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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1995

MEETING WITH BUSINESS CEOs

DATE: February 22, 1995
LOCATION: Map Room
TIME: 11:45 am - 12:30 pm
FROM: Alexis Herman 



I. Purpose

To engage in a frank discussion with business supporters: about your agenda, the current political landscape, and the relationship of the business community going forward with this Administration.

II. Background

The Business Council is in town for its annual meeting at which you are scheduled to speak. We have asked nine supportive CEOs who are Business Council members in town for the meeting, to meet with you for a candid discussion about your agenda.

The nine individuals participating have been consistently supportive over the past two years. To varying degrees, each has been supportive of agenda items including the economic plan, health care reform, NAFTA and GATT. With the exceptions of Ken Lay (Enron) and James O'Connor (Commonwealth Edison Company), each has participated in the CEO luncheon series.

These supporters have been in your company on several occasions. They have not, however, been brought together before for this type of discussion. There is value to gain from the input and perspective of each individual and value to gain from collective discussion.

It is important to note that this is not an exclusive or exhaustive group of supporters. This is, however, the core supportive CEO members of the Business Council who are attending this meeting.

III. Participants

The Vice President
Curtis (Hank) Barnette, Bethlehem Steel
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
John Bryan, Sara Lee
Chicago, Illinois

Ken Lay, Enron
Houston, Texas
Frank Shrontz, Boeing
Seattle, Washington
M. Anthony (Tony) Burns, Ryder Systems
Miami, Florida
James O'Connor, Commonwealth Edison
Chicago, Illinois
John (Jack) Smith, General Motors
Detroit, Michigan
John Bryson, Southern California Edison Co.
Rosemead, California
Walter Elisha, Springs Industries
Fort Mill, South Carolina

Leon Panetta
Erskine Bowles
Alexis Herman

Laura Tyson

IV. Sequence of Events

- * I will make a brief introductory statement on the purpose of the meeting.
- * You will make brief welcoming remarks.
- * I will key Hank Barnette or John Bryan to open with a comment.
- * Informal discussion will follow.

V. Press

Closed to press.

VI. Remarks

None required.

Attachment: Today's GOP: The Party's Over For Big Business, Fortune Magazine, February 6, 1995.

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Cabinet Room

MEETING WITH CEOS IN CABINET ROOM
September 28, 1994

✓ Robert Strauss
Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld

John (Jack) Murphy
✓ Dresser Industries

John (Jack) Smith, Jr.
✓ General Motors

Richard McCormick
US West

CEOS GATHER FOR BRIEFING IN WEST LOBBY AT 11:30 A.M.

Bob Strauss

Jack Smith

Large oil co - in 53 countries, Russian strategic market.

Working on a couple of strategies & large products.
Working also on auto component, helicopter & locomotive power generator - I'm convinced by the way of going & even.

Obys - some Russian to meaningful presence

I lost a product w/ a domestic Russian market the deep export products, as a couple challenges that briefly with duties & imports. Current level prohibitive - 16470
Eliminate brand names, presently Russian markets do not compete on a fair basis because of top status -
∴ exports take over. Experience says that will be for developing & developing infrastructure a problem

Manly

Supplier of equipment for the oil industry
Oil products & minerals in Russian / oil
Chemical products

- Persian Corridor more and then might be used if current practices were brought up to standard.
- Early manufacturing capacity - Established factories that you now have on a good foundation to begin the work for developing the equipment
- Persian corridor

Telecommunications infrastructure
open the line 120 mil to our telecom
roads. AT&T has contributed \$ mil for the
development of 3 Pers. Hwy. routes, Training -
Pers to Pers administration

50 daylight satellites / 50 thousand
miles through Persian

with respect to the future

Yelso

What about satellites? Why don't we
organize when we could use space satellites

We can see beyond the earth and not just for
communications but for constituted (satellites)

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***** COMMENTS *****

Russia C 40's - 10

1) ~~proposals~~

Technical company / also final minutes

2) Environmental clean up of refinery 3) General
Tech / Foreman's dropping better units no. water
POWERS - How can you do this

Yakov - Result of SALT II + II signed by Moscow
Repaying - Really, should from the fund

Result of talks can - largest in Moscow

700,000 per year payments - mostly along w/ 80

Technical per should do be a large percentage

that means more the state importance

Request - signed an initial agreement for health

as a political measure

large = 300,000 in particular - and in

condition receiving a plant

Yakov - I would be willing to grant top
priority by my own people

The time 15-20 mil. dollars to do

Yakov - would be ready under Top priority

VP - would take up money under his

Commitment -

~~At the time~~

~~At the time~~

DOOR

MEETING WITH CEO's
12:05 - 12:45 pm
September 28

Ms Harkin, OPIC

Amb Collins

Amb Pickering

Mr Rubin

Mr Fuerth

Mr Beyrle

Mr Berger

Ms Rodriguez, EXIM

Mr Kalicki

Amb Strauss
Mr Murphy

Mr Smith

Sec Bentsen

Sec Christopher

The President

Vice President

Sec Brown

Mr Kantor

Mr Panetta

Mr Lake

Mr McCormack

Baturin

Kozyrev

Soskovets

President Yeltsin

Ilyushin

Davydov

Vorontsov

Mamedov

Mr Spasskiy

Mr Livshits

Businessmen (3)

*The
Cabinet
Room*

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Amish

Take over

2 JCS

Unit

John Benson

John Benson

Cedras

Proton

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M+F

Miller's letter
Robert Benson
for the