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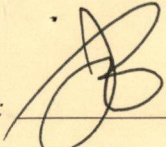
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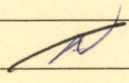
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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January 5, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

FROM: RICHARD A. CLARKE *RA*
SUBJECT: Minutes of NSC Meeting on Somalia

Attached are the Minutes of the NSC Meeting on Somalia, Thursday, December 3, 1992 at 1:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve and file the attached Minutes for the record.

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Tab I Minutes

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Meeting of the National Security Council

DATE: December 3, 1992

LOCATION: Cabinet Room

TIME: 1:00 - 2:00 pm

SUBJECT: Minutes of NSC Meeting on Somalia (Ø)

PARTICIPANTS:

The President

The Vice President

State:

Lawrence Eagleburger

DOD:

Richard Cheney

CIA:

Robert Gates

JCS:

General Colin Powell

General Joseph Hoar

White House:

James Baker

Marlin Fitzwater

Brent Scowcroft

NSC:

Jonathan Howe

Richard Clarke

OMB:

Richard Darman

Justice:

William Barr

Minutes

The President: I just had the military briefing. There will be no announcement today. We are still working on the diplomatic side to get the peace-making operations done by us and peace-keeping operations after us by the UN. We need to talk about financial and legal considerations. First, the legal issue. The Attorney General needs to tell us what legalities are involved. There could be 28-30,000 troops involved for an unknown period of time, although I expect that within 40 days troops can start coming out. They will be operating under UN Security Council Resolution 794 which authorizes "all necessary means." It is an UN umbrella of sorts. (Ø)

Attorney General Barr: Are we setting up enclaves? (Ø)

The President: Yes, across the country to provide relief in a benign setting. We may have to kill some people, but I do not expect any major resistance. Right Colin? (Ø)

General Powell: Yes, Sir. (U)

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Attorney General Barr: This is not a hard question. We are acting to protect the lives and safety of U.S. and foreign relief workers, plus we are operating under the UN Resolution. Do you want something in writing? (Ø)

The President: Yes. What about the War Powers Act? (Ø)

Attorney General Barr: We need to notify the Congress in 48 hours, but we could say it's not covered because Somalia is no longer a country and we're operating against brigands. (Ø)

The President: The brigands argument is good. (U)

Chief of Staff Baker: But we're saying we're collecting weapons from the Somalia army. (Ø)

General Scowcroft: Should we notify Congress? (U)

Attorney General Barr: Yes, unless we want to set a precedent. (U)

Chief of Staff Baker: But we usually say we don't recognize the War Powers Act. (Ø)

Attorney General Barr: No, we usually say we don't recognize the constitutional authority of the War Powers Act. (Ø)

The President: Have we put a notification in writing before? (U)

Attorney General Barr: Yes. (U)

The President: OK. (U)

General Scowcroft: We need to explain to Congress how we're paying for this operation. (Ø)

The President: Dick, how do you suggest we pay for it. We don't know how much the operation will cost yet. (Ø)

Director Darman: I only just got into this. The Deputies Committee says the operation will cost \$600 million for six months incremental costs. (Ø)

Secretary Cheney: I haven't seen any good costs estimates. (Ø)

Director Darman: In Desert Storm, we charged only incremental costs. Where can the money come from? Two possibilities: immediately and later. \$100 million from the UN Participation Act, \$50 million in humanitarian assistance, \$25 million from CINC's fund, and \$25 million from operations and maintenance totals \$200 million. (Ø)

The President: Do we spend it until we need more? (U)

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Director Darman: Yes, but we need a concept. There are three options. First, we could deduct incremental costs from UN arrearage. (Ø)

Secretary Eagleburger: I am totally opposed to that. (U)

Chief of Staff Baker: We could deduct our costs from our 30 percent share of this UN operation. (Ø)

Secretary Eagleburger: There is no UN cost for this operation. (Ø)

Director Darman: The second option is to use the Defense Cooperation Account. A small amount is in it already for use by DOD. New donations could go to DOD after an appropriation. The third option is to request a supplemental appropriation to refurbish depleted accounts. (Ø)

Secretary Cheney: We might reprogram within DOD using things we don't want anyway. (Ø)

General Scowcroft: Should we talk to Congress tomorrow? (U)

Secretary Cheney: I'll look into it. (U)

Director Darman: We can answer the legal challenge of where the money is coming from by pointing to the \$200 million. Congress will need a legislative solution, though. (Ø)

General Scowcroft: Arrearage is not the way to go, since it's only under the aegis of the UN and not a UN operation. (Ø)

The President: For briefing purposes, tell Congress that it can be done. (Ø)

General Scowcroft: Yes, we have enough to begin. Then we can follow it with a supplemental request or reprogramming. (Ø)

Director Darman: Do we ask others to pay for us? (Ø)

The President: No, we ask them to pay for poor countries that can't afford to participate. For instance, the Saudis have offered \$10 million. (Ø)

Secretary Eagleburger: We can't ask others to pay for us. (U)

The President: The questions are can it be paid for and what are the legal implications. I wish we were more sure about getting out quickly. If the operation goes smoothly, why will we need many peacekeepers? (Ø)

Secretary Eagleburger: UN Peacekeepers will be needed because there will still be no central government. There are juvenile delinquents running the place. The problem is manageable, however, we can do it. (Ø)

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The President: I feel good about this. It is low risk for us. There is not as clean an ending as we'd like to see, though. (Ø)

General Powell: I'm encouraged by the Canadians and Belgians. If they show up fast, we can get out fast. We don't need them in big numbers. (Ø)

Secretary Cheney: This is especially true if we leave the Marine Amphibious Group off shore. (Ø)

The President: How do we say this? (U)

Chief of Staff Baker: We'll be in for the shortest possible time, then the peacekeeping operation will relieve us. (Ø)

The President: Do we say we have agreement from specific countries that they'll be dockside by January 16? (Ø)

Chief of Staff Baker: We don't have commitments yet. We should keep it vague. (Ø)

Secretary Eagleburger: If we publicize commitments, other nations won't come. (U)

The President: The Muslim world doesn't really want us to stay there. That should help us get other countries involved. Muslim leaders will be pleased we're doing the operation, but these leaders will want us replaced with others later. (Ø)

Secretary Eagleburger: If we don't have peacekeeping commitments lined up, then we're in trouble. We should enlist them now. (Ø)

The President: We need to tell the American people that peacekeepers will step in once a secure environment is established. (Ø)

Chief of Staff Baker: We need to nail down the commitments of the peacekeepers. (Ø)

General Powell: The Belgians and Canadians are coming as peacemakers and will stay as peacekeepers. They could arrive in two days. There could be 4000 peacekeepers by the peak of our presence. (Ø)

Secretary Eagleburger: Is our mission statement to establish a secure environment or to feed people? (Ø)

Chief of Staff Baker: It is a secure environment for humanitarian relief. (Ø)

General Scowcroft: It should only be a secure environment for humanitarian relief. (Ø)

Chief of Staff Baker: We need to see the UN Security Council resolution. (U)

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The Vice President: We should say that in 30 days we anticipate beginning the withdrawal of U.S. forces. (Ø)

General Scowcroft: We could say that in X weeks, we might be able to anticipate beginning the withdrawal. (U)

The President: The troop's families need to know that we are thinking of getting the troops out. Check on the resolution and check on the status of the peacekeepers. We need to say something publicly after the Congressional briefing. (Ø)

General Scowcroft: We need to brief concerned Congressmen. You could walk from the briefing to make a statement. (U)

The Vice President: We should brief Congress even if the UN resolution hasn't passed yet. (Ø)

Chief of Staff Baker: If the resolution hasn't passed, then we shouldn't meet with Congress. (Ø)

Secretary Eagleburger: The resolution should pass tonight. (Ø)

Director Darman: An early withdrawal would make our deployment much cheaper. We don't need to use the higher dollar figure publicly. (Ø)

Press Secretary Fitzwater: We could brief Congress at 10:00 a.m., and have a Presidential statement on our mission at noon. That would be followed by an afternoon briefing by General Powell and Secretary Cheney. The President's statement would be five minutes from the Oval Office. (Ø)

The President: Why not give it right after the Congressional briefing? (Ø)

Press Secretary Fitzwater: How about five minutes from the Oval Office tomorrow at noon? (U)

The President: Congress will be briefed at 11:00 a.m. I'll give the speech at noon. I don't need a prime time slot, the networks will carry it. It should be a short, comprehensive statement. There will be pretty broad support when people see the picture. The American people are prepared. We need to scare up the peacekeepers.

General Scowcroft: Regarding my conversations with Sandy Berger on keeping Governor Clinton informed, what if the Governor wants to be briefed? We should send someone to Little Rock tomorrow if they ask. (Ø)

Secretary Cheney: We should offer the briefing. (U)

The Vice President: I agree. (U)

The President: Alright. (U)

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