

December 2, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL RASCO

FROM: Paul Weinstein

SUBJECT: Fund For Rural America Meeting

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E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

13-Nov-1996 10:30am

TO: Carol H. Rasco
TO: Paul J. Weinstein, Jr

FROM: Elizabeth E. Drye
Domestic Policy Council

CC: Jill Pizzuto

SUBJECT: Fund for Rural America

I talked to Greg Frazier this morning about the issue and made it clear to him how important it is for us to be briefed in the short term on the fund. He understands now that we don't expect USDA to come to WH right now with final recommendations on how to spend the fund, but want to know what options are. Greg said he would be comfortable personally briefing us on the options they'll be considering with the Secretary in the next few weeks. He noted that USDA cannot spend the funds until January, and the Dept's not very far on a strategy yet. Glickman is overseas this week but will be back Monday. Greg agreed to talk to Glickman Monday and get his permission to do WH briefing. Greg will call me Monday. Both Greg and Glickman were very involved in fund legislation.

Given Greg's commitment, I don't think we need a memo. Sorry this has dragged on so long. I could have done more work to calm them down earlier.

Eliz:

I'm returning all of
this to you for Now
Not sure what to do
with...

HOLD FOR
RURAL
Develop.
Meeting.

~~Hold for meeting
I will hold
whenever held.
for Budget
Book (Tues, 11/12)~~

~~I'm still waiting
for the attendance
which is forthcoming.~~

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 8, 1996

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MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

Previous editions usable

TO:

Jill

☒ YOU WERE CALLED BY- ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY-

Tia Young

OF (Organization)

Greg Frasier's office - USDA

☒ PLEASE PHONE ☐ FTS ☐ AUTOVON

720 3631

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☒ RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

re: 11-12 meeting

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DATE

11-4

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Tia Young

720-3631

USDA

postpone

meeting

premature

hasn't talked

to Glickman

Nov - /post

talk to EED

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

30-Oct-1996 11:12am

TO: Carol H. Rasco
TO: Elizabeth E. Drye
FROM: Jill Pizzuto
Domestic Policy Council
CC: Paul J. Weinstein, Jr
SUBJECT: Rural Dev. meeting tomorrow

HOLD:
- Rural Dev.
- 11/12, Tues.
opened 11/12
2:00
2:30
3:00
3:30
for HOUR.
make sure
Paul is free.

fyi:

Paul just called to say that USDA would like to postpone the meeting tomorrow. They haven't talked to Glickman yet, don't know his views, etc. and asked if we could reschedule post election.

Eliz: I quickly mentioned this to CHR and she asked that you work on getting it back on the calendar.

Paul gave me Tia Young as scheduling contact: 720-3631 → TBA Rm 211.

- ① Get rest of WH stuff / list
- ② Briefing materials.

2nd week of Nov?

Hour.

Don't forget Robyn / NEC
must be there too.

6-2801
6-5365

TBA post
Election.

TBA Rm 211
(How long, 1 HR?)

TBA 11/12: Rm 211
Tia to clmb.
2:00pm - 3:00pm

To Be
rescheduled
post Election

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

28-Oct-1996 01:45pm

TO: Paul J. Weinstein, Jr

FROM: Elizabeth E. Drye
 Domestic Policy Council

CC: Jill Pizzuto

SUBJECT: RE: Rural meeting on Thursday

She'll need a meeting agenda -- whatever you agree on with Charlie Rawls, and a basic briefing memo, which can be short, that lists participants and says how meeting is structured and what her role is (any questions she should ask, etc.). You can attach any background materials. Basic form is on i drive as I:\dpc\dat

Nash won't be able to be there (Carol knows).

Per the materials I left you, I reserved 211, but you should remind final list of participants about time and room. Dorothy or Jill can help you with any USDA waves.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

25-Oct-1996 09:58am

TO: Elizabeth E. Drye
FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Domestic Policy Council
CC: Jill Pizzuto
SUBJECT: RE: Nash

Absolutely we should go ahead....Bob and I can always talk outside the meeting if there is anything I need support/advice on in order to move this thing creatively thanks.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

24-Oct-1996 07:38pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Elizabeth E. Drye
Domestic Policy Council

CC: Jill Pizzuto

SUBJECT: Nash

Bob Nash had confirmed for our Fund for Rural America brfg next week but is starting to be buried under a pending avalanche of personnel decisions. Ruth called to say he thinks we should go ahead without him. Sounds like he won't have much time in the next couple of months.

I recommend we go ahead since Paul and Dorothy Robyn should get up to speed on USDA's plans soon.

11:45AM

RM 211

10/31

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

18-Oct-1996 11:34am

TO: Jill Pizzuto
TO: Dorothy Robyn
TO: Ruth Eaglin
TO: Paul J. Weinstein, Jr

FROM: Elizabeth E. Drye
 Domestic Policy Council

CC: Carol H. Rasco

SUBJECT: Fund for Rural America

USDA will brief Carol Rasco, Bob Nash, NEC, and other WH staff on Thursday, October 31, at 11:15. Please mark on your calendar. I'll follow up with full list of participants and meeting room.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

16-Oct-1996 04:16pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco
FROM: Elizabeth E. Drye
Domestic Policy Council
CC: Jill Pizzuto
CC: Lyndell Hogan
SUBJECT: RE: Meeting to set up

Jill, let me know what times stay available 10/31-11/1 as we're trying to set up Fund for Rural America briefing in that time frame. Thanks.

10/31

10⁴⁵ AM

EED/TBA

I ~~will~~ Need

RM TOO.

(maybe zil?)