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Sent: Friday, March 24, 2000 6:41 PM
To: Keith, James R. (ASIA)
Cc: @ASIA - Asian Affairs; @INTECON - Economic Affairs; Bruns, Judson L. (Jay) (INTECON); Bradtke, Robert A. (EXSEC); Rudman, Mara E. (NSA); Sutphen, Mona K. (NSA); Crocker, Bathsheba N. (NSA)
Subject: Trade Background for SRB Beijing Meetings ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~



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Jim: As requested, background on the trade points I recommended SRB raise in Beijing. Candid and confidential. ML

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Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)

From: Keith, James R. (ASIA)
Sent: Monday, July 26, 1999 10:46 AM
To: @PRESS - Public Affairs; Lee, Malcolm R.; Hammonds, D. Holly (INTECON); @INTECON - Economic Affairs
Cc: @ASIA - Asian Affairs
Subject: FW: press guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Additional q for this morning: pls send comments directly to @press.

Why didn't Albright raise the prospect of talks with the China on its accession to the WTO?

- We have on numerous occasions indicated our desire to advance bilateral dialogue with China, including our WTO discussions.
Beijing knows that we remain prepared to resume our talks when the Chinese are prepared to do so.
No change in our position. We believe China's entry into the WTO on strong commercial terms is in both countries' interest.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Sent: Monday, July 26, 1999 10:06 AM
To: Keith, James R. (ASIA)
Cc: @ASIA - Asian Affairs; @PRESS - Public Affairs
Subject: RE: press guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]

Jim - just got a press question re: Tang's "surprise" that Albright did not raise WTO. Purposeful omission? Aren't we still fully committed? Any word on when negotiations/discussions will resume?

-----Original Message-----

From: Keith, James R. (ASIA)
Sent: Monday, July 26, 1999 10:00 AM
To: @PRESS - Public Affairs; @RUDMAN; @LEGAL - Legal Advisor; Krass, Caroline D. (LEGAL)
Cc: @ASIA - Asian Affairs
Subject: FW: press guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

@press: you should have the backgrounder from Singapore, sent to Leavy and Lockhart.
@legal and @rudman pls advise directly to @press if you have amendments.

What is your evaluation of the Secretary of State's meeting with Chinese FM Tang in Singapore? Is the U.S.-China relationship back on track?

- Constructive meeting.
- Good discussion of global and regional issues. Important to the national interests of both countries that we continue to share views and consult on developments in Korean peninsula, South Asia.
- Touched on full range of bilateral issues as you have seen.
--Urged dialogue with Taipei to resolve differences in cross-Strait dialogue, recalled the importance we attach to peaceful resolution and reiterated no change in our "one China" policy.
--Noted that State Department delegation will travel to China this week to pursue discussion of our humanitarian payments to victims of the accidental bombing. Two sides' respective claims regarding property damage also being discussed.
- Both sides looking forward to meeting between two Presidents in New Zealand in September.

Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)

From: Keith, James R. (ASIA)
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 1999 3:27 PM
To: Lieberthal, Kenneth G. (ASIA); Lee, Malcolm R. (NEC); @HAMMONDS
Subject: Useful message from Beijing on business views ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
Importance: High



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BRIEFING

MEMORANDUM FOR MARY BETH CAHILL

FROM: Jay Dunn Ext. 6-7702
Barbara Woolley Ext. 6-2155

RE: WTO-China Briefing with Business Community

DATE/TIME: Thursday, July 15, 1999
11:00 AM

LOCATION: The Roosevelt Room
The White House

ATTENDEES: Mary Beth Cahill, Assistant to the President & Director of Public Liaison
Chuck Brain, Deputy Assistant to the President & Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs
Lael Brainard, Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Policy
Steve Ricchetti, Deputy White House Chief of Staff
Twenty members of the Business Community

PURPOSE: To continue the dialogue between the business community and the White House on the status of China's accession to the WTO.

BACKGROUND: This is one in a series of meetings between the Administration and the business community to compare notes and share information concerning the corporate community's support for China's accession to the WTO. Interested parties are now focused on the annual NTR vote, which is scheduled to take place sometime the week of July 26th. On Wednesday, Representative Bob Matsui (D-CA) hosted a meeting of Administration, Congressional and corporate representatives to brief on the status of the NTR bill.

Supporters of the NTR vote are cautiously optimistic that annual NTR status will pass by a comfortable margin (260 – 270), but nothing is being taken for granted. Given the difficult relationship between China and the United States in recent months, supporters of NTR are paying careful attention to mood of the swing votes in Congress.

The vote is seen by interested parties as an indicator of Congressional support for China's accession to the WTO.

FORMAT: The format is roundtable discussion. Mary Beth will open the meeting and facilitate by asking for input from the members of the business community. Conversation will ensue between Administration officials and corporate representatives. Mary Beth will conclude the meeting at the appropriate time (approximately 12 noon).

ATTACHMENTS: List of representatives from the Business Community

Confirmed Attendance for WTO-China Briefing on July 15

Michael Andrews, Citigroup
Lisa Barry, Boeing
Richard Brecher, Motorola
Myron Brilliant, US Chamber of Commerce
Tom Buis, National Farmers' Union
Nick Calio, O'Brien & Calio
Jaime Castaneda, National Milk Producers
Steve Champlin, Duberstein Group
Cal Cohen, ECAT
Ken Cole, Allied Signal
Audrae Erikson, American Farm Bureau Association
Orit Frenkel, General Electric
Claude Fontheim, Fontheim & Associates
Nick Giordano, National Pork Producers
John Gordley, American Soybean Association
National Association of Wheat Growers
Randy Jones, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
Bob Kapp, US China Business Council
Susan Keith, National Corn Growers Association
Chuck Lambert, National Cattleman's Beef Association
Ken Leventhal, Fontheim & Associates
Kevin Mulvey, AIG
William Quarles, Sunkist
Scott Parven, Aetna
Jackie Pettus, National Barley Growers
Scott Shearer, Farmland, Inc.
Read Vaderwater, BRT
Michael Wootton, Sunkist
Everett Zillinger, Fertilizer Institute

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Duncan, John D.

From: Lieberthal, Kenneth G.
Sent: Friday, March 19, 1999 8:38 AM
To: Hammer, Michael A.
Cc: @ASIA - Asian Affairs; @PRESS - Public Affairs; @INTECON - Economic Affairs
Subject: RE: Urgent Press Guidance March 19 [UNCLASSIFIED]

Mike,

The one new item on the China chit is the surge in steel exports noted in the NYT today. I am sure you have other points on steel for the press conference (I have not seen them). I have not/not cleared the following with @Intecon (Holly is traveling), so you may want to double check it with someone. But I would add the following:

Q: China's steel exports to the US surged last month, contributing to the huge amount of cheap steel flowing into our country. The House has reacted strongly. Do you plan to take any measures against China on this? Should we decline to give China entry into the World Trade Organization to punish them for their terrible behavior on this, on human rights, on espionage, etc.?

A: I am extremely concerned about the surge in our steel imports, and we have taken strong measures to turn this situation around. But we cannot let the problems of one sector--which we are dealing with--be turned into a rising tide of protectionism in the US. America is thriving economically, even as much of the rest of the world is in deep trouble. We must keep our economy open to provide the engine of growth that will allow everyone else to get back in gear. That will help us and countless others. To do the opposite, even as America enjoys an economic boom, would be ill-advised and self-defeating.

China's economy is just this year taking its hardest hit from the Asian financial crisis. Its domestic economy is experiencing deflation almost across the board, and its export markets have largely dried up. Its domestic demand for steel has fallen way off. Naturally, under these conditions we would expect some increase in China's competitiveness in our markets.

But make no mistake about it. China and the US operate under different trading rules, and that is not in our interests. We will gain a lot if we bring China into the World Trade Organization on good terms. That will mean that China must accept the rules that we currently abide by. That will increase US exports to China, especially as Chinese domestic demand picks up. We should not trash China's entry to WTO because of current China trade practices -- it is in America's interest to have China in the WTO so as to remove those very barriers.

Ken

-----Original Message-----

From: Hammer, Michael A.
Sent: Friday, March 19, 1999 8:01 AM
To: @ALLNSC - NSC Staff
Subject: Urgent Press Guidance March 19 [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Today, the President will hold a press conference, need we say more. If you believe any issue you deal with is likely to come up or that we need updated guidance please provide it to us asap. Thanks.

Duncan, John D.

From: Keith, James R.
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 1999 3:16 PM
To: Hammonds, D. Holly; Tavarides, Mark J.; Busby, Scott W.; Schaefer, Matthew P.;
@LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @INTECON - Economic Affairs; @MULTILAT - Multilateral
and Humanitarian Affairs
Cc: @ASIA - Asian Affairs
Subject: Concurrence on SRB Letter to Baucus [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

JBS and Gen. Kerrick have responded separately to Baucus's incoming conveying his March 17 remarks on the floor of the Senate on China and WTO. This text for SRB provides a little more substantive look to the future and our desire to work with him (and colleagues) in the period ahead. Your comments welcome, your concurrence requested. JBS response soon to be sent and Kerrick response sent April 9, so soonest reply would be appreciated. (package number is 2687)



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April 21, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: KENNETH G. LIEBERTHAL

FROM: JAMES KEITH

SUBJECT: Reply to Letter from Senator Baucus

Attached at Tab A is a reply to Senator Baucus expressing thanks for his March 17 statement on the floor of the Senate calling for an examination of any China WTO accession deal on its merits and endorsing a sound policy toward China. Jim Steinberg and Don Kerrick received copies as well, and responded separately (packages 2388 and 2569).

Your response indicates that we have a great deal of work to do together with Congress before our objectives are attained. Just to remind you of the sequence ahead, we must first conclude a strong deal; then manage annual and/or permanent NTR; the President will meet PRC President Jiang at the APEC Leaders' Meeting in September; and the Chinese hope to be in the WTO by the time of the November WTO ministerial in Seattle.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Concurrences: Holly Hammonds, Mark Tavlarides, Scott Busby,
Matthew Schaefer

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Senator Baucus

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

Dear Senator Baucus:

Thank you for sending me the text of your March 17 statement on the Senate floor. I want to convey my personal appreciation for your strong statement on behalf of a sound U.S. policy toward China. Your vision and leadership are sorely needed in the debate over China policy. Your March 17 remarks were right on target, and helped to shape an appropriate atmosphere for Premier Zhu's visit. I thought your statement dovetailed nicely with the President's April 7 speech on U.S.-China policy.

We have a great deal of hard work ahead of us to ensure that American businessmen and women are able to reap the benefits of China's WTO membership. I look forward to working closely with you and your colleagues in the weeks and months ahead toward that end.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,