

As the process dragged out until the final hours, some Clinton allies worried that he was losing some of the momentum he had gained earlier in the process and that the interest-group politics that he had so successfully sidestepped during the campaign had come back to haunt him now that he was president-elect.

At the same time, questions were raised about Clinton's decisiveness in the face of demands from women, minorities, environmentalists, agricultural interests and personal egos.

(Dan Balz & Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A1)

**SEN. PRYOR REACHES ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP  
IN INSISTING ON A HALT TO REORGANIZATIONS**

Sen. Pryor, not content with dealing with underlings at federal agencies, has called directly on President Bush to suspend any reorganizations underway in federal agencies to allow the Clinton administration an opportunity "to decide whether these changes are consistent with its policy interests."

In a letter to Bush, Pryor noted he was not questioning the motives or intentions of federal officials but said "I simply cannot find any rationale for making organizational changes at this time."

Pryor proposed that the Bush Administration turn over to President-elect Clinton's transition team any studies supporting the reorganizations so that the incoming administration can have a say in whether and how they are carried out.

(Transition, Washington Post, A11)

**PROBE IN CLINTON PASSPORT CASE CENTERING  
ON AIDE JANET MULLINS, SOURCES SAY**

A special counsel's investigation of possible criminal behavior in the search of President-elect Clinton's passport files last fall will almost certainly not be wrapped up by the time President Bush leaves office on Jan. 20, sources close to the case said Wednesday. The apparent target of the investigation is Janet Mullins.

The sources said the investigation by counsel Joseph diGenova would be slowed by the holidays. There is no official deadline for ending the probe but diGenova has been critical of lengthy investigations by other special counsels.

(John Mashek, Boston Globe)

**SUDDENLY BUSH IS FULLY ENGAGED  
AGAIN, MAYBE WITH EYE TO HISTORY**

President Bush appears to have gotten over his election rejection blues. He's back to acting presidential.

"He's on a roll," said Fred Greenstein, a Princeton political scientist. "Some of the energy that went into putting together the Persian Gulf War coalition is now focused on doing good and looking good in history. He's clearly trying to commit the Clinton administration to things he thinks are a good idea."

Bush has been on the phone with Boris Yeltsin on slashing their nuclear arsenals. If details are worked out, a treaty could be signed before Bush leaves office. Bush's Somalia schedule leaves room for a stop in Moscow or Geneva en route home.

"That's probably what he wants most of all, a new agreement with Yeltsin," said political scientist Benjamin Page of Northwestern University. "That could be very useful for the country and the world."

(Mike Feinsilber, AP)

IN WAKE OF ELECTION, HOLIDAY AN  
UNEASY TIME AROUND WHITE HOUSE

Around the White House these days, there are few tidings of great joy. The Christmas spirit is vying with the pain of political rejection and the stark reality of unemployment.

For much of the past two weeks, President Bush and his wife Barbara have hosted holiday parties for appointees, aides, friends and journalists. But the cheer has seemed hollow, and the President's mood one of uneasy gallantry.

Although Bush's mood has reportedly perked up since his post-election doldrums, the spirit of Scrooge apparently has not been absent from those planning his Christmas season farewell bashes.

The lists of invited journalists, for example, appeared to have been pruned by someone unhappy with press coverage of the campaign. No White House reporters from the Washington Post were included, and only the Washington bureau chief of the New York Times was invited.

Still undecided is whether Bush will deliver a final farewell speech before he returns to Texas. He is being encouraged by some aides to write his own address, a highly personal statement that would be delivered on nationwide television.

(John Mashek, Boston Globe)

## NETWORK NEWS

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(Wednesday evening, Dec. 23)

### SOMALIA

ABC's Diane Sawyer: From the moment the first American troops landed in Somalia last week, the military has been saying don't be lulled into complacency. It's a dangerous mission. If there was any doubt about that, it ended today when Operation Restore Hope claimed its first American casualties. A civilian working with the military was killed, three others badly wounded when their car ran over a land mine. It happened in the interior city of Bardera where American Marines are due to arrive tomorrow.

ABC's Morton Dean reports:

(Lt. Gen. Robert Johnston: "I can't go into too much detail. They were on a very, very important security mission in connection with our overall operation in Bardera.")

Officials indicated the security mission was related to a convoy of 1,000 Marines headed to Bardera and expected there Christmas Eve. They will be the first U.S. troops in this region, which has suffered severely from famine and from factional fighting. Thousands of mines were planted around the area during two years of warfare and have been a constant worry for relief workers. Locating and avoiding land mines will be a top priority as Marines move into Bardera. It has not been determined whether the mine that exploded today was an old one or one that was planted knowing the Marines are on the way. (ABC-Lead, NBC-Lead, CBS-Lead)

### BOSNIA

Sawyer reports that the NATO allies agreed today to send the U.N. a list of ways to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina, if the U.N. were to order it. The U.N. has not, nor is it likely to any time soon.

ABC's John McWethy reports that driven by the fear that Sarajevo could fall any day, Bush Administration diplomats are pushing to send a strong international message to the Serbs that they must stop. But the opposite message, one of paralysis, is resulting from a behind-the-scenes struggle at the U.N., pitting an increasingly powerless lame-duck U.S. administration against the British and French. The U.S. had hoped for a quick Security Council resolution to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia, a measure that could involve bombing Serbian air fields. But diplomats say passage has been delayed at least a week, and that actual implementation will probably not occur until after Bill Clinton has taken office. Even if the resolution were to pass in its toughest form, its real impact could be marginal.

(Richard Boucher: "There's no magic bullet. There's no one step which would necessarily stop the fighting.")

Diplomats admit that the Serbian planes they are trying to ground have played almost no role in the siege of Sarajevo. But they argue given the circumstances any U.N. resolution that speaks to the issue is better than none at all.

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Sawyer: One little bit of good news out of Bosnia-Herzegovina today: A lull in the fighting has permitted 18 relief flights to land in Sarajevo. And yesterday a record 640 tons of food arrived on 52 trucks. Sarajevo, however, is still without electricity or water or telephones and has been for nearly three weeks. (ABC-2)

**ECONOMY**

Sawyer: Americans are earning more money and spending it even faster. Personal income went up 0.2 percent in November. But with the Christmas season approaching consumer spending went up even more -- by 0.5 percent. (ABC-3, CBS-4)

**YELTSIN**

Sawyer reports that despite strong resistance from his conservative opponents in the Russian congress, President Yeltsin made several cabinet appointments and managed to retain the key ministers who were strong supporters of his reforms. (ABC-7)

-end of News Summary-

# Presidential Phone Calls



DATE: 12-24 TIME: 1<sup>30</sup>  
incoming/outgoing

WITH: Jesse Jackson

SUBJECT: attached letter

He was about to get out  
of hospital

Talked to his 3 sons.  
Said I could release letter  
Wanted to go to Somalia  
Might go to Addis to  
that reconstruction meeting

FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_  
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THE PRESIDENT

December 24, 1992

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This is just FYI.

GB

# National Rainbow Coalition, Inc.

Reverend Jesse L. Jackson  
President and Founder

Sir,

Reverend Jackson would like a  
return call to discuss your  
trip to Somalia.

He is at Howard University  
Hospital, 865-5684 (\*\*this  
number has been passed to the  
~~War Operator~~ Camp David operators.

December 23, 1992

The Honorable George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

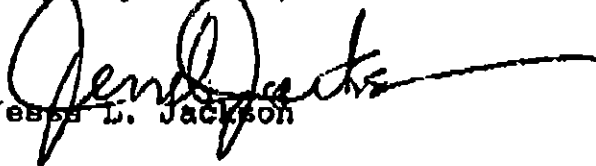
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In time, we will look back over your record of public service.  
There will be no peak higher in providing hope and life where death  
and despair have abounded. For many people, who care deeply, we  
thank you very much.

Keep hope alive,



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From the desk of  
**George Bush**

RZ read letter to  
Marlin 12/26/92  
send to Marlin  
done 12/28

BUSH LIBRARY PHOTOCOPY - GEORGE BUSH HANDWRITING

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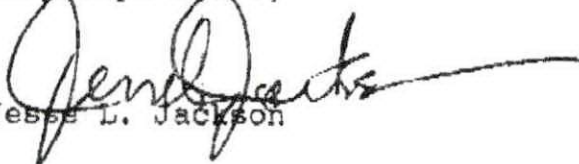
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Reverend Jesse L. Jackson  
President and Founder

TO: The Honorable George Bush

FAX NO: 456-2397

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SENT BY: Reverend Jesse L. Jackson (Lorraine Westbrook)

DATE: 12/23

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO AIR FORCE MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Sergeant Robert H. Sprout, USAF

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. *Timothy J. McBride*  
 McBride  
 Assistant to the President for  
 Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to the Tanker Airlift Control Center, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He is deployed to Mombasa, Kenya in support of Operation RESTORE HOPE as a mission manager for tanker and airlift missions. His hometown is Rising Sun, ~~MD~~ Maryland. He is married to Sandra and has one daughter, Kris Shaunna. His hobbies are fishing and golf.

- TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:
- ✓ 1. Merry Christmas
  - ✓ 2. What are you and your fellow airmen planning to do on Christmas?
  - 3. We really appreciate your service -- it's a sacrifice we recognize -- especially with you being away from home at Christmas.
  - 4. Please pass my best to your fellow airmen and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO AIR FORCE MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Staff Sergeant Lisa C. Barker, USAF

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish her a Merry Christmas and thank her for her overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to the 772nd Airlift Squadron, Air Mobility Command, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. She is deployed to Mombasa, Kenya in support of Operation RESTORE HOPE as a Turboprop technician responsible for troubleshooting, removal, replacement and repair of the engines, propellers and associated equipment on C-130 aircraft. Her hometown is Abita Springs, Louisiana. She is married to a civilian, Anthony J. Barker.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

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DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO COAST GUARD MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Petty Officer LAWRENCE CARRINGTON [REDACTED] USCG

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him  
for his overseas duty during the holiday  
season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter  
✓ MONHEGAN, a 110 foot patrol boat homeported  
in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. MONHEGAN's  
16 man crew is responsible for search and  
rescue, law enforcement, and pollution  
response. In the last year Petty Officer  
Wilson was directly involved in the  
interception and rescue of a boat load of  
Haitians, and a successful shipyard period.  
Petty Officer [REDACTED] is married with [REDACTED] two children

Home town:  
Summerville, SC

Local time: approx. 6:00 PM

[REDACTED] His wife's name is [REDACTED]

Theresa and she is residing with Lawrence  
in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

TOPICS FOR  
DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow Coast  
Guardsmen planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service --  
it's a sacrifice we recognize --  
especially with you being away from home  
at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow  
"Coasties" and let them know we are  
thinking of you and are truly thankful  
for your service to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

ACTION

Ma Exciting thing in my life

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO MARINE MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Sergeant Paul J. Nichols, USMC

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him  
for his overseas duty during the holiday  
season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to Marine Security Guard  
Battalion, Prague, Czechoslovakia. Recently  
selected for promotion to Staff Sergeant with  
promotion scheduled for January 1993. His  
hometown is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

TOPICS FOR  
DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What did you and your fellow Marines  
do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service --  
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at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow  
Marines and let them know we are  
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DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

ACTION: 5-05

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO NAVY MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Airman Shawn D. Chidester, USN

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him  
for his overseas duty during the holiday  
season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to USS KITTY HAWK  
deployed off the coast of Somalia. Recently  
selected for advancement to Petty Officer  
Third Class. His hometown is Zanesville,  
Ohio. His wife, Marjorie, is currently living  
in El Cajon, California with their son Brock.

TOPICS FOR  
DISCUSSION:

*Local Time*  
0100 25 Dec 92

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow sailors  
planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service --  
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at Christmas.
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sailors and let them know we are  
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DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

ACTION

*silent guy*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO ARMY MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Sergeant Priscilla ("P") Campbell, USA

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish her a Merry Christmas and thank her  
for her overseas duty during the holiday  
season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to 121st ~~Evac~~ Hospital  
18th MEDCOM, Seoul, Korea as a Laboratory  
NCO. She is responsible for performing routine  
and critical pathological procedures. Her  
hometown is Lancaster, New York. She is not  
married.

TOPICS FOR  
DISCUSSION:

*Local Time 0645 25 Dec 92*

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow soldiers  
planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service --  
it's a sacrifice we recognize --  
especially with you being away from home  
at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow  
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DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

ACTION

*445 work "P" - really nice sounding  
open presents with  
a fond letter*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO COAST GUARD MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Petty Officer Gilberto Almodovar, USCG

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him  
for his overseas duty during the holiday  
season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to the Coast Guard Long  
Range Aids to Navigation (LORAN) Station,  
St. Paul Island, Alaska as a Health Service  
Technician. This island is in the Bering Sea,  
north of the Aleutian Islands chain. Petty  
Officer Almodovar is married (no children).  
His wife's name is Sherri. His hometown is  
San Juan, Puerto Rico. He received the  
Coast Guard Achievement Medal for superior  
performance of duty in August 1992 at his  
last unit, Training Center, Cape May, New  
Jersey.

*Local 1130 AM 24 Dec 92*

TOPICS FOR  
DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. *→* What are you and your fellow Coast  
Guardsmen planning to do on Christmas?
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DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

ACTION

*little snow  
wife in N.Y*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO MARINE MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Staff Sergeant Bruce T. Kellie, USMC

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him  
for his overseas duty during the holiday  
season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to H&S Company, 9th  
Engineer Battalion, 3D Force Service Support  
Group, Okinawa, Japan as a Bulk Fuel  
Specialist. His hometown is Albany, New  
York.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION: *Local Time 6:30 AM Christmas Day*

- ✓ 1. Merry Christmas
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do on Christmas?
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DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

ACTION

① expect phone

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO NAVY MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Petty Officer Anthony P. Servantes, USN

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him  
for his overseas duty during the holiday  
season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to USS TRIPOLI deployed  
off the coast of Somalia as an Interior-  
Communications Technician. His hometown is  
Paducah, Kentucky.

TOPICS FOR  
DISCUSSION: *Lead time: 0030 25 Dec 92*

- ✓ 1. Merry Christmas
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DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

ACTION

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Her hometown is Abita Springs, Louisiana. She  
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and are truly thankful for your service  
to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO AIR FORCE MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Sergeant Robert H. Sprout, USAF

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to the Tanker Airlift Control Center, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He is deployed to Mombasa, Kenya in support of Operation RESTORE HOPE as a mission manager for tanker and airlift missions. His hometown is Rising Sun, Maryland. He is married to Sandra and has one daughter, Kris Shaunna. His hobbies are fishing and golf.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow airmen planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service -- it's a sacrifice we recognize -- especially with you being away from home at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow airmen and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO COAST GUARD MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Petty Officer Jonathan G. Wilson, USCG

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride *Timothy J. McBride*  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter MONHEGAN, a 110 foot patrol boat homeported in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. MONHEGAN's 16 man crew is responsible for search and rescue, law enforcement, and pollution response. In the last year Petty Officer Wilson was directly involved in the interception and rescue of a boat load of Haitians, and a successful shipyard period. Petty Officer Wilson is married with one son, Joshua. His wife's name is Eleanor and she resides in Greensboro, North Carolina.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow Coast Guardsmen planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service -- it's a sacrifice we recognize -- especially with you being away from home at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow "Coasties" and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO ARMY MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Sergeant Priscilla ("P") Campbell, USA

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish her a Merry Christmas and thank her for her overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to 121st Evac Hospital 18th MEDCOM, Seoul, Korea as a Laboratory NCO. She is responsible for performing routine and critical pathological procedures. Her hometown is Lancaster, New York. She is not married.

- TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:
1. Merry Christmas
  2. What are you and your fellow soldiers planning to do on Christmas?
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO MARINE MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Sergeant Paul J. Nichols, USMC

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to Marine Security Guard Battalion, Prague, Czechoslovakia. Recently selected for promotion to Staff Sergeant with promotion scheduled for January 1993. His hometown is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What did you and your fellow Marines do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service -- it's a sacrifice we recognize -- especially with you being away from home at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow Marines and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO NAVY MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Petty Officer Anthony P. Servantes, USN

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. *Timothy J. McBride*  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to USS TRIPOLI deployed off the coast of Somalia as an Interior-Communications Technician. His hometown is Paducah, Kentucky.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow sailors planning to do on Christmas?
3. We really appreciate your service -- it's a sacrifice we recognize -- especially with you being away from home at Christmas.
4. Please pass my best to your fellow sailors and let them know we are thinking of you and are truly thankful for your service to our great country.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO NAVY MEMBER (ALTERNATE)

TO: Airman Shawn D. Chidester, USN

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
*Timothy J. McBride*  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to USS KITTY HAWK deployed off the coast of Somalia. Recently selected for advancement to Petty Officer Third Class. His hometown is Zanesville, Ohio. His wife, Marjorie, is currently living in El Cajon, California with their son Brock.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Merry Christmas
2. What are you and your fellow sailors planning to do on Christmas?
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO COAST GUARD MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Petty Officer Gilberto Almodovar, USCG

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
*Timothy J. McBride*  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to the Coast Guard Long Range Aids to Navigation (LORAN) Station, St. Paul Island, Alaska as a Health Service Technician. This island is in the Bering Sea, north of the Aleutian Islands chain. Petty Officer Almodovar is married (no children). His wife's name is Sherri. His hometown is San Juan, Puerto Rico. He received the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for superior performance of duty in August 1992 at his last unit, Training Center, Cape May, New Jersey.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

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2. What are you and your fellow Coast Guardsmen planning to do on Christmas?
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DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 22, 1992

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THE PRESIDENT

December 24, 1992

Dear Gabe,

As you can tell from the attached picture, my handwriting isn't too hot, so I'm typing this out on my IBM.

I signed the picture with the attached pen, writing out the message by a blue felt tip. The ball points don't work too well for me on longer messages.

I enjoyed our chat, and I wish you well for the New Year. I hope that will include a delayed anniversary party at Ponce.

Good Luck to you and to all who serve with you.

Sincerely,



To: Specialist Sheldon Robinson  
I enjoyed our chat today. I hope you and your wife have a very happy anniversary next year. Thanks for your service to Country  
Dec. 24, 1992  
Camp David  
A. B. B.

Specialist Sheldon Robinson, HHB 143 ADA, APO AE 09808

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THE PRESIDENT

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Michelle  
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*[Handwritten signature]*



THE PRESIDENT

Mail this to

Specialist Sheldon Robinson  
HHB 143 ADA  
APO AE 09808

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL TO ARMY MEMBER (PRIMARY)

TO: Specialist Sheldon (Gabe) Robinson, USA

DATE: December 24, 1992

RECOMMENDED BY: Timothy J. McBride  
Assistant to the President for  
Management and Administration

PURPOSE: To wish him a Merry Christmas and thank him for his overseas duty during the holiday season.

BACKGROUND: Currently assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas with duty in Saudi Arabia as a military surveyor. He is responsible for providing accurate survey information to a Patriot Missile Battalion. He enlisted January 29, 1992. His hometown is Frankfurt, Kentucky. His wife, Omayer, is currently living in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

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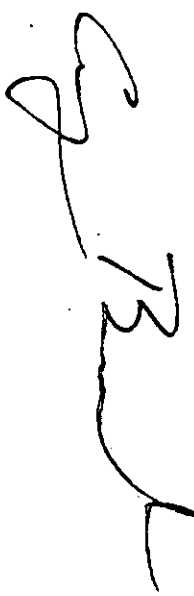
Dec. 24, 1992

Dear Arnold,  
Love those 'throws' — They  
will remind me always not  
just of all you've done for  
Fitness but also of a friendship  
I treasure. I hope you  
have a great New Year

CAMP DAVID

Mr. Arnold A. Schwarzenegger  
Oak Productions  
Third Floor  
3110 Main Street Plaza  
Santa Monica, California 90405

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Bush".

From the desk of  
George Bush

S. J. Wepper

(self-typed)

daily 12/24  
cc'd: not in system



THE PRESIDENT

Dear Red,

I just can't tell you how much I appreciate your note and that paper weight; and while I am at it, let me say how grateful I am to you for your kindness to me and to my whole family.

Besides, Red, you're the best Santa in the whole world-- and not just at Christmas time.

Thanks again; and good luck to you. We are going to miss you.

Most Sincerely,

December 24, 1992

P.S. Red, thanks for the socks too. They're great!

FROM  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Red Sullivan  
Fort McNair Plumbing Shop  
Building 40  
4th and "P" Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20319-6000

*We wish you a merry Christmas  
filled with the love  
of family and friends  
and a 1993 blessed  
with peace on our earth.*

*Dear Red -*

*We will miss you very much  
Have a Happy New Year!*

*Ag Bush*



1992

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH



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THE PRESIDENT

**Note to files: Red is the plumber at Fort McNair-He's been our mostly sober Santa. He's a good guy...file just for the memory.**

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December 24, 1992

From the desk of  
George Bush

daily 12/24

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: C. BOYDEN GRAY *cmg*  
SUBJECT: Iran-Contra Pardons

*will Strauss 3  
support  
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says Strauss  
to JAB.*

Attached are two drafts, one pardoning Weinberger and the second pardoning Weinberger plus Clair George, Alan Fiers, Dewey Clarridge, Elliot Abrams, Bud McFarlane and future defendants that we don't even know about yet.

I strongly recommend the second because of the likelihood that, without the broad pardon, the Independent Counsel will retaliate by continuing his investigation, just as he appears to have done with Clarridge and George after his prosecution against Fernandez failed.

Compassion alone is probably not sufficient grounds to sustain the broader pardon. To do so one needs also to rely on grounds of abuse of process -- i.e., that this has gone on long enough, and it is time to put all of this behind us.

You will undoubtedly be criticized for either course, but making public all of your prior testimony and excluding President Reagan and yourself from the pardon will deflect the worst part of that criticism. The marginal additional criticism you will get for the broader pardon is small compared to the very great benefit of putting the whole thing to rest.

Finally you should be aware that Weinberger himself feels strongly that you not base this on health or compassion grounds but rather rely on the broader themes of putting this to rest and honoring a true patriot.

*How about  
CW, CG, DC -*

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Weinberger Alone

My fellow Americans,

I am announcing that I am pardoning former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger for any of his actions related to the Iran-Contra affair.

Let me explain why I have made this decision.

For over six years now, the American people have invested enormous resources into what has become the most thoroughly investigated matter in recent memory, and perhaps in our history. In fact, the investigation has gone on for so long that many of us cannot even remember what the words "Iran-Contra" meant when all of this started. Let me remind you.

In the summer of 1985, American officials came to believe that some factions in Iran could influence the fate of American hostages held in Lebanon. The hostages' plight was desperate and their treatment was brutal. One of them, William Buckley, had already been tortured to death. Our country's effort to secure their release and redefine our strategic relationship with Iran

was flawed, but it was fueled by compassion and the judgment that better relations would be in our national interest. Likewise, in Nicaragua, the Contras were fighting for freedom and democracy against a ruthless, dictatorial regime, one that was seeking to expand the tyranny of Communism in our Hemisphere.

In the six years during which the Iran Contra affair has been investigated, the last American hostage came home to freedom, world-wide terrorism declined, the people of Nicaragua elected a democratic government and the Cold War ended. But in the mid 1980's, the outcome of these struggles was far from clear.

Some of the best and most dedicated of our countrymen were called upon to step forward. Secretary Weinberger was among the foremost of these. Caspar Weinberger is a true American patriot. A major factor in my decision to pardon him is the long and extraordinary service he has rendered to his country, and it is worth briefly recounting. Caspar Weinberger served for four years in the army during WWII where his bravery earned him a

Bronze Star. He gave up a very successful and lucrative career in private life to accept a series of public positions in the late 1960s and 1970s, including Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, Director of OMB and Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. In all of these positions, Caspar Weinberger not only excelled but was admired as a public servant above reproach.

He saved his best public service for last. As Secretary of Defense throughout most of the Reagan Presidency, Caspar Weinberger was one of the premier architects of the downfall of the Berlin Wall and the Soviet Union. He directed the military renaissance in this country that led directly to the breakup of ~~the Evil Empire~~ and a new birth of freedom and democracy. Upon his resignation in 1987, Caspar Weinberger was awarded the highest civilian medal our nation can offer its citizens, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and Distinction. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth for his " . "

Of course, Secretary Weinberger's legacy will endure beyond the ending of the Cold War. The military readiness of this

nation that resulted in large part from the build-up that he led could not have been better displayed than it was two years ago in the Persian Gulf and today in Somalia.

It is a bitter irony that on the day that the first charges against Secretary Weinberger were filed, Russian President Boris Yeltsin arrived in the United States to celebrate the end of the Cold War. Instead of praise for his significant contribution to this historic moment, Caspar Weinberger's reward was a five count felony indictment.

Caspar Weinberger's role in the Iran-Contra Affair can be summarized succinctly: he opposed the Iran initiative and knew nothing of the diversion of profits to the Contras. His trial, which without this pardon would begin on January 5, would turn justice and common sense on its head. I am pardoning Caspar Weinberger not just to spare a 75 year-old patriot the torment of a lengthy trial and costly appeals, but to make it possible for him to receive the honor he deserves for his extraordinary service to his country.

Some will nevertheless argue that my decision to pardon Caspar Weinberger is motivated in part by a desire to prevent a public airing of claims or testimony that would be harmful to me. That is not true. The truth is that this investigation has been going on so long that people have forgotten how much testimony has been given, how many questions have been answered, and how much is on the public record. The Tower Board, the Joint Congressional Committee charged with investigating the Iran-Contra affair, and the independent counsel have looked into every aspect of this matter. The Tower Commission interviewed more than 80 people, and reviewed thousands of documents. The Joint Congressional Committee interviewed more than 500 people, and reviewed more than 300,000 pages of material. The Independent Counsel investigation has, over the past six years, cost more than \$31 million dollars.

As for my role, I was interviewed before the Tower Board and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I gave a sworn deposition to the independent counsel. I have answered over 450

questions about this, and my staff has answered more than 3000.

Nevertheless, to avoid any question about this, tonight I am taking three steps to make sure that all the information that can possibly be made available is before the American people. First,

I am directing the Iran-Contra prosecutor, Lawrence Walsh, and his entire staff of lawyers, to make public any and all evidence they would have presented at trial relating to me or to President Reagan. In addition, I have requested that the independent counsel provide me with a copy of my official statement to his office, which I am prepared to release immediately to the general public. And Secretary Weinberger has requested that the independent counsel release all of his notes pertaining to the Iran-Contra matter. The Independent Counsel will be placing his full assessment of all the evidence in the public record when he submits his final report required by law.

I have one further thought. The Iran-Contra prosecutions represent what I believe is a profoundly troubling development in the political and legal climate of our country: the criminalization of policy differences. These differences should be addressed in the political arena, without the Damocles sword of criminality hanging over some of the combatants. The proper target is the President, not his subordinates; the proper forum is the voting booth, not the courtroom

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These are profound issues, and it is not my purpose to discuss them in detail here. Rather, it is my purpose to do justice as best I see it. For more than thirty years in public service, I have tried to follow three concepts: honor, integrity and fairness. I know, from all those years of service, that the American people believe in fair play. It would be deeply unfair to allow good people who sought to serve our country to be branded as criminals because they got caught in a political and policy cross-fire between the President and the Congress. Today, I am doing what I believe honor, integrity and fairness require.

Weinberger. plus others

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I have also decided to pardon some of the other Iran-Contra defendants. This is not because their conduct was uniformly above reproach. These men should be pardoned for other reasons. First, in each case, there has been no suggestion that their conduct was motivated by greed, illicit profit or any other reason that fair-minded people would normally think of as criminal. The common denominator of their motivation-- whether their actions were right or wrong-- was patriotism. Second, in fact they did not profit from their conduct; instead, each has already paid a price -- in depleted savings, lost careers, anguished families -- grossly disproportionate to his misdeeds. Finally, each has devoted most or all of his adult life to the service of his country. These men should not have to face the future branded as criminals. Like our country, they deserve to be able to put this behind them. It has gone on long enough, for them and for us all. For that reason, I am also including in

these pardons all those -- if, after six years, there are any -- who have not yet been indicted or tried by the Independent Counsel. I have considered this matter carefully and at length and I believe that this is the right thing to do. It continues a long tradition of Presidents using the pardon power to put behind the nation divisive issues arising from sometimes searing disputes about how best to protect the nation's security. James Madison pardoned Lafitte's pirates after the War of 1812. Andrew Johnson pardoned soldiers who had fought for the Confederacy. Harry Truman pardoned those who violated the Selective Service laws to avoid serving in World War II. Jimmy Carter did the same for those who evaded service in Vietnam.

In those cases, the conduct and motives of the people pardoned varied greatly. Their actions and the decisions to pardon them raised important issues of conscience, the rule of law, and the relationship under our Constitution between the government and the governed. Despite these differences, and despite the profound significance of these issues, all these

Presidents used the power given them under Article II section 2 of the Constitution to grant pardons in order to heal the wounds and divisions in the country at the end of a war, and to help it move on.

The actions of the men I am pardoning in connection with the Iran-Contra initiative took place within the larger context of the Cold War struggle. In some cases, their actions were wrong and hurt the national interest they endeavored to serve. My predecessors forgave the wrongdoing of those they pardoned, and in so doing helped to heal the nation; today I do the same.

We must look forward as a nation to the great challenges that lie ahead unhampered by old policy disputes. The Cold War was an epic struggle between slavery and freedom. While there were many arguments over our policies, in the final analysis they succeeded.

I have said earlier that this has been the most thoroughly investigated matter ever. Some will nevertheless argue that my decision is motivated in part by a desire to prevent a public

airing of claims or testimony that would be harmful to me. That is not true. The truth is that this investigation has been going on so long that people have forgotten how much testimony has been given, how many questions have been answered, and how much is on the public record. The Tower Board, the Joint Congressional Committee charged with investigating the Iran-Contra affair, and the independent counsel have looked into every aspect of this matter. The Tower Commission interviewed more than 80 people, and reviewed thousands of documents. The Joint Congressional Committee interviewed more than 500 people, and reviewed more than 300,000 pages of material. The Independent Counsel investigation has, over the past six years, cost more than \$31 million dollars.

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The Independent Counsel will be placing his full assessment of all the evidence in the public record when he submits his final report required by law. Finally, I want to make clear that I am not including President Reagan or myself in the scope of this pardon.

I have one further thought. The Iran-Contra prosecutions represent what I believe is a profoundly troubling development in the political and legal climate of our country: the criminalization of policy differences. These differences should be addressed in the political arena, without the Damocles sword of criminality hanging over some of the combatants. The proper target is the President, not his subordinates; the proper forum is the voting booth, not the courtroom

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SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM

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December 18, 1992

The Honorable George Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to request that you grant a full, complete and unconditional pardon to former Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger. Mr. Weinberger, who has devoted many years of his life to honest, dedicated and distinguished public service to this nation, is the victim of an unfair and unjust prosecution. He is innocent of any wrongdoing and should be pardoned.

Your pardon power is granted by Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution which states: "The President . . . shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment." Your pardon power is unlimited and unqualified. The decision to grant this request is entirely within your Constitutional power and discretion.

I. Mr. Weinberger Should Be Pardoned Because He Is Innocent.

As is well known, Secretary Weinberger was one of the most vigorous opponents of the Iran initiative. He cooperated fully with all the numerous investigations of the Iran-Contra affair, including those conducted by the Tower Commission, the Joint Select Committees of Congress and the Independent Counsel. Now he faces a

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four-count felony indictment alleging that he lied about certain aspects of the Iran-Contra matter and the existence of personal notes relating to this subject. Each of these counts carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment, and one count is covered by the new Federal Sentencing Guidelines which limit the discretion of the sentencing court.

This prosecution is an abuse of the prosecutorial process. Secretary Weinberger had no motive to lie about the Iran-Contra matter or his notes. To the contrary, the notes demonstrate the vigor of his opposition to the Iran initiative. Indeed, there can be no argument that Secretary Weinberger intended to hide his notes because he deposited these notes at the Library of Congress and made them available to the Independent Counsel.

In addition, Secretary Weinberger passed, with flying colors, a rigorous lie detector test on the issues which form the basis of the indictment. Many well-respected Americans, including General Colin Powell, have executed affidavits which were submitted to the Independent Counsel attesting to Secretary Weinberger's honesty and integrity, and supporting his innocence. Most telling, perhaps, is the letter to Secretary Weinberger's counsel by the former Co-Chairmen of the Congressional Committees investigating the Iran-Contra matter, Senators Warren Rudman and Daniel Inouye, stating: "It is inconceivable to us that [Secretary Weinberger] would intentionally mislead or lie to Congress." Further, since Secretary Weinberger was the last witness to give public testimony on these issues, the Select Committees were fully cognizant of the facts relating to the Iran-Contra matter by the time he testified. Therefore, it simply would have been irrational for Secretary Weinberger to commit perjury regarding events about which Congress was fully aware, as the Independent Counsel alleges.

II. Mr. Weinberger Is A National Hero Deserving Praise,  
Not A Criminal Trial.

Secretary Weinberger has served his country with distinction for two decades. As you well know, his

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stewardship at the Pentagon was a major force leading to democracy around the world and the end of the Cold War. It is a bitter irony that on the day Secretary Weinberger's first indictment was filed, Russian President Boris Yeltsin arrived in the U.S. to celebrate the end of the Cold War. Instead of due praise for his significant contribution to this historic moment, Secretary Weinberger's reward was a five count felony indictment.

At age 75, Secretary Weinberger, whose health has been adversely affected by this matter, and his ailing wife will now have to endure a lengthy and costly trial to vindicate his honor and prove his innocence. It is time to end this unfounded prosecution which has arisen out of an acrimonious and bitter policy dispute between the Congress and Executive about events that occurred seven years ago and which the public cares little about today. It is time to close this unfortunate chapter.

It makes absolutely no sense to prosecute this honorable man who was on the right side of the issue and had nothing to hide. In fact, if you do pardon him, Mr. Weinberger requests that all of his notes pertaining to the Iran-Contra matter, about which there has been much misunderstanding, be released publicly. These notes will confirm his innocence and will show the careless nature of the allegations against him. We note that the main charges against Mr. Weinberger -- obstruction of Congress and lying to Congress about his notes -- have already been dismissed by the court.

When confronted with the opportunity to enter a plea to a single misdemeanor offense, Secretary Weinberger instead announced that "in order to avoid this indictment, I was not willing to accept an offer by the Office of Independent Counsel to plead to a misdemeanor offense of which I was not guilty." Secretary Weinberger

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is innocent of the charges against him. We respectfully  
urge that you grant him a Presidential pardon.

Very truly yours,

  
Robert S. Bennett

  
Carl S. Rauh

Counsel for  
Caspar W. Weinberger

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1992

Mr. Secretary,

As we discussed, please find attached a copy of Boyden's memorandum that we provided to the President on Saturday.

Thank you.

Dean McGrath

Attachment

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached is a background memorandum prepared by Boyden Gray on Iran-Contra pardons. No action is being requested at this time.

I have discussed the memorandum with the Chief of Staff. He has not reviewed it.

Thank you.

  
C. Dean McGrath, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1992

10:30

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: C. BOYDEN GRAY *CBG/jps*  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Iran-Contra Pardons

As you know, Secretary Caspar Weinberger has requested a pardon for the actions regarding which he has been indicted and will be tried in early January of next year. In order to avoid a need to decide this question at the last minute, I thought you should have a memorandum on that question as well as on the question of whether you should consider pardoning other individuals who have been or may be subjected to prosecution in connection with their Iran-Contra activities.

This is obviously a very difficult question. On balance, my recommendation is that you should pardon everybody who has been convicted or indicted in connection with this matter, and everyone who might be prosecuted in the future, with the exception of President Reagan and yourself.

Set forth below are five options, the pros and cons of each, a draft statement at Tab A, and one page descriptions of each individual who has been convicted or indicted at Tab B.

(1) No Pardons

The rationale for no pardons is that the criminal justice system should be allowed to take its course and that the appearance of the President condoning violations of the law undermines the people's confidence in the rule of law.

Pros

- o Avoids the likely criticism you will come under in connection with any pardons for (a) taking the law into your own hands and (b) being accused of covering up wrongdoing by members of President Reagan's and your Administration, or even by you personally.
- o The individuals who have already gone through the criminal justice system have already suffered most of the harm that it could inflict. Nobody has yet served any time except individuals who have personally profited from the arms sales.

- o Your reputation in history might suffer by going forward with pardons. Some believe that has happened to President Ford.
- o Any pardons may shift public opinion in this matter, which right now is, I think, critical of the Independent Counsel's performance, somewhat in his favor. The extent of that will depend in part on how successful a job you do in explaining the basis of your action and how successful a job the rest of the White House and others do in selling it in the press after the decision. Those who want to renew the statute will argue that any pardon emphasizes the importance of reenacting it.

### Cons

- o Some individuals identified as targets of the independent counsel have not yet gone through the entire criminal justice process. Even if the independent counsel obtains no more convictions, individuals will certainly face more suffering in the form of legal fees and the pain that his targets will suffer as a result of his pursuit and the need to make decisions about how to respond to that pursuit.
- o Moreover, given this independent counsel's record, despite some general statements that Weinberger and Clarridge are likely to be the last two targets, there is no guaranty that after January 20 he will not discover additional objects of investigation who in turn will be put through that suffering.
- o Even for those who have gone through the entire process, individual injustices have occurred when looked at in the overall context. For example, Bud McFarlane and Elliot Abrams pled guilty to acts that the Independent Counsel characterized as crimes, but which ordinary prosecutors do not normally prosecute. These people have suffered enough, and deserve to be vindicated rather than branded as criminals.
- o There is also the general injustice committed by an investigation into what is fundamentally a policy difference that is going on seven years after it started. Weinberger and Dewey Clarridge are still being subjected to that process.

### (2) Pardon Weinberger Alone

Several reasons would support singling out Weinberger alone for a pardon. First, he opposed the Iran initiative that is at the heart of Iran-Contra, and had no role in the Contra part.

Second, he is a real hero of the Cold War. Third, he is 75 years old and his wife is ill.

Pros

- o Would avoid a serious risk of injustice.
- o There is a lot of political support for pardoning Weinberger.
- o Would avoid the media spectacular surrounding a Weinberger trial.
- o The Weinberger reindictment four days before the election has given rise to a higher degree of suspicion than other cases that his prosecution is politically motivated. The suspicions about the prosecutors' political motivation might make a pardon here more readily accepted.

Cons

- o Any pardon of Weinberger, but especially a pre-trial pardon, creates an opportunity for accusing you of trying to protect yourself from his revelations at trial. That problem has been amplified by the confusion generated by the press treatment of the reindictment, with its emphasis on the note regarding the January 7 meeting mentioning you.
- o Pardoning Weinberger, the highest ranking person indicted, while leaving others like Clair George and Dewey Clarridge unpardoned, would give rise to charges of special treatment for the rich and powerful. The intelligence community in particular might feel betrayed.
- o Would not put an end to this as a legal matter, thus leaving the independent counsel free to retaliate by pursuing others.

(3) Pardon Weinberger and Other Meritorious Persons Already Convicted or Indicted or Whose Plea of Guilty Resulted in a Conviction

The rationale for this is that you would be exercising your pardon power to grant clemency to everybody who has already been convicted or indicted with respect to whom, overall, a pardon is deserved. That probably would include Weinberger, George, Fiers, Clarridge, Bud McFarlane, and Elliot Abrams, and perhaps General Secord, but probably would not include private sector types like Richard Miller, Thomas Clines, and Albert Hakim. There would be an assortment of different grounds in each case involving a combination of the fact that their service to their country makes

them deserving of clemency and the intuition that in the ordinary case, these individuals would not have been prosecuted as an exercise of prosecutorial discretion.

Pros

- o Would come the closest to perfect justice as to the past.
- o Avoids the accusation of special treatment for Weinberger.
- o Allows mobilization of greater political support by each deserving individual's proponents.
- o Puts an end to future prosecutions identified by the independent counsel, and thus perhaps closes the book on this matter.

Cons

- o Might undermine some of the political support a pardon for Weinberger alone would muster.
- o The individuals not pardoned would complain bitterly, thus undermining the political support among proponents of pardon.
- o Makes it easier for you to be accused of placing people above the law and sanctioning lying to Congress.
- o Unless all potential future defendants are included, rather than only those the independent counsel has identified so far, we cannot be sure that the book has really been closed. Each time in the past the independent counsel has announced he has almost finished his investigation, additional indictments revealing a new line of inquiry have followed hard upon the announcement.

(4) Pardon Weinberger and Other Meritorious Individuals Indicted or Convicted Plus All Those Who Might Be Prosecuted in the Future Except President Reagan and You

The justification for this approach would be that justice should be done in the individual cases that have already been resolved (the same class identified in option 3) and that to put this behind us and avoid retaliation by the independent counsel against others, a pardon of other prospective targets is necessary.

Pros and Cons

- o The pros and cons for this option are similar to those listed for option (3) above, except that it does justice also for potential future defendants and avoids the risk that this investigation will proceed along new lines.
- o In theory, it might increase President Reagan's and your legal jeopardy, because it would leave the two of you as the only remaining possible outlets for the independent counsel's frustration.
- o In practice, however I do not believe it does so, because neither of you has done anything remotely criminal.

(5) Pardon Everybody--Including Arguably Non-Meritorious Persons--Except President Reagan and You

The justification for this approach, which would include within the pardon not only Weinberger, George, etc. and possible future defendants, but also private sector individuals such as Miller, Hakim, and Clines would basically be that the time has come to put this entire affair behind us, that a blanket pardon in somewhat similar circumstances has a strong historical pedigree, that this is really about policy disputes for which Presidents, not their aides, should be held accountable, preferably in the political arena, and that it is time to take a stand against the post-Watergate "culture of investigation".

Pros

- o Prevents further unjust suffering.
- o Puts an end to this matter once and for all.
- o Eliminates the need to explain why you are pardoning A, B, C, and D, but not E, who all things considered, is not that much less deserving than D.
- o Does not leave anybody around to complain about being excluded and perhaps put out phony stories about why (e.g. everybody else had something he could have revealed about you).
- o If all those who avoided the Vietnam draft can be pardoned, then all those who fought the Cold War too vigorously can be too.

Cons

- o A few probably undeserving individuals (Hakim and Clines are the most obvious) would benefit.

- o Their benefitting would also be an additional basis for people to complain about the entire decision (although I think that is very marginal).
- o As with any option other than a pardon of Weinberger alone, might alienate Weinberger pardon supporters like Tom Foley, although I believe if the speech has the proper focus, we will be able to handle this problem.

#### Recommendation

I believe if you are going to grant pardons in connection with this matter, it is not worth it unless you know with close to legal certainty that it will end it. Although this is a close call, I further believe that it is just and worth doing. Thus, although I regret that you would have to accept responsibility for doing something that I believe President Reagan should have done when he left office, I recommend option 5.

I have attached at Tab A one page descriptions of each individual who has been convicted, indicted, or pled guilty in connection with this matter, and at Tab B a draft speech that would implement Option 5.

## **Elliott Abrams**

Mr. Abrams, age 44, was Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs from 1985 to 1989. During his distinguished career, he also served in numerous other high-ranking positions at the State Department, as well as on Congressional committees. He pled guilty to two misdemeanor charges of illegally withholding from Congress information about covert U.S. activities to support the Contras. On November 15, 1991, Abrams was sentenced to two years' probation and 100 hours of community service. In entering the pleas, Abrams averted felony charges that had been threatened by the Independent Counsel.

**Background:** In his appearance on October 10, 1986 before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Abrams did not disclose information regarding U.S. involvement with the Contras. On October 14, 1986 before the House Intelligence Committee, Abrams denied that foreign funding was being used to support arms sales to the rebels, when in fact he had solicited \$10 million from the Sultan of Brunei for this purpose.

Following his plea, Abrams stated that he acted to support U.S. policies "which at the time [he] believed proper and lawful."

### **Duane "Dewey" Clarridge**

Mr. Clarridge, age 60, served as the CIA's Chief of European Operations during the Iran-Contra affair. He currently faces trial for his alleged role in covering-up a November 1985 shipment of Hawk missiles to Iran. He and Caspar Weinberger are the only two Iran-Contra targets who have been indicted and are still facing trial. If convicted on all charges, Clarridge faces a possible 35 years in prison and fines totaling \$1.75 million.

**The case:** On November 16, 1991, Clarridge was indicted on seven felony charges of perjury and making false statements to the Tower Commission and to Congress. Clarridge pled innocent to all charges. A trial date has not been set.

**Background:** In a hastily arranged meeting between Clarridge and Lt. Colonel North six days before the November 25, 1985 shipment of Hawk missiles to Iran, Clarridge allegedly informed North that a CIA proprietary aircraft could be used to fly the missiles and contacted CIA officers overseas to facilitate the shipment. It is also alleged that Clarridge allowed North to use his office at CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia to coordinate the delivery. This November 1985 shipment of arms to Iran was done without the required Presidential finding.

### **Thomas G. Clines**

Mr. Clines, age 64, was a private businessman engaged in international arms dealing. Before his business career, Clines worked at the CIA. He was found guilty for four tax violations relating to income derived from his arms transactions with the Iran-Contra affair. Clines was sentenced on December 13, 1990 to sixteen months in prison and fined \$40,000. He is currently serving his sentence at the McKean correctional facility in Bradford, Pennsylvania. Although officially eligible for parole since August 1992, Clines remains incarcerated.

The case: Clines was charged February 22, 1990 on four felony counts relating to his tax returns for 1985 and 1986-- two for failure to disclose holding more than \$10,000 in foreign bank accounts and two for underreporting income. He pled not guilty. On September 18, 1990, he was convicted on all counts. His conviction has been affirmed on appeal.

Background: Clines was hired by the firm operated by Gen. Secord and Hakim for his abilities to obtain arms for the Contras. Clines was one of only three people who took a percentage of the profits on each shipment of weapons.

The prosecution showed that Clines only reported income from those transactions that he thought could be discovered by investigators. The appellate court rejected Clines's argument that the money was not really "his" income because he did not have sufficient control over the bank account into which the money was deposited.

**Alan D. Fiers, Jr.**

Mr. Fiers, age 52, was the Chief of the CIA's Central American Task Force during the Iran-Contra affair. He was sentenced on January 31, 1992 to a year's probation and 100 hours of community service for withholding information from Congress.

The case: As a result of a plea agreement with the Independent Counsel, Fiers was charged with and pled guilty to two misdemeanor counts of withholding information.

Background: Fiers served with Lt. Col. North and then-Assistant Secretary of State Abrams on the Restricted Interagency Group, which was responsible for formulating administration policy regarding the Nicaraguan rebels.

As the CIA official who gave regular briefings to Congress on a variety of issues, Fiers took special care in the words he chose to describe U.S. activities in Central America, especially Nicaragua. His circumspection, however, resulted in Fiers withholding information from and lying to Congress on various occasions. On October 14, 1986, before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Fiers, in response to a question regarding the crash of a resupply plane in Nicaragua, claimed that he had no knowledge of who was flying or coordinating the missions. In a November 25, 1986 appearance before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Fiers testified that the only knowledge he had regarding the diversion of profits from Iranian arms sales to the Nicaraguan rebels was from public statements made by the Administration.

District Chief Judge Aubrey Robinson said at sentencing he was impressed by Fiers' cooperation with authorities, as evidenced by letters from Judge Walsh's office and from Capitol Hill. Fiers' cooperation also led to the indictment of Clair E. George, formerly the number three official at the CIA.

## Clair E. George

Mr. George, age 62, served as the CIA's Deputy Director of Operations and coordinated all overseas covert operations during the Iran-Contra affair. George has been found guilty of lying to Congressional committees. He will be sentenced on February 18, 1993, at which time he faces a possible ten years in prison and \$500,000 in fines.

The case: On September 6, 1991, George was indicted on ten felony counts of perjury, making false statements and obstructing investigations of the Iran-Contra affair. He pled not guilty to all charges on September 12, 1991. Three obstruction of justice charges were dismissed on May 18, 1992. His first trial ended with a hung jury. On December 9, 1992, George was acquitted at a second trial of five of the remaining counts, but was found guilty on two perjury charges.

Background: The perjury convictions stem from George's October 14, 1986 testimony before the House Intelligence Committee regarding his knowledge of the activities of Felix Rodriguez, who assisted North in resupplying the Contras, and his December 3, 1986 appearance before the Senate Intelligence Committee, when he denied knowing the role of General Secord in the Iran-Contra affair.

### **Albert A. Hakim**

Mr. Hakim, a 60 year old Iranian-born businessman and naturalized American citizen, set up the financial network to funnel the profits from the arms sales to the Contras. He played a critical role in opening up a new diplomatic channel to Iran to negotiate for the release of the American hostages held in Lebanon. He pled guilty to illegally supplementing the salary of a government employee, by paying for a \$13,800 security fence at the home of Lt. Colonel North.

The case: Hakim was charged on March 16, 1988, in five felony counts, including conspiracy, fraud, and theft. He pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of providing an illegal gratuity to a government employee. On February 1, 1990, Hakim was sentenced to two years' probation and a \$5,000 fine. Additionally, the court ordered Hakim's Lake Resources, Inc., one of the principal corporations used as a conduit for the arms sales, to be dissolved. Hakim also released his claim on \$7.3 million of profits from the arms sales that were being held in Swiss bank accounts. He was allowed to retain \$1.7 million, which was in addition to the \$1.3 million he originally received in profits from the arms sales.

Background: Hakim was a financial partner of Gen. Secord. Secord and North asked Hakim to coordinate a network of dummy corporations and bank accounts that were created to handle the flow of profits from the arms sales to Iran that were being used to finance the Contras.

## Robert McFarlane

Mr. McFarlane, age 54, was the National Security Advisor to President Reagan from October 1983 to December 1985. He also served in numerous other high-ranking positions relating to defense and national security matters during his nearly thirty year-long military and government career.

The case: On March 11, 1988, McFarlane was charged with and pled guilty to four counts of withholding information from Congress. He was sentenced to two years' probation, \$20,000 in fines and 200 hours of community service.

Background: All four counts against McFarlane stemmed from his description to Congress of his role in the Contra resupply, and not his role in the Iranian arms sales. In three 1985 letters to the House Committee on Intelligence, McFarlane withheld information about the National Security Council's role in raising funds for the arms purchases and providing military assistance for the Nicaraguan rebels. He also admitted to similarly misleading the House Foreign Affairs Committee during his testimony on December 6, 1986.

Unlike Lt. Colonel North and Admiral Poindexter, McFarlane appeared before the Joint Committee of Congress investigating the Iran-Contra affair voluntarily and without immunity.

McFarlane attempted suicide on February 9, 1987. This act has been attributed in part to his sense of remorse and conflict over his role in the Iran-Contra affair.

## Richard R. Miller

Mr. Miller, age 38, was the head of International Business Communications, a Washington public relations firm, during the time of the Iran-Contra affair. Before joining IBC, he served as the Director of the Agency for International and Public Affairs Development and a Reagan campaign aide. He was convicted for a tax violation relating to his activity to support the Contras. On July 6, 1989 he was sentenced to two years' probation, 120 hours of community service and a \$50 fee.

The case: On May 6, 1987, Miller was charged and pled guilty to one count of conspiring to use funds raised through a tax-exempt organization for a non-tax-exempt purpose, namely, to aid the Contras.

Background: Miller agreed with Carl Channel and Lt. Col. North to raise money for the Contras by obtaining contributions from private sources using a tax-exempt organization. The use of the tax-exempt organizational structure improperly allowed donors to write-off their contributions on their tax returns.

### **Richard V. Secord**

Mr. Secord, age 60, was a private businessman at the time of the Iran-Contra affair. Before his business career, he served in Air Force; he earned the rank of Major General and twice received the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Department's highest peacetime award. He pled guilty to making false statements to a Congressional Committee in 1987 when he denied that Lt. Col. North personally benefited from the profits derived from arms sales to Iran. On January 24, 1990, Secord was sentenced to two years' probation and a \$50 fine.

The case: Secord was originally indicted on six counts in March 1988. He was charged in a reformulated and expanded indictment with a total of twelve counts. All of the charges were based on his giving false statements to and obstructing Congress. On November 8, 1989, he pled guilty to a single false statement charge.

Background: Secord was recruited by North to become involved in the shipping of arms to the Nicaraguan rebels. He played a central role in providing critical logistical expertise and contacts to facilitate in the distributing of military aid.

Secord received approximately \$1.5 million in profits from the arms sales to Iran and the Contras.

## Caspar W. Weinberger

Mr. Weinberger, age 75, served as the Secretary of Defense from 1981 to 1987. During his nearly twenty-five years in government, he served in numerous senior positions, including as: Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, Counselor to the President, and Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. His trial is scheduled to begin on January 5, 1993. If convicted on all counts, he faces up to twenty-five years in prison and \$1.25 million in fines.

The case: On June 16, 1992, Weinberger was indicted on five felony charges of perjury, obstructing a Congressional investigation, and making false statements. Although the count for obstruction of Congress was dismissed, a new count of providing false information to Congress was filed on October 30, 1992. Holding that the new charge violated the statute of limitations, Judge Thomas F. Hogan dismissed it on December 11, 1992.

Background: The charges against Weinberger stem from his allegedly false statements in testimony to Congressional and Independent Counsel investigators and alleged perjury in his appearances before Iran-Contra Congressional Committees. The principal charge of criminality -- brought four days before the election and now dismissed -- was that Weinberger misled Congress by saying that he did not have notes of meetings in which the sale of arms to Iran was discussed.

Unlike Lt. Col. North and Admiral Poindexter, Weinberger appeared before the Joint Congressional Committee investigating the Iran-Contra affair without a grant of immunity. Weinberger refused to agree to a plea bargain that would have reduced his charges to a single misdemeanor offense.

He was one of a few top administration officials who vigorously opposed arms sales to Iran.

## **Others Indicted in Conjunction with the Iran-Contra Affair**

The following four individuals were also charged for activities relating to the Iran-Contra affair; however these cases have either been formally dismissed, or effectively terminated.

Lt. Colonel Oliver L. North: Lt. Col. North, age 49, served as a staff aide at the National Security Council during the Reagan Administration and masterminded the Iran-Contra affair. He was convicted on May 4, 1989 on three felony counts: aiding and abetting obstruction of Congress, destroying NSC documents, and accepting an illegal gift. He was acquitted on nine other counts. On July 5, 1989, he was sentenced to 1,200 hours of community service, two years' probation, and \$150,000 in fines. On September 16, 1991, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia set aside the conviction on the basis that the testimony of the witnesses at the trial was improperly tainted by North's previous, immunized testimony before Congress. That ruling makes any re-trial a practical impossibility, because the Independent Counsel has been stripped of his principal evidence.

Rear Admiral John M. Poindexter: Admiral Poindexter, age 56, served as National Security Advisor from December 1985 to November 1986. He was convicted on April 7, 1990 on five felony counts: two for lying to Congress, two for obstructing Congressional investigators and one for conspiring to cover-up the secret sales of arms to Iran and the diversion of the profits to the Nicaraguan rebels. He was sentenced to six months in prison. On November 15, 1991, the U.S. Court of Appeals reversed the conviction, holding that Mr. Walsh used testimony that was improperly tainted by Poindexter's previous, immunized testimony before the Congressional Committee investigating the Iran-Contra affair. On December 7, 1992, the Supreme Court refused to review the decision by the appellate court, terminating the Poindexter case.

Joseph F. Fernandez: Mr. Fernandez, served as the CIA's station chief in Costa Rica during the Iran-Contra affair. He worked with Lt. Colonel North to develop a network in Central America to deliver weapons to the Contras. Fernandez was indicted on four counts: two for making false statements to the Tower Commission and the CIA's inspector general and two for obstructing justice. As the case was proceeding to trial, Attorney General Thornburgh intervened to appeal the district court's ruling permitting Fernandez to obtain and offer into evidence highly sensitive classified documents. On September 6, 1990, the appellate court affirmed the lower court's ruling, effectively terminating the Fernandez prosecution.

Carl "Spitz" Channel: On May 6, 1987, Mr. Channel, a conservative fund raiser, was charged and pled guilty to a one felony count of conspiring to defraud the Treasury of tax revenue by illegally using a tax-exempt organization in 1985 and 1986 as a conduit for funding the Contras. On July 6, 1989, Channel was sentenced to two years' probation. Channel died on May 7, 1990 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

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My fellow Americans,

I am announcing that I am pardoning former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and others for their conduct related to the Iran-Contra affair.

Let me explain why I have made this decision.

For over six years now, the American people have invested enormous resources into what has become the most thoroughly investigated matter in recent memory, and perhaps in our history. In fact, the investigation has gone on for so long that many of us cannot even remember what the words "Iran-Contra" meant when all of this started. Let me remind you.

In the summer of 1985, American officials came to believe that some factions in Iran could influence the fate of American hostages held in Lebanon. The hostages' plight was desperate and their treatment was brutal. One of them, William Buckley, had already been tortured to death. Our country's effort to secure their release and redefine our strategic relationship with Iran

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was flawed, but it was fueled by compassion and the judgment that better relations would be in our national interest. Likewise, in Nicaragua, the Contras were fighting for freedom and democracy against a ruthless, dictatorial regime, one that was seeking to expand the tyranny of Communism in our Hemisphere.

In the six years during which the Iran Contra affair has been investigated, the last American hostage came home to freedom, world-wide terrorism declined, the people of Nicaragua elected a democratic government and the Cold War ended. But in the mid 1980's, the outcome of these struggles was far from clear. Some of the best and most dedicated of our countrymen were called upon to step forward. Secretary Weinberger was among the foremost of these. Caspar Weinberger is a true American patriot -- one of the premier architects of the downfall of the Berlin Wall and the Soviet Union. As Secretary of Defense throughout most of the Reagan Presidency, Caspar Weinberger directed the military renaissance in this country that led directly to the breakup of the Evil Empire and a new birth of

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freedom and democracy. His legacy will endure beyond the ending of the Cold War, of course. The military readiness of this nation that resulted in large part from the build-up that he led could not have been better displayed than it was two years ago in the Persian Gulf and today in Somalia.

It is a bitter irony that on the day that the first charges against Secretary Weinberger were filed, Russian President Boris Yeltsin arrived in the United States to celebrate the end of the Cold War. Instead of praise for his significant contribution to this historic moment, Secretary Weinberger's reward was a five count felony indictment.

Secretary Weinberger's role in the Iran-Contra Affair can be summarized succinctly: he opposed the Iran initiative and knew nothing of the diversion of profits to the Contras. His trial, which without this pardon would begin on January 5, would turn justice and common sense on its head. I am pardoning Secretary Weinberger not just to spare a 75 year-old patriot the torment of a lengthy trial and costly appeals, but to make it possible for

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him to receive the honor he deserves for his extraordinary service to his country.

I have also decided to pardon the other Iran-Contra defendants. This is not because I believe their conduct was uniformly above reproach. It is because their conduct was motivated, for the most part, by patriotism, and because they have already paid a price equal to or far greater than what they owed for their misdeeds. And, I am convinced that we need to put this episode in our national life to rest.

I have considered this matter carefully and at length and I believe that this is the right thing to do. It continues a long tradition of Presidents using the pardon power to put behind the nation divisive issues arising from sometimes searing disputes about how best to protect the nation's security. James Madison pardoned Lafitte's pirates after the War of 1812. Andrew Johnson pardoned soldiers who had fought for the Confederacy. Harry Truman pardoned those who violated the Selective Service laws to

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avoid serving in World War II. Jimmy Carter did the same for those who evaded service in Vietnam.

In those cases, the conduct and motives of the people pardoned varied greatly. Their actions and the decisions to pardon them raised important issues of conscience, the rule of law, and the relationship under our Constitution between the government and the governed. Despite these differences, and despite the profound significance of these issues, all these Presidents used the power given them under Article II section 2 of the Constitution to grant pardons in order to heal the wounds and divisions in the country at the end of a war, and to help it move on.

The actions of the men I am pardoning in connection with the Iran-Contra initiative took place within the larger context of the Cold War struggle. In some cases, their actions were wrong and hurt the national interest they endeavored to serve. My predecessors forgave the wrongdoing of those they pardoned, and in so doing helped to heal the nation; today I do the same.

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We must look forward as a nation to the great challenges that lie ahead unhampered by old policy disputes. The Cold War was an epic struggle between slavery and freedom. While there were many arguments over our policies, in the final analysis they succeeded.

I have said earlier that this has been the most thoroughly investigated matter ever. Some will nevertheless argue that my decision is motivated in part by a desire to prevent a public airing of claims or testimony that would be harmful to me. That is not true. The truth is that this investigation has been going on so long that people have forgotten how much testimony has been given, how many questions have been answered, and how much is on the public record. The Tower Board, the Joint Congressional Committee charged with investigating the Iran-Contra affair, and the independent counsel have looked into every aspect of this matter. The Tower Commission interviewed more than 80 people, and reviewed thousands of documents. The Joint Congressional Committee interviewed more than 500 people, and reviewed more

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than 300,000 pages of material. The Independent Counsel investigation has, over the past six years, cost more than \$31 million dollars.

As for my role, I was interviewed before the Tower Board and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I gave a sworn deposition to the independent counsel. I have answered over 450 questions about this, and my staff has answered more than 3000.

Nevertheless, to avoid any question about this, tonight I am taking three steps to make sure that all the information that can possibly be made available is before the American people. First, I am directing the Iran-Contra prosecutor, Lawrence Walsh, and his entire staff of lawyers, to make public any and all evidence they would have presented at trial relating to me or to President Reagan. In addition, I have requested that the independent counsel provide me with a copy of my official statement to his office, which I am prepared to release immediately to the general public. And Secretary Weinberger has requested that the

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independent counsel release all of his notes pertaining to the Iran-Contra matter.

The Independent Counsel will be placing his full assessment of all the evidence in the public record when he submits his final report required by law. Finally, I want to make clear that I am not including President Reagan or myself in the scope of this pardon.

For more than thirty years in public service, I have tried to follow three concepts: honor, integrity and fairness. I know, from all those years of service, that the American people believe in fairness and fair play. I have thought long and hard about this decision. I have concluded that it would be deeply unfair to allow good people who sought to serve our country to be branded as criminals because they got caught in a political and policy cross-fire between the President and the Congress. Today, I am doing what I believe honor, integrity and fairness require of me.

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