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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 18, 1983

MEETING ON RADIO MARTI WITH SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DATE: Tuesday, February 22, 1983
LOCATION: The Cabinet Room
TIME: 4:00 P.M. (15 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *K.M.D.*

I. PURPOSE

To urge expeditious, affirmative Congressional action on Radio Marti legislation.

II. BACKGROUND

During the Second Session of the 97th Congress, a bill authorizing Radio Marti was passed by the House but failed to clear the Senate because of a filibuster. Opposition by elements of the American broadcasting industry was instrumental to the bill's defeat.

After lengthy consultations with key Members of Congress and negotiations with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), a new Radio Marti bill has been drafted which represents an accommodation to the concerns of the broadcasters on the issue of frequency selection. Discussions are continuing with NAB on this and related questions, and it is hoped that final agreement is near. This meeting is intended to relaunch the Radio Marti initiative in the Congress and to emphasize the importance the President personally attaches to the initiative. It is hoped that the meeting also will encourage the NAB to finalize an agreement with the Administration and, hopefully, to refrain from actively lobbying against the bill on the Hill. It is anticipated that the revised Radio Marti proposal will be forwarded to the Congress within a week after this meeting.

The outlook for passage of the Radio Marti bill presently is somewhat brighter in the Senate than the House, where difficulties center on the Commerce Committee. It is felt that positive resolution of the NAB discussions would enhance legislative prospects in both Houses of the Congress. However, there are a number of Congressmen and Senators who will oppose Radio Marti on ideological grounds, independent of any lobbying by the NAB. It is felt that a Presidential meeting aimed at renewing bipartisan Congressional leadership support is a necessary prerequisite to favorable Congressional action.

III. PARTICIPANTS

List Attached.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. The President makes brief remarks (3 minutes).
2. The President recognizes Assistant Secretary of State Tom Enders for a report on the status of the legislative package, including progress in discussions with the National Association of Broadcasters (2 minutes).
3. The President opens the meeting for general discussion with Congressional participants (10 minutes).

Attachments: Talking Points
List of Participants

PARTICIPANTS LIST

The President
The Vice President

Thomas O. Enders, Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs,
Department of State
Charles Wick, Director, United States Information Agency
Edward Derwinski, Counsellor-designate, Department of State
Powell Moore, Assistant Secretary of State

Congressional Participants

Congressman Clement J. Zablocki (D-Wisconsin)
Congressman William Broomfield (R-Michigan)
Congressman James T. Broyhill (R-North Carolina)
Congressman Dante B. Fascell (D-Florida)
Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman (R-New York)
Congressman Matthew J. Rinaldo (R-New Jersey)
Congressman Michael D. Barnes (D-Maryland)
Congressman Robert J. Lagomarsino (R-California)
Congressman W. J. (Billy) Tauzin (D-Louisiana)

Senator Charles Percy (R-Illinois)
Senator Jesse Helms (R-North Carolina)
Senator Edward Zorinsky (D-Nebraska)
Senator Paula Hawkins (R-Florida)
Senator Paul Laxalt (R-Nevada)
Senator Bob Packwood (R-Oregon)
Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Arizona)
Senator Richard Lugar (R-Indiana)

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TALKING POINTS

- State that you had hoped to have this meeting on January 28 -- the birthday of the Cuban patriot and hero, Jose Marti, who has given his name to our project for radio broadcasting to Cuba. Note that this week also is very fitting to re-launch the Radio Marti initiative as it marks the anniversary (February 24) of Cuba's historic call for independence -- a day known as "Grito de Baire."
- Emphasize your personal commitment to revitalizing all of our international broadcasting efforts.
- Stress your strong view that the United States owes Radio Marti to the people of Cuba -- a peaceful and nonconfrontational means of providing the Cuban people the unvarnished truth that they have been denied by years of communist dictatorship and control of the media.
- Note that the Radio Marti legislation passed the House last year and came very close to passing the Senate. Thank the Congressional meeting participants for their leadership and support in this regard.

- Acknowledge that Administration officials have been talking with broadcast industry representatives as well as many of the Congressmen and Senators in this meeting to refine the Radio Marti proposal and respond to legitimate concerns prior to resubmittal. Note your hope that bipartisan support for the legislation will be even stronger this time around, and stress that you are relying on the people in this meeting to get the job done.

- Tell Congressional participants that you are anxious to hear what they have to say. Indicate, however, that you first would like to recognize State Department Assistant Secretary Tom Enders for a brief report on the status of the legislative package.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 22, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *Ker D.*

SUBJECT: Meeting with Hamilton Fish, Jr. and Hamilton
Fish, Sr. - The Oval Office - February 22,
1983 - 4:15 P.M.

The meeting scheduled for 4:15 P.M. today with two generations of the Hamilton Fish family has been extended to include a third generation. Hamilton Fish, Jr.'s son, Peter Fish, will be joining his father and grandfather, 94 year old Hamilton Fish, Sr.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 18, 1983

MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON
FISH, JR. (R-NY) AND HIS FATHER,
HAMILTON FISH, SR.

DATE: Tuesday, February 22, 1983

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 4:15 P.M. (5 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein **K.D.**

I. PURPOSE

To accommodate the request of Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr. that the President meet with his father while he is visiting in Washington, D. C.

II. BACKGROUND

Hamilton (Ham) Fish, Jr., a Republican, represents the twenty-first District of New York (Hudson River Valley area). Now serving in his eighth term, Ham is the Ranking Republican Member of the House Judiciary Committee. Ham's father -- Hamilton Fish, Sr. -- preceded him in the House of Representatives and was known to be an ardent anti-FDR Republican during the 1940's.

Now 94, Hamilton Fish, Sr. is the honorary President of the Newburgh-New Windsor celebration of the 200th anniversary of the end of the war with England. He has invited the President to speak at this event. No decision has been made with respect to Presidential participation at the Newburgh-New Windsor event. Hamilton Fish, Sr. has a commemorative painting to present to the President.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr. (R-New York)
Hamilton Fish, Sr.
Kenneth M. Duberstein
M. B. Oglesby

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

No set agenda.

Attachment: Talking Points

TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON FISH, JR. (R-NY)
AND HIS FATHER, HAMILTON FISH, SR.

- Tell Hamilton Fish, Sr. it's a real pleasure to welcome a gentleman of his reputation, his years, and his continued zest for life and public service.
- Tell Ham Fish, Sr. it is particularly inspiring to see a Congressman of the calibre of Hamilton Fish, Jr. following in his illustrious father's footsteps. Tell him you're counting on Ham, Jr. to help you get the country back on a strong economic footing.
- In closing, tell Ham, Sr. it's wonderful to have a visitor who makes you feel so young. Tell him you have renewed enthusiasm for your next 20 or 30 productive years.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1983

MEETING WITH LEADERS OF CONSERVATIVE GROUPS

February 22, 1983

State Floor

5:30-6:30 p.m.

FROM: EDWARD J. ROLLINS *ER*

I. PURPOSE

To meet and greet leaders in the conservative movement as well as a select group of their main supporters.

II. BACKGROUND

CPAC is holding their conference this week. Many participants attended their dinner on Friday.

This reception will honor the following groups: Americans for Change, Fund for a Conservative Majority and the National Conservative Political Action Committee. FCM is spearheaded by Bob Heckman, who serves as its Chairman. John T. (Terry) Dolan serves as the Executive Director of NCPAC and Brad O'Leary serves as the Executive Director of Americans for Change.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The list of participants which includes a large Congressional delegation is being provided by the Social Office.

IV. PRESS PLAN

None.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Sequence of Events will be provided by the Social Office.

(Rohrabacher/AB)
February 21, 1983
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR LEADERS OF CONSERVATIVE
GROUPS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1983

Thank you and welcome to the White House. It is such a pleasure to play host to old friends, especially to those who over the years have made it their responsibility to contribute so much in resources and personal effort to conservative causes. So let me just offer you a heartfelt thank you for all you have done to support our common ideals.

That thank you is also for all your effort since I got to my current job. Whether it was for reducing the growth of Federal spending, cutting the tax rates, or rebuilding our national defense, you kept the homefires burning -- burning right under the feet of those undecided votes up on Capitol Hill. And it made the difference.

The Washington establishment -- and if I ever think that means us instead of them, I will have been here too long -- well, they have yet to come to grips with just how important the conservative movement has been to the shift in political power represented by this Administration. Non-party, political organizations and PACs play an indispensable role in mobilizing public opinion on critical issues. This is not to say the PACs and other philosophically-motivated groups have a perfect record, but at times I get the feeling there's a double standard applied to conservative PACs. It reminds me of how generous contributors to conservative causes are always labeled as fat cats, while big liberal contributors are called philanthropists.

Working together, we -- the Republican Party, the conservative movement, the PACs and the conservative issue lobbies -- have come a long way . . . and the foundation for even greater achievement is in place. How many of you, for example, can remember when it was almost impossible to find a conservative to speak with authority on an issue? Well, today there are a host of vibrant new leaders out in the departments and agencies, who are not only doing a fine job, but are also developing expertise in everything from defense, to social welfare, to education. Morton Blackwell, who is here on my White House staff, calls it the "credentialing of the right"; it will reap benefits for decades to come.

The hard-working men and women of this Administration -- and I am proud of every one of them -- have shifted the political center of gravity and turned around the national debate. Today we are debating how much power should be returned to the States, how to strengthen our national defense, the right of school prayer, and the need for tuition tax credits. Perhaps no one better exemplifies the change that has taken place than our United Nations Ambassador, Jeane Kirkpatrick. I am grateful to have her on the team and proud that for the first time in years we have someone aggressively, and with no apologies, representing the United States and the cause of freedom at the U.N.

After a long period of vacillation and despair, we've again rekindled the torch of liberty and reclaimed America's legitimate leadership role in international affairs. And we are finally on the ideological offense against tyranny. Remember how appalled

we all were in past years when representatives of the United States appeared apologetic in the face of vicious diatribes? I can assure you, those days are past. Jeane Kirkpatrick and our other representatives aren't sitting back silently and taking verbal abuse anymore. Today our representatives speak the truth, loudly, clearly, and with pride.

We must and will have peace with nations with whom we have fundamental differences, but today our adversaries understand that we will not hesitate to promote the precious ideals that are the basis of our free system.

We are also taking the offensive domestically in many areas of longstanding concern to all of us here today. Thomas Jefferson once said, "To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors, is sinful and tyrannical." It is no secret that for some time now the Government has turned a blind eye to misuse of Federal funds for blatant political purposes. We are now taking steps to insure that Federal grants and contracts will not be used to finance political advocacy, so that those engaged in political causes will do so with their money, not the taxpayer's.

Two years ago we promised the American people we would make America strong again. We've put in place a program of tax rate cuts, spending controls and deregulation that is just now coming to bear on the long-term problems we inherited. I'm happy to tell you I remain unabashedly confident -- and with good reason. America is on the mend, and, now that the situation has begun to turn around, I hope you'll remind all your friends and neighbors

about the politicians who wanted us to go back to the tax, tax, spend, spend, inflate, inflate, policies of the past, even before our program had a chance to start.

And when you're talking to your friends I hope you will also explain to them just why we need to maintain a strong national defense. You understand or you wouldn't be here. Today most Americans aren't fully aware that we are making up for a decade of neglect to the security needs of our country. Today -- just as it has always been -- strength, not weakness, is our greatest guarantee of peace.

In America, peace and freedom depend on the understanding and support of the people. You and the organizations you support -- whether it be Americans for Change, Fund for Conservative Majority, or the National Conservative Political Action Committee -- have done so much over the years to inform the American people about the choices we face. I have one last request: Don't let up. There is still a long way to go. Our greatest accomplishments lie ahead.

Thank you for being here today. With that said, I will join you, so instead of giving a speech, I can get a chance to hear directly from you. Thank you and God bless you.