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001. email	From: William Danvers, To: Gordon Bendick, Re: Lake Questions [partial] (1 page)	01/06/1997	P3/b(3)
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DATE-TIME 30 April 96 15:10
FROM Cicio, Kristen K.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Legislative Update [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Danvers, William C.
CARBON_COPY Bass, Peter E.
Bendick, Gordon L.
Burrell, Christina L.
Cicio, Kristen K.
Davis, William K.
Hall, Wilma G.
Veit, Katherine M.
Wiley, Mary C.

TEXT_BODY

Bill,

SRB asked if he could get a copy of the Dole letter to POTUS re: "lack of implementation on Helms-Burton"...

Kris

From: Danvers, William C.
To: @UP - APNSA Special Assistants; @NSA - Nat'l Security Advisor;
Soderberg, Nancy E.
CC: /R, Record at A1; Fuerth, Leon S.; Wise, William M.;
@LEGISLAT-Legislative Affairs
Subject: Legislative Update [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, April 29, 1996 08:02 PM

Note for Tony, Sandy and Nancy:

BOSNIA: SSCI hearing tomorrow with State, DoD and CIA. Each agency can have two or three people in addition to the witness. State has been working with friendly members of the committee. Think we should be well covered.

-- SSCI hearing on Thurs with Galbraith and Redman.

-- SSCI hearing on Wed. with Woolsey.

-- COULD TONY CALL Kerrey, HAMILTON and Gingrich on this issue. He is meeting with Nunn. The purpose of the call would be to present our point of

view on this issue. Hamilton in particular is upset, particularly, his staff has indicated that he is upset about the letter he recieved from State-- it wasn't in time for the hearing and it was incomplete. He is also upset about the Tarnoff testimony on IFOR withdrawal in light of Perry's statements the same day. A call to thank him for his support (he was very helpful on the Lehrer news hour) and to discuss our point of view on this would help.

-- The House will take up the Select SCt. resolution on Wed. at Rules and House Administration. The full House may take it up as early as Thurs. Dems have had little input, not sure they will have an opportunity to do much. Passed on to Hamilton's staffer Jamie's suggestions. Told them that while we want a narrow mandate if possible, we don't want to appear uncooperative.

-- Good briefing with Sen. Lugar's staffer today. He doesn't believe SFRC going to move any time soon on this. (Sandy V. and Jamie are doing a great job with these briefings.)

-- Meet with Rep. Bill Richardson on Wed.

-- ANOTHER BOSNIA ISSUE- Senate Repub staff have requested a brief this week regarding the "real IFOR" mission , stimulated by the NY Times articles over the weekend. DOD will lead.

CHINA MFN: Three briefings this week-- two for Sandy on Wed., one with Susan Brophy and others on Thurs. Conference call tomorrow with Leg. Affairs types.

LEBANON: State is contemplating additional assistance both for reconstruction, as well as favorable replies to any further requests for refugee assistance. No numbers settled upon as of yet.

IRAN/LIBYA: Tarnoff to meet with Berman and Gejdenson this Wednesday to press them to be more flexible.

LANDMINES: Leahy wrote the President again, with a proposal on how to win Leahy's support

TURKEY: Will meet with Gilman tomorrow to try to get his approval. Still need to address Sarbanes. Need to notify Congress on Wed. of support package to accompany the frigates being transferred.

CUBA: Dole sent a letter to the President complaining about lack of implementation on Helms-Burton.

DEFENSE: Received press release on Sen. Dole's comments on Admin. defense policy.

EAA: Dan Poneman will lead a teleconference tomorrow to work on a leg

strategy for EAA. State, Commerce, and DOD will participate. Discussion will center on the Admin's position on this bill and what remaining actions needed to be completed before it goes to the floor.

UN C2: Hill Dem L-ship staff held a meeting today to discuss the UN C2 bill. DOD, State, WH and attended with us. Dems think this bill will be hard to defeat and are working on a substitute. Copies going to Sr Dir for their review.

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DATE-TIME 30 April 96 20:15
FROM Davis, William K.
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SUBJECT Legislative Update [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Baker, Jane E.
Bass, Peter E.
Cicio, Kristen K.
Dohse, Fred J.
Friedrich, M. K.
Hall, Wilma G.
Harmon, Joyce A.
Hilliard, Brenda I.
Joshi, M. Kay
Kessinger, Jodi
Millison, Cathy L.
Sens, Andrew D.
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Wetzel, M. Jeanne
Wiley, Mary C.

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Note for Tony, Sandy, and Nancy:

STATE AUTH. OVERRIDE: Attempt to override the State Dept. bill veto failed.

Vote was 234-188 (need 290 to override) on a party-line vote. Five Dems voted to override (mostly because of MacBride principles)

BOSNIA: SSCI hearing was relatively uneventful. Specter only member to pose questions and didn't swear in the witnesses. Specter kept witnesses waiting, was in and out of the hearing several times, and didn't seem particularly well prepared. Questions were largely straight-forward, mostly fact-finding for Thursday's hearing. Specter did pull witnesses into a private room a few times - questions in the room were reportedly to make Specter's on-the-record questioning more informed (staff was informed however, that such closed-door questioning would not be allowed on Thursday).

-- SSCI has Woolsey before the Ct. tomorrow and Redman and Galbraith on Thurs.

- Vershbow and Baker with Bill Richardson tomorrow.
- Vershbow and Baker with HPSCI Dem staff on Friday.
- Vershbow and Baker (and Nancy if she is available) for HIRC Dems next Wed.
- HIRC asked for Galbraith and Redman to appear before them. State said they would be happy to have them appear before Select SCt. but not both.
- House Administration and Rules mark up Select SCt. resolution tomorrow.
- Resolution could go to floor this week. Staff believes it will take about six weeks to get SCt. up an running. They will likely hire an outside counsel.
- Did Tony have an opportunity to call Kerrey and Hamilton?

CHINA MFN: Sandy meets with a group of members at CSIS breakfast tomorrow.

- Sandy, Tarnoff, Lee Sands and possibly Dan Tarullo meet with friendly House Rs and Ds to discuss overall China policy tomorrow.

EAA: Dan Poneman led a very productive interagency teleconference to discuss the Admin's position on EAA. Issues for the Statement of Administration Position were discussed and decided. Also, action items for the agencies (State, Commerce and DOD) were passed out and plans made to work with the Hill. HIRC plans to take to the floor in late May.

CWC: Elisa Harris met with State and ACDA to discuss strategies for CWC passage. SFRC reported out their Resolution of Ratification today and CWC will be on the Executive Calendar. Unknown when CWC will go to floor, but will work with Leadership to get action.

HCONS MARKUP: In the Procurement Subc, HCONS added numerous items that were on the Services' wish list or accelerated items that were to be purchased in future budgets. Also, some Congressional pork was added. Total dollar add was \$6.2B for procurement, including \$800M for Guard/Reserves.

HCONS PERSONNEL ISSUES: Dornan has put amendments in his Subc markup that remove HIV-Positive personnel and roll-back the Admin's homosexual policy to that of the previous Admin. We are told that Dems will attempt to repeal the HIV-Positive provision in full Cmte. We are also told that Dellums intends to try and completely repeal homosexual provisions. WH LA is working with him to get the Admin's policy back in the bill, as opposed to a full repeal.

UN C2: After review by Sr Directors, they concur that the Repubs C2 Bill should be vetoed on Constitutional grounds. The Dems on the Hill still intend to draft their own bill to give their Members a Bill that they can support. As this Bill becomes available, we will distribute. Perry is sending letter to the Hill.

IRAN/LIBYA: Tarnoff to meet with Berman and Gejdenson to discuss bill tomorrow. Called Gilman's staffer to discuss bill. He indicated that Gilman does not want to negotiate unless Gejdenson does. Uncertain as to when they will proceed to the floor.

LEON KLINGHOFFER: Senate passed a resolution (S. RES. 253) 99-0 that the AG should seek to extradite Mohammed Abbas from the appropriate foreign government for the murder of Leon Klinghoffer. State did not oppose the resolution.

TURKISH FRIGATES: Still need guidance on how to proceed with Sarbanes and Gilman holds.

ROMANIAN MFN: Working with State to get with Ways & Means and Senate Banking to press for graduation of Romanian MFN. Told there may be objections in Senate - will attempt to verify tomorrow. House W&M may mark on May 9.

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FROM Danvers, William C.
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TO Bendick, Gordon L.
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September 11, 2006

By JK NARA, Date 1-17-2018
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From: Baker, James E.
To: Danvers, William C.; Kreczko, Alan J.; Leary, William H.
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Lake Questions ~~[CONFIDENTIAL]~~
Date: Saturday, January 04, 1997 12:03 PM

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~~Confidential~~ Personnel Information

Gentlemen:

Could you please review the attached draft answers for Mr. Lake's WHC and SSCI forms as soon as possible. I will be sending to CIA in draft first thing Monday morning for incorporation in longer document. However, comments are welcome until Tuesday afternoon when reps. from WHC, CIA and NSC will meet to finalize for Mr. Lake's review.

Bill D.: Please take a particular look at SSCI question 40.

Bill L: Is there some way of cross-checking by computer whether Mr. Lake has done any declarations in court proceedings other than those I recall (Armstrong X 1 and GV X 2).

Thank you.

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Notional Draft Answers to PDS

32. Please list any lawsuits you have brought as a plaintiff or which were brought against you as a defendant or third party. Include in this response any contested divorce proceedings or other domestic relations matters.

Plaintiff in a civil suit over a wiretap placed on home telephone in 1970-71. This suit was brought in 1973 and was settled in 1991. See, Lake, et al. v. Ehrlichman, et al., 723 F.Supp. 833 (D.D.C. 1989).

As the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs ("National Security Adviser") I have been sued in both my professional, and in one instance personal, capacity. I am aware of the following such suits.

Helen Frost, et al. v. William Perry, Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, et al. (CV-S-94-714-PMP). Citizen suit against __ named U.S. Government defendants (including the National Security Adviser) and __ unnamed defendants under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Plaintiffs alleged violations of RCRA in the storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste at a classified Air Force operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada. U.S. Government motion for Summary Judgment granted, March 6, 1996. See, Frost, et al. v. Perry, et al., 919 F.Supp. 1459 (D.Nev. 1996). Various matters are pending on appeal.

Leasure v. Lake. Eastern District of Arkansas. Pro Se Complaint filed April 24, 1995. Decided in favor of the United States August 1995. Decision upheld on appeal November 6, 1995. [DOJ to furnish details by COB Monday.]

Henderson v. Christopher, et. al. [DOJ to furnish details by COB Monday. George Phillips 514-5713]

Harbury v. Deutch et al. (C.A. No. 96-0438 (D.D.C)). Suit against 25 named as well as unnamed individuals in their official and individual capacities seeking declaratory and injunctive relief and damages in connection with the death of Efraim Bamaca-Velasquez, a guerrilla leader in Guatemala. The U.S. Government's motion to dismiss, for failure to state a

claim for which relief can be granted, is pending.

33. Please list and describe any administrative agency proceeding in which you have been involved as a party.

None.

35. Have you or your spouse ever been investigated by any federal, state, military or local law enforcement agency? If so, please identify each instance and supply details, including: date; place; law enforcement agency; and court.

(a) Telephone wiretapped by FBI in 1970-1971. See, Lake, et al. v. Ehrlichman, et al., 723 F.Supp. 833 (D.D.C. 1989).

(b) Background investigations for various government posts.

(c) I am the subject of a current Justice Department investigation regarding 18 U.S.C. 208. In 1993 I was advised to sell certain energy stock to avoid any possible conflicts of interest with my duties as the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. I thought this had been accomplished at that time; I requested that it be sold in a note to my secretary. When made aware that the stock had, in fact, not been sold, I immediately sold the stock.

Nonetheless, because the law requires referral to Justice of information raising a question of compliance with the conflict of interest statute, former White House Counsel Ab Mikva referred the matter to the Department of Justice. In doing so, he made clear that he had no reason to believe my failure to divest had been intentional or motivated by personal gain.

38. Please list any complaint ever made against you or by any administrative agency, professional association or organization, or federal, state or local ethics agency, committee, or official.

None.

41. Have you ever had any association with any person, group or business venture that could be used, even unfairly, to impugn or attack your character and qualifications for a government position?

As the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and a public figure, I have been the subject of public

commentary and criticism regarding U.S. foreign policy as well as the persons the President or I have met with.

Notional Draft answers to SSCI Questions

36. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics for unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee or other professional group? If so, provide details.

No.

37. Have you ever been investigated, held, arrested, or charged by any federal, state or other law enforcement authority for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, other than a minor traffic offense, or named either as a defendant or otherwise in any indictment or information relating to such violation? If so, provide details.

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40. Have you been interviewed or asked to supply any information as a witness or otherwise in connection with any congressional

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investigation, federal or state agency proceeding, grand jury investigation, or criminal or civil litigation in the past ten years?

If so, provide details.

Yes. In 1996 as the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs I provided briefings to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee as well as to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Select House Subcommittee regarding Iranian arms shipments to Bosnia. [I would encourage the Committee to contact the Legislative Affairs Directorate at the National Security Council should it desire additional information regarding other times at which I, in my capacity as National Security Adviser, have been asked to provide information to the Congress.]

As the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, I have also provided declarations in the context of civil litigation over whether the National Security Council is an "agency" for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act and Federal Records Act (addressing the nature and work of the National Security Council and NSC staff) and litigation regarding the status of Chinese aliens smuggled to U.S. shores aboard the Golden Venture (addressing the importance of preserving the President's deliberative process for making foreign policy decisions and asserting certain privileges over documents identified during discovery).

As noted above, I am the subject of a current Justice Department investigation regarding 18 U.S.C. 208.

POC: (b)(3)

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DATE-TIME 01 February 97 18:00

FROM Kessinger, Jodi

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SUBJECT NOTE FROM NANCY [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Baker, James E.
Beers, Rand R.
Danvers, William C.
Kreczko, Alan J.
Moffett, Julia
Sonenshine, Tara D.

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Baker, Jane E.
Bendick, Gordon L.
Benjamin, Daniel
Biernacki, Eileen V.
Blinken, Antony J.
Burrell, Christina L.
Davis, William K.
Friedrich, M. K.
Gibney, James S.
Gray, Wendy
Hawkins, Ardenia R.
Hilliard, Brenda I.
Hunerwadel, Joan S.
Joshi, M. Kay
Kessinger, Jodi
McCarthy, Mary O.
Merchant, Brian
Millison, Cathy L.
Naplan, Steven J.
Showalter, Victoria A.
Sparks, John E.

TEXT_BODY These are the Qs and As and slighted shorter talking points. Please review
by noon
Monday.

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FILE NAME**

TLQANNEW.DOC
As of 2/1/97 5:30 P.M.

DRAFT LAKE CONFIRMATION Q & A
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Q: Doesn't Lake have a history of poor congressional consultations and a lack of bipartisanship?

No. In fact, Lake has a long history of just the opposite.

For those who have followed his writings and policy work, Lake is a pragmatist, a realist and someone who understands bipartisanship. Over a decade ago, Lake wrote in Our Own Worst Enemy about recapturing a spirit of bipartisanship in foreign policy and for what he called "a centrist political force that can help the country stay on a steadier and publicly supportable policy course."

During his tenure as National Security Advisor, Lake regularly consulted with Congress. Majority Leaders Bob Dole, Trent Lott and Richard Armey have all publicly noted Lake's efforts to consult them, most recently on the crisis in Zaire.

Q: Wasn't the decision to give a green light to Iran in Bosnia a colossal -- and illegal -- mistake? Doesn't it show Lake is unfit for DCI?

A: No. When asked in 1994 by the Croatian Government our position on third country arms shipments to Bosnia through Croatia, the Administration, weighing the need to keep the Bosnian State and Federation alive, the arms embargo in force, and with allied forces on the ground, instructed our Ambassador to respond he had no instructions on the issue. This was not a covert activity. It was not illegal. It was a secret diplomatic exchange.

Subsequent events show we did the right thing: the Bosnians survived and began to counterattack, Iranian and radical Islamic influence has been dramatically reduced following Dayton, and cooperation on Bosnia has become a source of strength, not crisis, for the NATO Alliance. There is peace in Bosnia today -- our policy worked.

In addition, six months after the 1994 exchange, Congress passed legislation requiring us not to enforce the arms embargo, which had, in practical terms, the same result as the

Administration's decision. And although the Congress was aware at the time Iran was involved in arms shipments to Bosnia, it did not exempt Iranian shipments from the law.

Mr. Lake and the President have both said that in retrospect, it would have been better to have informed key Members of Congress at the time the "no instructions" instruction was given to our Ambassador in Croatia. Mr. Lake has made it clear that he wanted the information closely held within the Administration to avoid a rift with the NATO allies (i.e., not a desire to keep the matter specifically from Congress, others in the Administration or cover it up.)

Q: Referral to Justice of Select Subcommittee Report on Bosnia:

In October, the Republican majority of the Select Subcommittee announced that they would be making a referral to the Department of Justice. Representative Lee Hamilton and the Democratic members of the Subcommittee strongly criticized this action at the time stating:

"We have looked at the facts. We have reviewed the evidence. It is our believe that no laws were broken, no wrongdoing occurred, no covert actions took place, no false statements given, no U.S. interests were harmed. When the results of this investigation are released, it will be obvious that this was not a criminal matter, it was a dispute about policy."

One month later, on November 7, the Republican majority in fact referred their majority report to the Department of Justice. This action was again strongly criticized by the minority members of the subcommittee.

"The Select Subcommittee has conducted a thorough investigation. Based on testimony we have heard and the documents we have reviewed, we found no evidence of wrongdoing. No witness has given false testimony. There are no discrepancies on any of the key facts in the case."

More recently, in a January 28, 1997 statement, Congressman Lee Hamilton, ranking Democrat on the International Relations Committee and its Select Subcommittee on the U.S. role in Iranian Arms Transfers to Croatia and Bosnia said:

"Now that the Select Subcommittee's final report has been declassified and will soon be publicly available the American people will know what members of the subcommittee have known for several months: Despite the allegations made by the majority

members of the subcommittee, the Clinton Administration did not act improperly or illegally in this matter."

"In short, while some may disagree with U.S. policy in Bosnia, it is unfortunate and wrong that anyone would try to turn a policy disagreement into criminal accusations in order to gain political advantage. It should also be noted that the SSCI itself conducted a thorough review of this matter without resort to criminal accusations."

"I strongly disagree with the Majority's decision to refer some aspects of this matter to the Justice Department for possible prosecution.... There were no discrepancies about the essential facts in this case. A few witnesses disagreed about inconsequential details. That does not in my judgment constitute making false statements to Congress."

The matter is currently under review by the Justice Department.

Q: Doesn't Lake's role in the formulation of policy over the last four years impede his ability to give impartial intelligence and assessments?

A: No. Throughout his tenure as the National Security Advisor, Tony Lake has always insisted on unvarnished intelligence assessments. He has had to rely on this straight information himself as he advised the President and understands its value as a result. Lake considers it an act of loyalty to the President and the country to provide the objective facts.

In fact, Lake's experience as National Security Advisor gives him unique qualifications to do this job well. The knowledge he brings from the previous job enables him to anticipate problems that may be "around the corner" and to provide the President with the most useful and effective intelligence that Lake knows he needs.

Q: What is Lake's personal history and record on integrity?

A: Mr. Lake has repeatedly stood up for what he believes. He volunteered to go to Vietnam as a foreign service officer, served with courage and distinction there, returned to Washington for many years of service, including time as a White House aide and senior State Department official (Director of Policy Planning) before moving to Massachusetts to farm and teach international relations, encouraging his students to enter public service.

In 1970, he resigned from the White House staff on the day of the invasion of Cambodia, believing that it was wrong to escalate the war at that time. He felt it was inappropriate to serve defending a policy which he could not in good conscience defend.

In addition, Mr. Lake ran a widely respected voluntary organization, International Voluntary Services, that provided assistance to developing nations on a grass roots level.

For over thirty years, Mr. Lake has worked tirelessly in public service or in promoting core American values in which he believes. He is ideally suited to lead the intelligence community with determination and the highest standards of integrity.

IF ASKED: He worked on the 1971-72 campaign of Edmund Muskie, not George McGovern, did not help found the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) affiliate Center for National Security (he delivered a single lecture to IPS on Washington's government institutions), nor did he work for the Church Committee--as some have alleged.

Q: Does Lake's lack of management experience present a problem?

A: It is because of Lake's experience at the NSC that he knows how to coordinate and manage the activities of different agencies, as the DCI must do, and as he has done for the President's foreign policy team. He is qualified and prepared to provide hands on, supportive, but very firm management and to work closely with Congress. He will pursue personnel reforms, vigorous counter-intelligence efforts, further improvements in fiscal accountability, and clearer data bases for making tough resource allocation decisions.

Q: Is it true that, under Lake's tenure as the National Security Advisor, CIA resources have been massively diverted from monitoring military threats to addressing environmental issues irrelevant to our national security.

Lake's intelligence priorities are consistent with those laid out by the President after Lake initiated an NSC review in 1995. In addition to support for military operations involving U.S. forces, priorities include political, economic and military intelligence about countries hostile to the U.S. and intelligence about transnational issues -- weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, organized crime, drug trafficking -- that affect national security. In fact, the agency's program on the environment, initiated during the Bush administration, is a

modest but important element of our programs tracking population migration, environmental degradation and other natural events that affect our interests and resources.

Q: Did Lake meet with campaign contributors who were foreign nationals -- in his office or in the Oval Office? If not, did he know about it?

To the best of Lake's recollect and the files that have been reviewed to date, Mr. Lake has not met with John Huang, James Riady or other fundraising figures that are the subject of current investigation. [CK]

Q: What role did the NSC have in screening persons who called on the President?

A: The NSC would from time to time be asked whether we were aware of any information that might bear on whether the President should meet with a particular person or not. In almost all cases, the question would be raised in the context of a meeting or event the President might attend with foreign persons. As asked, the NSC would review the available information regarding the name in question with the appropriate directorates and, in most cases, and on an informal basis, with the State Department and CIA.

Q: Would the NSC recommend, did the NSC recommend, against the President seeing a particular individual?

A: We would make it clear where we thought it important that the President meet with a foreign person, if for example, it would serve a foreign policy purpose as well as when we thought it better that he not do so from a foreign policy perspective. I should note, however, that in many if not the majority of cases we would in fact not have pertinent information, or the information we did have would be inconclusive.

Q: What you are saying is the White House had no formal process for vetting persons. Shouldn't you have had such a process?

A: As you know, the Chief of Staff has recently directed that such a formal process for reviewing names be implemented. The details of how this will be done are under review.

Q: Wasn't it Mr. Lake's responsibility to ensure that foreign

visitors were vetted before they met with the President?

A: It is not within the duties of the NSC to set the President's schedule or determine whom he sees. Nor is it the NSC's responsibility to determine who comes into the White House complex. The NSC does make recommendations to the President and schedulers on official foreign visitors, and as noted above, when asked has responded to questions regarding unofficial foreign visitors.

The President and Mr. Lake understood that he would not get involved in domestic politics; Mr. Lake did not become involved in the 1996 campaign. [Alan ck re: groups]

Q: Did Lake's belated sale of stocks violate any federal conflict-of-interest laws?

A: Mr. Lake had been advised to sell his energy stock to avoid any possible conflicts of interest with his national security responsibilities. He thought this had been accomplished. When made aware that the stock had not been sold, he immediately sold the stock.

Since the law requires referral to Justice of any information raising a question of compliance with the conflict of interest statute, former White House Counsel Abner Mikva referred the matter to Justice. In doing so, he made clear that he had no reason to believe Mr. Lake's failure to divest had been intentional or motivated by personal gain [and that he did so out of an abundance of caution. CK]

The matter is currently under review by the Justice Department.

Q: What about new stories that Tony Lake held energy stock as late as January of this year, even though he was already under investigation for having held such stock earlier?

A: The stock was purchased in Sept '96 and sold in January '97 when Mr. Lake's financial manager realized the stock had been purchased in error. It was purchased without Mr. Lake's knowledge, and sold without Mr. Lake's knowledge.

The fact that Mr. Lake held stock in Williams Company, a natural gas pipeline company, was brought to Mr. Lake's attention when our lawyers noticed the stock on Mr. Lake's most recent financial disclosure form. Mr. Lake said that he was unaware such a stock had been purchased.

Q: What kind of a message does Lake's ambivalence over Alger Hiss' guilt (Meet the Press) send to the Agency that he would be expected to not only run, but inspire?

A: Lake believes that Hiss was guilty and has believed so for quite some time.

Second, in this time of great change, what is needed is vision, a strong agenda and sense of purpose, good management, a strong dedication to counter-intelligence, and a commitment to the community -- all of which Lake has demonstrated he has.

IF ASKED: Lake did not feel it was appropriate to convict Hiss, shortly after his death, on national television.

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The President's Choice for Director of Central Intelligence, Anthony Lake, is the Right Man for the Job

As we head into the 21st century, the intelligence community must be run by someone who understands the challenges that both the United States and the Community face, and who brings a record of integrity, competence, vision, and bipartisanship to the job. Anthony Lake has such a record.

☐ This nomination is too important to become a partisan issue.

Lake has the trust and confidence of the President. The President of the United States must be in a position to appoint a person he is close to, has confidence in, and believes can best handle this important job.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has a long and respected bipartisan history. It is important that this continue -- for the good of the Congress, the Agency and the

country. Lake has a strong commitment to and a strong record of a bipartisan approach.

It is not in the best interest of the intelligence community, or the country, to let this nomination get mired down in partisan politics. This nomination should be judged solely on its merits -- any other course can do damage to an agency at a crossroads in its history.

There are many important issues that must be addressed in Lake's confirmation hearings that deal with the future of the intelligence community. The Select Committee on Intelligence has set Mr. Lake's hearings for February 25. The Administration is looking forward to expeditious and fair hearings.

As former DCI Robert Gates wrote, "Mr. Lake's confirmation ought not become a matter of partisan conflict, an opportunity to attack the administration's foreign policy. There are other, more appropriate forums for that...hard questions should be asked of Mr. Lake, and then he should be confirmed expeditiously with broad bipartisan support. This would be in the best interests of the country and of the intelligence community."

☐ Lake understands the important role of the CIA and the entire intelligence community.

As President Clinton's National Security Advisor (NSA) for the past four years, Anthony Lake has a unique understanding of what the President needs to create a safer and more prosperous world. Lake knows first-hand the critical role of the CIA and the entire Intelligence community in providing the President and his advisors the best information and analysis to formulate policies that serve the nation's interests.

Together with his extensive and wide-ranging knowledge of foreign affairs, his work over the last four years makes him uniquely qualified to anticipate problems around the corner, analyze complex issues and know what questions need to be asked. Lake has been a consumer of intelligence on a daily basis. He knows its successes and its shortcomings. He understands what is relevant and what isn't.

☐ Lake is committed to providing a long-term commitment to the community.

Lake, if confirmed, is committed to staying at least four years, providing continuity to an organization that needs strong, sustained leadership and the enthusiasm he brings to his tasks.

☐ Lake knows the priorities of the intelligence community for the 21st century.

Over the past few years, Lake helped develop the main priorities of the intelligence community: (a) providing critical support for military operations involving U.S. forces; (b) political, economic and military intelligence about countries hostile to the United States and U.S. citizens; and (c) intelligence about transnational issues -- the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, organized crime, drug trafficking -- that affect national security and the lives of Americans.

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Lake's close relationship with the President will enable him to "tell it like he sees it." Lake has stated repeatedly that the CIA must present views that reflect facts not policy preferences or anticipated policy decisions -- nor, conversely, should intelligence agencies actively participate in setting policy. As NSA, Lake has championed the integrity of the process of intelligence collection and analysis. As Lake said when the President nominated him, he is committed to "giving the President the unvarnished facts." Lake's record is evidence of this commitment. He insisted at Principals Committee meetings that the line between intelligence and policy be clearly and unequivocally drawn.

☐ Lake has a solid record of managing and coordinating the work of multiple agencies -- experience that is tailor-made for the diverse entities that makes up the Intelligence Community.

As he has done for the President's foreign policy team, Lake also knows how to coordinate and manage the activities of different agencies, as the DCI must do. He is qualified and prepared to provide hands on, supportive, but very firm management. He is committed to pursuing personnel reforms, vigorous counter-intelligence efforts, further improvements in fiscal accountability, and clearer data bases for

making tough resource allocation decisions.
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FROM Haines, Mary A.
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SUBJECT RE: Lake Nomination [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Kerrick, Donald L.
Kreczko, Alan J.
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Alan: I'll work on slots, etc. etc. I assume she would be a DETAILEE, right? A slot might be possible, but I don't have the money.

From: Kerrick, Donald L.
To: Haines, Mary A.
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: FW: Lake Nomination [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, February 20, 1997 06:15 PM

Pls read this. Alan asking for temp lawyer.

From: Kreczko, Alan J.
To: @UP - APNSA Special Assistants
CC: /R, Record at A1; Kerrick, Donald L.
Subject: FW: Lake Nomination [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, February 20, 1997 04:30 PM

For SRB:

I talked through with Chuck Ruff the four options for legal representation of NSC staff who appear before the SSCI -- NSC legal; Justice Department attorney; Justice-paid for private attorney; private attorney. We talked through implications of each, primarily in terms of degree of privilege attached to communications. Chuck's preference was for NSC legal to provide "official" representation but he asked me to lay it out for Bob Suettinger and Sandy Kristoff. I did so with Bob (sandy being out of town). Bob said his preference was for NSC legal to assist him.

Meanwhile, SSCI staff has expanded its request to include interviews of Kyle, Soderberg and Roth as well as Kristoff and Suettinger. Moreover, it is clear their questions go beyond the documents already provided. I am meeting again with Chuck at 8:30 AM to go over this, prior to a 10:30 meeting with the SSCI on their request. I intend to be use that meeting to learn what the scope of their interest is and how they propose to proceed

(e.g. interviews, briefing). I intend to be primarily in listening mode, while laying down some markers concerning fairness. I'll report back to you and Chuck for decision-making.

This is clearly going to be a continuing issue, with more document searches on their way, helping NSC staff with testimony, and press inquiries. To staff it properly, I need another lawyer, at least for several months. (Counsel's office is bringing on several people to handle the fundraiser issue.) I would like to bring on one immediately. There is an attorney at DOD/GC with whom Jamie and I have worked on both Bosnia/Iran and Haiti investigations; we both think she is very good. She is from Arnold & Porter and Jack QUinn is very high on her. It would also provide some useful continuity in the event there is transition here within the Legal Directorate, which I expect will occur. I would like to discuss this with you as soon as possible.

From: Danvers, William C.

To: @UP - APNSA Special Assistants; @NSA - Natl Security Advisor

CC: /R, Record at A1; @LEGISLAT-Legislative Affairs; @ASIA - Asian Affairs;

@LEGAL - Legal Advisor

Subject: Lake Nomination [UNCLASSIFIED]

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 1997 03:47 PM

I received a call from the Deputy Staff Director of the SSCI asking that SSCI staff be able to interview Bob Suettinger and Sandy Kristoff as part of the Tony Lake nomination process. They would like to do so this week.

If at all possible, it would be helpful to be able to fulfill their request.

Please advise as to how I should handle.

Thanks.

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TO Danvers, William C.
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Bill---State/Bader told me Friday the 4/9 Bereuter hearing was China Policy overall --- not just limited to MFN. Winston Lord also scheduled to appear. If it is now MFN focused I need to let Bader know the way we are currently crafting the testimony is perhaps a bit off. Let me know MOnday morning what I should tell Bader. Thanks. SJK

From: Danvers, William C.
To: @ALLNSC - NSC Staff
CC: /R, Record at A1; @LEGISLAT-Legislative Affairs
Subject: FW: Legislative Update [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, April 04, 1997 07:47 PM

From: Danvers, William C.
To: @up; @nsa; Kerrick
CC: Record; @legislat; fuerth; wise
Subject: Legislative Update [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, April 04, 1997 07:46 PM

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TO Pascual, Carlos E.
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all I have is name and phone number of contact (business rep from Caterpillar) - I'll be sure to have that

From: Pascual, Carlos E.
To: Danvers, William C.; Davis, William K.
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: FW: Legislative Update [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Saturday, April 05, 1997 10:56 AM

Don't know if US-Russia Business Council is involved in USA Engage, but could you bring some info on it when we go to see them Monday -- another opportunity to get a plug for PFF.

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