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SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-1-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Meeting with Dick Wirthlin added for 3:15.	
2. <u>Federalism</u> : Photo opportunity during meeting at 11:00. Williamson or Anderson to brief President on financial aspects at 10:45.	Williamson Anderson
3. <u>Budget Message</u> : Final draft will be circulated by Darman this morning. Comment deadline is 7:00 p.m.	Darman Harper
4. <u>Tax Exemption Bill</u> : Testimony being offered today in Senate. House testimony is scheduled for 2-4-82 in Ways and Means.	Fuller Fielding
5. <u>Cabinet Councils</u> : Meeting this week to discuss new employment and training program to replace CETA; telecommunications policy in aftermath of AT&T decision; thrift industry; and position on private express statutes (Baxter testimony on hold).	Fuller
6. <u>Family Planning Regulation</u> : Differences in Cabinet Council over whether to notify parents re provision of birth control devices, or whether to question entire law. Decision memo is being written.	Fuller Anderson
7. <u>Volcker</u> : Meeting with President Wednesday or Thursday; prior meeting being handled by Meese; Darman to forward memo on subject to Meese. Guidance is not to be seen as blaming our economic problems on the Fed.	Meese Darman
8. <u>Legislative Veto</u> : D. C. Circuit Court has declared legislative veto to be unconstitutional. Effect this will have on certain legislative proposals to be explored. Duberstein should draft new talking points for President to use in calling Schmitt.	Duberstein Fielding
9. <u>El Salvador</u> : President to receive update on situation, including recent deaths as reported in press.	Clark
10. <u>Enterprise Zones</u> : Kemp and Garcia to discuss minimum wage provision with Anderson.	Anderson
11. <u>DOL Supplemental</u> : OMB has proposed \$2.3B to cover unemployment compensation, a sum already assumed in our most recent FY '82 estimates. This should be announced in the briefing today; Harper to provide fact sheet.	Harper Speakes Darman
12. <u>Unemployment</u> : Guidance is not to use 10% figure (which was mentioned yesterday by Regan).	Gergen
13. <u>Van de Water</u> : Teamsters now officially oppose nomination. In light of this, extra care should be taken with ICC appointments.	James

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14. <u>Supplementals</u> : Will be proposed for guaranteed student loans, BATF, and Merit System Protection Board.	Harper
15. <u>Minority Business Enterprise Regulations</u> : Purpose is to encourage and increase participation by minority firms in government contracts, etc. However, regulations may be misinterpreted. Dole to check into matter with Harper, and will attempt to sort it out.	Dole Harper
16. <u>Clean Water Reauthorization</u> : Only testimony now slated on this matter concerns a supplemental. Cabinet Council will review any package EPA comes up with on reauthorization.	Harper
17. <u>Flicks and Flacks</u> : Report is that 500 USDA publications have been abolished; "user" policy applied to others. Announcement of this should be made by WH for additional news play.	Harper Gergen
18. <u>Poland Film</u> : Criticized in advance, but reviews following showing have been good; film seems to have broad public appeal. Suggestion that a screening be set up for certain reporters.	Gergen
19. <u>Prayer Breakfast</u> : To be held Thursday, 2-4; senior staff meeting that day may be cancelled.	
20. <u>Ralph Abernathy</u> : Holding breakfast to honor Administration officials; should be checked into.	Dole

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-2-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : No photo opportunity today.	
2. <u>Volcker</u> : Meeting with President set today at 11:15 as prelude to Volcker meeting (tentatively set for Thursday, but not yet firm). Regan has questions concerning necessity of meeting and timing.	Fuller Darman
3. <u>El Salvador</u> : Haig testifying today in House. State Department is forwarding press guidance re possible questions.	Clark Gergen
4. <u>SBA</u> : Question raised concerning public testimony today on Davis-Bacon by head of agency's advocacy section. This person may not have to clear testimony with OMB; thus, Administration viewpoint will need to be made clear at hearing.	Harper
5. <u>Tax Exemption</u> : "Sense of the Congress" resolution being considered on this matter, and will need to be examined further. Question as to what specifically is being suggested.	Duberstein Fielding
6. <u>Enterprise Zones</u> : Questions and concerns expected on sub-minimum wage portion of proposal. Guidance is that we will not make decision on this until we hear those views from private groups.	Anderson Dole
7. <u>Regulatory Reform</u> : Bill will not come up this week; talking points for President being prepared, but no need to call Senator Schmitt yet.	Duberstein
8. <u>Mubarak Visit</u> : Press plan is for background briefing, then on-the-record briefing by the Secretary. Guidance is that policy on number of visits with President has not changed, and where a second meeting is called for it will be held. So far, only Sadat and Begin have met twice with President during visits.	Clark Gergen
9. <u>Budget</u> : Guidance continues to be "no comment" on budget until it has been released.	Gergen
10. <u>Fee Cap Bill</u> : Proposal is to limit fees paid to public interest lawyers who sue the government. Limit would place fees close to rate government pays to private lawyers it retains. OMB to include proposal in publication it is preparing, but matter should be held for full discussion in new Cabinet Council on Legal Policy.	Harper Fuller
11. <u>Binary Weapons</u> : Guidance re statement to be provided by noon.	Clark

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12. <u>Prime Rate</u> : Stock market dropped in reaction to rise in prime rate; it is expected that other banks will follow suit. As a result, the Fed may soon feel pressure to raise its discount rate.	Weidenbaum
13. <u>CCEA</u> : New employment training program to be discussed today at 8:45.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-3-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Mubarak arrival ceremony moved to East Room.	Canzeri
2. <u>Senior Staff</u> : No meeting tomorrow due to Prayer Breakfast; also, no meeting Friday.	
3. <u>Tax Exemption Bill</u> : Legislative Affairs is still checking with Senator Dole's staff re suggestion that resolution be introduced in lieu of bill.	Duberstein
4. <u>Right to Life</u> : Paper now circulating on proposed constitutional amendment; Anderson to report Monday on issue.	Anderson Darman
5. <u>Superfund</u> : Issue of state versus federal superfund raised by Fielding; Harper to check and report back.	Harper Fielding
6. <u>Appointments</u> : SBA and EEOC appointments ready to move. Two nominations to be resubmitted, including Van de Water. Re ICC vacancy, suggestion is to talk with Teamsters and get someone they like for slot; they might then be able to support Van de Water.	James
7. <u>Cuba</u> : Concerning statement about MiGs in Cuba, guidance is that this does not represent a declassification of info--instead it is an acknowledgement (or general statement) consistent with what the President has already said. NSC to provide usual guidance by 10 a.m.	Clark Speakes
8. <u>Budget Message</u> : Comments are in, message complete. Note that health program changes are reflected in message.	Harper
9. <u>NYC Loan Guarantees</u> : Next installment being considered (Treasury to make decision); could be close call. WH comments due by February 10.	Darman Fuller Anderson
10. <u>EOP Agencies</u> : Will all meet 16% cut with exception of Office of Administration (due to level of support it is required to provide).	Harper

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-8-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
<p>1. <u>Schedule</u>: 9:30--Bipartisan Congressional Leaders; 10:00--Dropby GOP Congressional Leaders; 10:30--NSC briefing; 11:00--Budget Signing Ceremony.</p>	
<p>Photo opportunity during budget signing, with Stockman, Regan and Weidenbaum present.</p>	Speakes
<p>Bakshian has statement prepared; Darman to set up short briefing prior to signing.</p>	Gergen Darman
<p>2. <u>Bob Jones</u>: Nothing to be done on court case unless all senior staff are aware; Legislative Strategy Group to discuss question of briefs for case, and resolution introduced; also to discuss Grove City case.</p>	Fuller Duberstein
<p>Meeting set for 1:30 today with McNamar, Schmults, and Bell.</p>	Darman
<p>3. <u>Regulatory Reform</u>: Must discuss with DOJ in Legislative Strategy tomorrow since bill may come up Wednesday.</p>	Darman
<p>4. <u>Right to Life</u>: Anderson will report this week on draft DOJ letter now circulating.</p>	Anderson
<p>5. <u>Mine Safety</u>: Hiring freeze lifted; commitment to restore funds; will work with the union in looking at the inspection requirements. Notifications made on Friday and Saturday; release went out Saturday.</p>	Fuller Harper
<p>6. <u>Israel</u>: Statement in German paper quotes President that Israel is only reliable US ally in Mideast; guidance is that story is not accurate and consists of cut-and-paste of campaign statements. ICA has some history on this statement.</p>	Gergen Clark
<p>7. <u>Tax Cut</u>: Guidance is that we would only consider making the tax cut retroactive if it is not linked to the 3rd year cut, and if we conclude it would speed up the recovery without adverse impact.</p>	Gergen Duberstein
<p>8. <u>Combined Federal Campaign</u>: OPM memo arguing for changes has been circulating since October. Consensus is that issue needs to be brought to some resolution. Key points of memo should be summarized for JAB and EM.</p>	Darman
<p>9. <u>Budget</u>: Campaign to "sell" our budget should be accelerated in order to avoid being put on defensive. Important to get some positive statements out of our Congressional people today.</p>	Gergen Duberstein
<p>Disagreement on economic forecast within CEA also raised, especially regarding the velocity assumptions.</p>	Weidenbaum
<p>10. <u>Education Block Grant</u>: Report is that regulations have been successfully whittled down. The new regulations will probably generate opposition from poverty groups and others due to absence of some previous requirements.</p>	Harper

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11. HHS Family Planning Regulations: Schweiker has asked for authority to issue parental notification regulation. Matter would be kept at distance from WH. Schweiker scheduled to testify tomorrow on subject. Duberstein is to consult on Hill today; Fuller to obtain HHS fact sheet on effect of regulation today. Guidance on Schweiker testimony will follow. Duberstein Fuller

Consensus is to move forward by having HHS issue regulation; remaining question appears to be on timing.

12. Senior Staff: No senior staff meeting tomorrow.

13. Vietnam Veterans' Memorial: Opposing groups have agreed on compromise concerning design; Watt is considering and will probably approve. Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-10-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Meeting with Female Appointees</u> : Briefing on budget and other issues to prepare them as spokesmen; future briefings set with Black and Hispanic appointees; briefing book on budget, Federalism will be available soon.	Dole Gergen
2. <u>Economic Report</u> : Decision is that <u>no</u> signing ceremony will be held.	
3. <u>Illinois Medicaid Waiver</u> : JAB has signed off on memo; Fuller to check on Meese sign-off.	Fuller
4. <u>Indian Claims Settlement</u> : Problem is that D'Amato/Thurmond/Lee were led to believe Administration supported bill, yet bill had not been cleared by WH or DOJ; appears to have been back-channeled by one individual; bill itself is potentially embarrassing. Fuller to take up matter with Stockman and Harper.	Fuller
5. <u>Combined Federal Campaign</u> : Need final paper on changes being proposed; inclination is to leave order unchanged.	Fuller
6. <u>Watt Contempt Citation</u> : Vote occurred in subcommittee; must still be approved by full committee and by House. Executive privilege claimed, though large amount of documents has been voluntarily provided. Could be a good test case.	Fielding
7. <u>Tax Exemption</u> : Administration position is that we are still pushing and supporting our bill, not trading.	Duberstein
8. <u>NYC Loan Guarantee</u> : Recommendation will be coming through the system soon.	Anderson
9. <u>Miami Crime Task Force</u> : Has met once; will meet again Friday. VP to speak in Miami next Tuesday on problem. There are initiatives we can take. Press inquiries should be referred to Teeley; other inquiries should go through Fuller.	Murphy
10. <u>Job Training</u> : Quayle has scheduled hearings for Feb. 22 on his bill; he wants Administration testimony on his bill and our own proposal. Hearings could be postponed two weeks if Cabinet Council has not completed its work.	Anderson Fuller
11. <u>Binary Weapons</u> : Statement released Monday; initial reaction from Europe is mild.	Gergen
12. <u>Proposed Budget "Freeze"</u> : Guidance is that Howard Baker supports the President's budget; questions on his "freeze" comment should be referred to him.	Speakes
13. <u>Federalism</u> : Once decision has been made, no comments undercutting the President should occur.	Duberstein

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14. <u>Budget</u> : Need open congressional support for our budget: Duberstein to work on this. Support from business and other groups also needed: Dole to handle. Suggestion made that agreement by congressional leaders on the basic principles represented by our budget could be an acceptable middle ground.	Duberstein Dole
15. <u>ICC Vacancy</u> : Meeting will be held today to discuss. Teamsters will be in on this issue shortly.	Dole James
16. <u>HHS Family Planning Regulation</u> : Schweiker testified yesterday on general concept. Consensus is that we are already committed, and that proposed regulation is sound. Decision is that HHS can go ahead with proposal.	Fuller
17. <u>Science Advisory Council</u> : Proposed by Keyworth. Group would advise Keyworth (not the President); membership is not broadly based. Consensus is that proposal can go forward, but (a) group should not be characterized as a "White House" council; and (b) no announcement should be made from WH.	James

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-11-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity today during meeting with county officials.	Speakes
2. <u>Budget</u> : Congressional leaders to speak with press outside after meeting. Guidance is that meeting has been scheduled for 1½ weeks and is <u>not</u> related to the Hollings proposal.	Gergen Speakes
3. <u>MX Silo Hardening/Change in Israel Policy News Stories</u> : NSC will forward guidance to press office this morning.	Clark
4. <u>NYC Loan Guarantee</u> : Williamson to call Koch.	Williamson
5. <u>Illinois Medicaid Waiver</u> : WH agrees with HHS decision to grant waiver.	Fuller
6. <u>Volcker</u> : Meeting with President tentatively set for February 23 due to Regan's absence; should be reconsidered, though, since suggestion was for a one-on-one meeting.	Deaver
Guidance re Volcker's report to Congress is that there is a consistency with our Economic Report; Fed report sets forecast ranges and our figures are within their ranges (albeit on the optimistic end).	Gergen Speakes
7. <u>Furloughs</u> : Proposed as alternative to deal with budget cuts; OMB and OPM to discuss guidelines on when, how to use. Fuller to provide more information in advance of briefing.	Fuller Gergen
8. <u>Civil Rights Commission</u> : Hart's public discussion of his views causing problems; nomination has not yet gone up. Duberstein to check sentiment on Hill; nomination on "hold" pending further checks and confirmation of Pendleton. Hart was not offered chairmanship.	Duberstein James

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-12-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Radio correspondents meeting is off. No press coverage of Administration spokesmen meeting. Photo opportunity is walk to helicopter. Suggestion also made for budget-related letter to be sent this weekend to all GOP Senators and Congressmen.	Gergen Speakes
2. <u>Budget</u> : Guidance is essentially the same as yesterday; when Congress looks at the budget in detail, they will face the same difficult choices the President faced.	Gergen
3. <u>NYC Loan Guarantee</u> : Williamson called Koch, who is sending new information by Tuesday; decision on guarantee to be made on Wednesday.	Williamson Fuller
4. <u>Hart Nomination</u> : Duberstein and Rollins to work with James re political aspects of nomination (Sen. Heinz has asked that it be put on hold). In particular, check should be made on what previous clearances were given on Hart. Decision could be made not to send up nomination.	Duberstein Rollins James
5. <u>EEOC Nominee</u> : Work should be done on clearances for Thomas (from DED).	James
6. <u>Indian Claims</u> : Congressional front is quiet for now. DOJ, DOI and OMB are studying bill for clearance purposes. Issue to be discussed again next week.	Duberstein Fuller
7. <u>Taiwan</u> : If further questions arise, should refer back to January 5th Q&A.	Gergen
8. <u>El Salvador</u> : Question has arisen re the carrying of weapons by advisors. Speakes will not view CNN film portraying this. Question seems to revolve around whether weapons are for self-defense or are offensive in nature; DOD will have statement ready later today.	Clark Gergen
9. <u>Producer Prices</u> : Up 0.4%; lowest rate of increase since April '77. Further evidence that the fight against inflation is making progress.	
10. <u>Food Stamps</u> : Questions arising about budget cuts; Don Moran will put together a fact sheet on issue.	Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-16-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : No photo opportunity today.	
2. <u>Press Conference</u> : Scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday. Need to keep President's schedule as clear as possible for preparation time. Suggestion made for strong opening statement on budget. Suggestion also made to mention Bud Nance task force if it has been firmed up.	Gergen Clark
3. <u>Agents Identities Bill</u> : Will come up on Senate floor next week. Chafee amendment is the one we are supporting. Bill has already passed the House in form we like.	Duberstein Clark
4. <u>Hart Nomination</u> : Moral Majority supporting this now. Duberstein to call Heinz and Specter; at this point, need to quiet speculation that nomination will be withdrawn.	Duberstein
5. <u>Unitary Tax</u> : Issue is potentially volatile; EM to see that it is considered in Cabinet Council.	Meese
6. <u>Refugees</u> : HHS has postponed regulations to cut refugee reimbursement period from 36 months to 18 months. This requires a second look; Williamson to get facts to EM.	Williamson Meese
7. <u>Thomas Nomination</u> : This has been well received by Congress; we are trying to keep this separate from the Hart nomination.	Duberstein
8. <u>NYC Loan Guarantee</u> : Additional material from Koch is due today.	Williamson
9. <u>CBI Speech</u> : Draft now being circulated for comment on "hold close" basis. Timing on speech has not yet been decided; may be postponed until next week.	Darman Clark
10. <u>Israel</u> : Suggestions will be made this morning re response to latest Israeli statements; press guidance will follow.	Clark
11. <u>Clean Air</u> : Need report from Boyden Gray on status and next step.	Murphy
12. <u>Labor Relations</u> : Unions upset concerning shutdown of Pullman plant; questions should be referred to DOL.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-17-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity is with Belgian P.M.; Treasury is forwarding briefing paper on currency; question of press briefing after meeting to be discussed.	Speakes Clark
2. <u>CIA Documents on OPEC</u> : President does not agree with request for document release, and has sent letter to Rosenthal. Clark to discuss with Casey question of whether documents must remain classified due to "possible harm to national security."	Clark Duberstein
3. <u>CBI</u> : Comments on speech draft to be distributed to Bakshian and working group. Legislative Strategy group to discuss matter at 10 a.m. Duberstein to talk with Congressman Murtha re his post-visit statement that El Salvador merits further assistance.	Darman Duberstein
4. <u>Press Conference</u> : Set for EOB 450; Rosebush to check again on whether use of East Room is possible, though.	Rosebush
5. <u>NYC Loan Guarantee</u> : Material from Koch has been received; Williamson to discuss matter with JAB.	Williamson
6. <u>Economic Figures</u> : No change in housing starts, but permits up 6%. Industrial production down 3% in January, but weather was a factor.	
7. <u>Housing</u> : Secretary Pierce met with President; decision is that something needs to be done for the industry. It was noted that housing industry leads us into and out of recessions. Cabinet Council working group formed to study options on expedited basis.	Fuller
8. <u>Stockman</u> : Testifying today on economic forecast; will lay out optimistic and pessimistic scenarios as well as Administration forecast. Harper, JAB and EM to discuss further.	Harper
9. <u>Budget Savings</u> : GAO is looking at our report on program savings with view to question our figures. OMB has discovered one instance of double-counting, but no others.	Harper
10. <u>Labor</u> : Kirkland statement re "Jonestown economics" noted; VP responded strongly, and consensus is that we should continue to respond similarly. Rollins to handle matter of Labor Council formation at RNC.	Gergen Rollins
11. <u>First Lady</u> : Response to recent trip has been excellent.	
12. <u>Tax Exemption</u> : Mississippi case (in Supreme Court) discussed; per AG, case is not directly related to school tax exemption issue, but Fuller to follow up.	Fuller
Briefing paper on issue also needed prior to President's press conference.	Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-18-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Press Conference</u> : Weidenbaum to update economic talking points in President's briefing book; he will also attend briefing lunch after testifying.	Weidenbaum
2. <u>CBI</u> : NSC meeting tentatively set for 1:30 Friday to finalize policy paper; Clark to coordinate. New speech draft to be produced reflecting comments; important to retain flexibility. Gergen to coordinate assembly of speech.	Clark Gergen
3. <u>Private Sector Survey</u> : Meeting to be held in JAB office after senior staff to discuss this matter.	Baker Meese
4. <u>NYC Loan</u> : Koch and Regan have announced loan guarantee decision.	
5. <u>Economic Testimony</u> : Weidenbaum to give highlights of Economic Report. Guidance is still that recovery will start either late in 2nd quarter or early in 3rd. Gergen to circulate guidance on timing of recovery, making sure Treasury agrees and that language retains some degree of flexibility.	Gergen Weidenbaum
6. <u>CIA Documents</u> : NSC has drafted response to Rosenthal; will consult with Duberstein and then circulate for comment.	Clark Fuller
7. <u>Stockman Testimony</u> : Some media reports wrongly interpreted testimony as calling for compromise on budget; however, testimony in actual context simply restated the President's position.	Gergen
8. <u>Fraud, Waste and Abuse</u> : News piece questioning accuracy of figures in our report may run tonight.	Harper

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-19-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Mini press conference with editors set for noon; charts should <u>not</u> be used; advance briefing to be held at 10 or 10:30. Also, corrections of Vietnam misstatements made yesterday should be available to President.	Gergen Clark
2. <u>CBI</u> : NSC meeting set for 1:30 to discuss policy points and speech draft.	Clark
3. <u>Statement on Volcker</u> : Guidance is that this is not a switch but, instead, is evidence of an evolving relationship.	Gergen
4. <u>Private Sector Survey</u> : Follow-up suggested re DOD portion of survey; this can be stressed again when a chairman is named.	Fuller
5. <u>Loans from Japanese Businesses</u> : News story noted re \$10B loan proposal. Report is that this has been previously discussed with State Department, USTR and DOC.	
6. <u>Afghan Refugees</u> : Report is that 29 Afghans flew into San Francisco without papers; probably preplanned with refugees being taken advantage of. Options being examined, but return to Afghanistan has been ruled out.	Fuller
7. <u>Economic Recovery</u> : Guidance is still that modest upturn will occur in late 2nd quarter; we will start seeing "signs of recovery" around then. Gergen to circulate precise guidance to all senior staff.	Gergen
8. <u>DED</u> : Legislation on reorganization is being prepared, but there is not yet a definite date for submission to Congress.	Meese
9. <u>DOE</u> : Legislation will be submitted after meeting with McClure.	Meese
10. <u>Gas Deregulation</u> : WH meeting will be held Monday to discuss all aspects of issue (including political). Also, EM will sit in on President's meeting with Governor Clements next Tuesday in case issue is raised.	Meese
11. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Personal income is up 0.2%; disposable income is up 0.5%.	
12. <u>CCNRE</u> : Meeting today on Clean Water Act.	Fuller
13. <u>Foreign Policy News Stories</u> : Haig story--WH reaction is "no comment."	Gergen
Evans and Novak story--guidance is that there are some new directives, but nothing new in the system.	Gergen
M-16 regulations story--guidance from NSC by 10 a.m.	Clark

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-22-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Briefing set for 3:30 in advance of meeting with Governors.	Williamson
2. <u>Federalism</u> : Proposals have been receiving endorsements from several groups. The Governors intend to use Federalism as leverage on the budget; our strategy is to deal with the 2 issues separately. Many points on our proposals remain negotiable. Williamson to be available for press briefing after NGA session tomorrow.	Williamson Gergen
3. <u>DOD Manpower Testing</u> : Questions should be referred to DOD as much as possible; suggestion made to emphasize that this is a study requested in 1979; before any WH statement is made, DOD guidance should be checked.	Gergen Speakes
4. <u>CBI Speech</u> : Comments due by noon today with final revisions to President tonight. Working group will meet this afternoon to go over final draft and fact sheet.	Gergen Clark
Time and place for speech to be announced tomorrow.	
5. <u>Testimony</u> : Regan, Stockman and Weidenbaum testifying this week on economy and budget. Official guidance on forecast being prepared.	Harper Fuller
Tax loophole proposals will also come up this week and will be circulated in advance.	
6. <u>Conservative Political Action Conference</u> : Meeting Friday; Fuller to find out what Cabinet officers intend to say.	Fuller
7. <u>Standby Petroleum Allocation Act</u> : Now in Congress with vote this week on conference report; we have opposed this and question of veto must be discussed. Duberstein to take a reading in Congress. Meeting with Baker and Michel also suggested.	Duberstein
8. <u>HHS Refugee Regulations</u> : Changes proposed effective March 1. Governors have concern; need to reexamine issue, with report to senior staff later this week.	Harper Fuller
9. <u>Smoking</u> : New Surgeon General report due out with further evidence of harmful effects.	
10. <u>HHS Family Planning Regulation</u> : Now being published in Register.	

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11. <u>Private Sector Survey</u> : Effort will be made to get Grace here when he is named as Chairman. Object is to bring favorable media attention to this issue as soon as possible.	Fuller
12. <u>POWs/MIAs</u> : Official mission now in Hanoi; guidance to be provided shortly.	Clark
13. <u>Habib</u> : Effort will be made to have Ambassador see the President prior to departure for Middle East.	Clark
14. <u>Romania Credit</u> : Application rejected; one-page fact memo available for guidance. Need to emphasize this was President's decision made over the recommendations of State and Agriculture.	Clark Gergen
15. <u>Foreign Travel</u> : Directive to be presented to President for consideration today; contains some change in policy, and should be circulated.	Clark
16. <u>Soviet Nerve Gas/Chemical Weapons</u> : Question arising concerning release of evidence; guidance by 10:00 from NSC.	Clark

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-23-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : No photo opportunity with Congressional leaders. Duberstein to join 10:15 briefing in advance of leadership meeting.	Speakes Duberstein
2. <u>Federalism</u> : Governors' meeting with President was positive despite press reports to the contrary; they are still of a mind to work with us toward an acceptable proposal. NGA will appoint a "consulting team" for this purpose.	Williamson
Suggestion made that Williamson be available at today's briefing.	
3. <u>CBI Speech</u> : President has draft and is working on it. Time and place of speech to be announced today. Gergen to assemble group to coordinate various aspects of this event.	Gergen Darman
4. <u>Standby Petroleum Allocation Act</u> : Earliest this issue will arise is on Thursday in Senate; Duberstein is now canvassing the House and will report back.	Duberstein
5. <u>Leadership Meeting</u> : Agenda includes briefing on CBI by Haig and Brock, then budget discussion.	
6. <u>CCFA</u> : Meeting today with President on agricultural export policy statement. Main question involves necessity of issuance.	Fuller
7. <u>Foreign Travel Directive</u> : Signed and issued. Subject to be placed on Cabinet agenda so that President can reiterate.	Fuller
8. <u>Defense Surtax</u> : Guidance on this and other budget alternatives is that we do not comment piecemeal since new proposals are coming out daily.	Gergen Speakes
9. <u>DOD Manpower Testing</u> : Guidance is to leave comments to Defense except to point out the obvious contribution of Blacks to the military.	Gergen
10. <u>Prime Rate</u> : Still at 17%, but there are some indications the rate may begin to drop.	
11. <u>Japanese Loans</u> : As suggested, this could involve \$10B and would allow governors to package development projects. Idea has not yet been fleshed out.	
12. <u>Economic Testimony</u> : Harper is coordinating this to make certain all are saying the same thing.	Harper
13. <u>Highway Funding Testimony</u> : Has been postponed.	Harper
14. <u>Mine Safety</u> : Testimony today concentrating on statistics.	Harper
15. <u>Air Controllers</u> : Lewis reversed decision of Helms on docking of pay; guidance is to refer question to DOT.	Gergen

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16. <u>Indians Claims Legislation</u> : DOJ still has serious reservations about proposed bill, though they have not yet issued an opinion. Uhlmann to stay on top of issue.	Fuller
17. <u>START</u> : Re news story of a "radical new proposal", guidance is that this is not true. Further guidance will be provided by NSC.	Clark Gergen
18. <u>Social Security Task Force</u> : Suggestion made that President drop- by first meeting on February 27; however, consensus is against doing this before we have a feel for how the group will shape up.	
19. <u>Tax Bill</u> : Guidance re Charls Walker testimony is that it does <u>not</u> signal any change in Administration's position.	Gergen Speakes

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ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Meeting with Haig cancelled. No photo opportunity today.	Speakes
2. <u>Federalism/Governors</u> : Commitment made to move forward on proposal with overall reaction positive. Pro and con positions are being taken on specific parts, however.	Williamson
3. <u>Bipartisan Leadership Meetings</u> : Being held for purposes of briefing on CBI. Statements of strong support from bipartisan leaders are expected after speech. CBI fact sheet is being printed for distribution at 9 a.m. Enders and Brock are to brief press. ABC will carry the speech live.	Duberstein Gergen
4. <u>Domenici Budget Plan</u> : Guidance available after the meeting with President; Weidenbaum, Regan and Stockman should not comment since plan has just been received.	Baker
5. <u>Conservative Political Action Conference</u> : Draft of speech will be ready for circulation shortly. Fuller is to check on what Cabinet officers intend to say in their remarks.	Gergen Fuller
6. <u>VOA Visit</u> : NSC has prepared remarks; Speakes suggests sending remarks to VOA in advance.	Speakes
7. <u>Economic Testimony</u> : Weidenbaum to testify today, followed by Stockman. Economic growth figures in budget may be challenged.	
8. <u>HHS Refugee Regulations</u> : Williamson has information; he will examine it and report back.	Williamson
9. <u>Standby Petroleum Allocation Act</u> : Certain House members are urging veto. Bill will not come up this week, but there is a need to signal strong opposition to the conference report at this point.	Duberstein
10. <u>Destroyers Off El Salvador</u> : Guidance from NSC by 10 a.m.	Clark
11. <u>Virgin Islands Airport</u> : Lewis has agreed to \$5M this year for Truman Airport (\$45M overall); this may solve our problem with the Virgin Islands re CBI.	Williamson
12. <u>Hart Nomination</u> : Specter and Heinz meeting with Hart this morning.	Duberstein
13. <u>Afghanistan Day</u> : Scheduled for March 21; resolution is pending in Congress. Bill Rogers is heading the private sector committee; request made that President meet with Rogers and his committee next week.	Dole Gergen
Suggestion made to include line on Afghanistan in President's VOA talking points today.	
14. <u>Private Sector Survey</u> : Meeting with Grace requested; suggestion made to schedule on Monday, but preference is to hold it in Calif.	Gergen Fuller James
Executive Committee names being finalized; should go through Personnel processing.	
Letter to Congress should not be sent until after chairman and committee are named.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (2-26-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : No photo opportunity today.	
2. <u>C-PAC</u> : Speech has been finalized and will be circulated. Press office will release text prior to event. Speeches by Cabinet officers have been reviewed.	Gergen Darman
3. <u>Natural Gas</u> : President has not made a decision yet; he will do so soon, though. Due to need for more consultations on the Hill and with industry, it is recommended that President not make a decision until late Monday.	Meese Duberstein Dole
4. <u>CBI</u> : Suggestion made that we emphasize positive foreign media reaction. Such information can be pulled from USICA summary. Enders will meet with Gergen to discuss steps aimed at continuing positive media comments.	Gergen
5. <u>Bob Jones</u> : DOJ briefed press yesterday afternoon on our position in the Supreme Court. Guidance is that this is not a "shift in position," but instead is a result of an appeals court decision. Action should remain at DOJ, with copies of their statement circulated to senior staff.	Fielding Fuller Gergen
6. <u>HHS Refugee Regulations</u> : Some states are objecting. Also, HHS has not done a good job of explaining the change; Murphy and Gergen to work on this, with Fuller talking to Schweiker. Details should be adequately covered, with regulations circulated in WH before publication.	Fuller Murphy Gergen
7. <u>Watt Contempt Citation</u> : Committee vote was 23-19. If we are confident of votes, we could move to reconsider. This issue will not come to the floor for awhile; time will be used to explore options.	Duberstein
8. <u>Stockman Testimony</u> : Testimony has not been reviewed yet; will touch on entitlements and COLA freezes. Guidance is that "we are reviewing freeze proposals in general to see if they'd have unintended adverse impact." Should continue to portray issue as a bipartisan congressional initiative.	Gergen Speakes
9. <u>CBO Figures</u> : Controversy between budget figures hinges on different economic projections; CBO predicts higher interest rates and faster Defense spendout than our budget. OMB and Treasury have done analysis on CBO data. Guidance is to respond to questions only, and to use the OMB paper or refer to Stockman's testimony.	Gergen Speakes
10. <u>Libyan Oil Embargo Story</u> : NSC will provide guidance by 10:00.	Clark
11. <u>Congress</u> : Both houses are out today.	
12. <u>Social Security Task Force</u> : Draft letter is done, and will be put out tomorrow. No need to circulate.	

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13. <u>Voting Rights Act</u> : DOJ is developing language to amend the House bill; it has been agreed that an alternative bill would not fly. Brad Reynolds is due to testify Monday.	Fuller
14. <u>California Trip</u> : Suggestion made that news story is needed during trip; Peter Grace may fly out to be announced as chairman of the Private Sector Survey.	Fuller Gergen

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1. Schedule: No photo opportunity today. Decision to be made after senior staff on whether President should drop by meeting with editorial writers and with columnists. Gergen Speakes
2. Michel/Baker Meeting: Guidance on purpose of meeting is that it is to discuss a wide range of legislative topics; meeting is not on budget. Gergen Duberstein
3. Ways and Means Meeting: Guidance is that this is part of consultation process, and that meeting was scheduled over a week ago. Gergen
4. Cabinet Meeting: Agenda is PSI, Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, and natural gas. Fuller
5. CBI: President to send personal notes to key players on subject. Need to get Congress behind security assistance portion of program. Also need to disseminate information on positive foreign and Congressional reaction. Clark Duberstein Gergen
6. Bob Jones: News story mentions "about face" in our position before the Supreme Court. Guidance is that our position is consistent; DOJ brief says IRS does not have authority, but also says First Amendment does not protect racial discrimination. Most information on this should come out of DOJ; WH was apprised, and President was told this morning. Gergen Fielding
7. Domenici Budget Plan: Need to avoid straying from guidance on this subject. Gergen Speakes
8. Hart Nomination: Press conference scheduled today by opposition. Nomination should not be sent up yet; need to make certain there are no new surprises. Guidance is that we are not pulling back from this nomination. Dole Gergen
9. Social Security Task Force: Neither President nor Vice President will drop by meeting, but Presidential message will be sent. Gergen
10. Indian Claims: Matter is out of OMB process; now at DOJ, Interior and OMB for comment; DOJ still has serious problems. If concerns are not resolved, matter should be discussed in Cabinet Council. Fuller
11. Standby Petroleum Allocation Act: Earliest this issue will come up in Senate is Tuesday or Wednesday; suggestion is to oppose conference report and see how we do in the House; then gauge next step from that vote. Duberstein
12. CPI: Up 0.3%; indicates sustained progress on inflation. Accomplishments on this issue need to be pushed harder. Weidenbaum Gergen
13. Watt Contempt Citation: Committee will probably vote contempt today. We have a good case, however, and could win a legal fight. Meeting to be held next week to discuss subject. Gergen to get facts from Fielding for press purposes. Gergen Fielding Duberstein

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14. <u>National Year of Disabled Persons</u> : Moving forward, but needs to be planned with sensitivity to issue.	Dole
15. <u>Economy</u> : Sprinkel and Jordan testifying today.	
16. <u>Voting Rights</u> : Testimony set for Monday; Legislative Strategy session needed soon.	Darman
17. <u>Welfare-related News Stories</u> : Negative stories on the subject include accusations that incentives to work are removed; rebuttal suggested.	Anderson
18. <u>Budget</u> : CBO figures are due out, and are \$10B over ours.	
19. <u>Secretary Bell</u> : Quoted as being uncomfortable with budget cuts in education; linked subject to Pentagon test scores. Suggestion made that someone speak with him on this.	Fuller
20. <u>C-PAC</u> : Political office is examining all Cabinet speeches to group (Fuller will see that copies are forwarded); NSC will look at DOD and State's remarks.	Fuller Rollins Clark