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

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo op is with Shamir; pre-meeting briefing time may be expanded.	Speakes
2. <u>Donovan</u> : Guidance re new allegations is that all questions should be referred to Justice.	Speakes
3. <u>Trip Speeches</u> : Suggestions received from Regan on grain agreement have been incorporated into speech; guidance is that we will be consulting with the Soviets about the extension. Regarding Hartford speech, tuition tax credits and other points appropriate to the audience have been included.	Darman
4. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : Meeting was held Friday with private coalition, who are also meeting with Senator Dole this morning. We should determine what steps are needed to further push the legislation; we should also begin looking for a strategy in the House.	Duberstein Dole
5. <u>Balanced Budget</u> : Final vote in Senate is likely on Wednesday; most amendments have so far been defeated.	Duberstein
6. <u>Airline Pilots/War Risk Insurance Bill</u> : Legislation is now out of conference. Stockman will urge a veto, but Lewis reportedly feels we should sign it despite our misgivings. Decision is that we should inform airline industry that they should not expect a veto of the bill. Stockman will, however, have a chance to make his case for a veto after the bill arrives.	Duberstein Fuller Darman
7. <u>CBI</u> : Shultz, Regan, and Brock will testify before the Senate Finance Committee on tax and trade aspects. Appropriations markup will be held soon on \$350M for CBI.	Duberstein
8. <u>FCC/ICC Reduction</u> : Laxalt will offer amendment for partial restoration of ICC seats; we are looking for a sponsor for a similar amendment re the FCC.	Duberstein
9. <u>Steel Stretchout</u> : Fuller will check on status of EPA action regarding this issue.	Fuller
10. <u>Clean Air Act</u> : We have been promised that a bill will be reported out of committee by August 15.	Duberstein
Regarding recent EPA action on lead content, guidance is that the proposal is in response to the public comment procedure and is not a reversal. Fact sheet will be circulated on this; also, OMB is now reviewing proposed regulations.	Fuller Wright
11. <u>Hinckley</u> : Report is due today on St. Elizabeth's examination; guidance is no comment.	Speakes

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12. <u>DOE Reorganization</u> : GAO report criticizes reported savings from reorganization; hurts prospects of passing a bill. Legislation is currently being written/amended in a way that may make it more disagreeable than no bill at all.	Duberstein
13. <u>Health Care Vouchers</u> : Several proposals have been developed on the Hill which may help in achieving more competitive health care costs; Duberstein will check.	Duberstein Harper
14. <u>Middle East</u> : It was pointed out that the President was heavily involved with developments in the Middle East while at Camp David and that his press remarks conveyed this to the public; we may consider more regular press remarks on future weekend returns.	Gergen

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (8-3-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : Will probably reach the Senate floor tomorrow afternoon; prospects are good for obtaining 2/3 vote needed. In the House, Rodino has scheduled a hearing at which Regan will testify; this is a tactic to slow progress of a discharge petition.	Duberstein
2. <u>CBI</u> : Appropriations Committee begins markup today on the \$350M we are seeking.	Duberstein
3. <u>Tax Bill</u> : Reconciliation conference committee begins work today. Regarding provisions affecting Puerto Rico, Governor Romero is now in agreement with the Treasury position; effort is being made to add a pharmaceutical provision to 936, but Romero says such a provision, which would cost \$150M, is not needed.	Duberstein Williamson
4. <u>Anti-Crime Package</u> : We do not have a date certain for Senate consideration, though it will likely come up after the August recess. Effort will be made to meet with Thurmond and H. Baker to seek restoration of provisions previously removed.	Duberstein
5. <u>FCC/ICC Reduction</u> : Is now included in reconciliation package and will come up on the Senate floor after Balanced Budget Amendment. Laxalt will offer amendment to restore ICC seats, but we are still looking for a sponsor re FCC. Suggestion was made that Schmitt be asked to introduce the FCC amendment.	Duberstein
6. <u>Nuclear Freeze Resolution</u> : Will come up on the House floor tomorrow. We are employing a full court press on this issue.	Duberstein
7. <u>Employment Training Bill</u> : Erlenborn, Donovan and OMB are near agreement on an acceptable package of amendments on the House version of this bill. Fuller and Wright will circulate an outline after an agreement has been reached today.	Fuller Wright
8. <u>Baldrige Statements</u> : Guidance is that mid-session review was not meant to be a forecast, and that we did not update our economic assumptions in the review. If we had done so, our numbers might have been closer to the CBO figures.	Speakes
9. <u>Airline Pilots/War Risk Insurance Bill</u> : Stockman has asked that industry not be told about our intentions on the bill since that would preclude his argument for a veto. Meese, Lewis and Stockman will meet today after Legislative Strategy to discuss our position.	Darman
10. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : Senate Finance Committee will begin markup on issue next week; we will need to prepare to break a possible filibuster once the bill reaches the Senate floor. Dole will send letter to private coalition of supporters informing them of our intentions and seeking their help.	Duberstein Dole

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11. <u>Prisons</u> : Senator Dole has authored a bill that would spend \$2B over two years for a grant program to build prisons. OMB recommended we oppose the bill, and senior staff agreed. Fuller will speak with DOJ on the subject, and our record regarding land transfer requests for prison construction will also be checked.	Fuller Harper
12. <u>Supplemental</u> : Dispute has arisen over \$1.7B for Section 8 housing. Decision is that we will not withdraw our deferral request, but will instead make Congress decide whether the language in the appropriation will allow administrative discretion to spend the money.	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (8-4-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u>: Photo op is during 10:00 meeting with bipartisan congressional group. Items added to schedule are legislative briefing at 2:00; meetings with selected Congressmen and Senators at 3:00; personal staff time at 3:30; House and Senate GOP leadership at 4:00; and budget meeting in the Oval Office at 4:30.	Speakes
2. <u>Cabinet</u>: Meeting at 11:00 will discuss demographics and OPD planning process; CCCT will then meet with the President at 11:45 on maritime issues.	Fuller
3. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u>: Senate vote on final passage is set for noon today. Bill was amended to require 60% vote to raise the debt ceiling; an attempt will be made to remove this provision, which could jeopardize prospects for the entire amendment.	Duberstein
4. <u>Beirut</u>: Guidance on current developments will be ready by 9:00.	Clark
5. <u>Nuclear Freeze Resolution</u>: Issue will probably come up on the House floor tomorrow. It is expected that the vote will be very close.	Duberstein
6. <u>CBI</u>: Yesterday Appropriations Committee voted for the full \$350M request to fund CBI; issue has still not moved in the Senate Finance or House Ways and Means Committee, though. We are continuing to make calls.	Duberstein
7. <u>Tax Bill</u>: Dole will discuss with Fuller suggestion to have the Cabinet become more actively involved in this issue. Also, Dole, Rollins and Williamson should each formulate plans for use of their outreach resources to assist in passage of the tax bill.	Dole Rollins Williamson
8. <u>Black Colleges</u>: Secretary Bell's plans for a press conference to brief on the status of black colleges will be postponed.	Fuller
9. <u>Personnel</u>: It was emphasized that contact with agencies on personnel matters should be handled through the WH Personnel Office.	
10. <u>Wendy Borchardt</u>: von Damm, Dole, Speakes and Baker will discuss press guidance regarding her departure from WH staff.	Speakes
11. <u>Regulatory Task Force</u>: Two reports on work of the V.P.'s task force on regulatory reform are being released today; background briefings will also be held. Williamson and Fred Bush will meet to discuss details of this.	Williamson Bush
12. <u>Employment Training Bill</u>: Strategy on issue of public sector jobs is to establish clear legislative history that the bill is not intended to allow that. Fuller will call Secretary Donovan and advise him of this approach.	Fuller
13. <u>CFTC User Fees</u>: Question has arisen whether we want to push on this. The issue will be discussed tomorrow after further information has been obtained.	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (8-5-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Health care event is photo op. NSC meeting has been postponed, and Congressional meeting has been added at 3:45. Suggestion was made that the press office not mention which state delegations will meet with President this afternoon regarding reconciliation.	Speakes
2. <u>Beirut</u> : News reports on President's letter to Begin appear to be based on an earlier draft.	
3. <u>Tax Bill/Reconciliation</u> : Talking points will be drafted on how the tax bill and spending cuts interrelate; the points will then be circulated for senior staff use.	Wright Darman
4. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : Rodino is holding final committee hearing today on the amendment; he and other Democrats are reportedly thinking of drafting their own version. At this point, we have 185 signatures on a discharge petition.	Duberstein
5. <u>Unemployment Benefits</u> : Today Metzenbaum will introduce an amendment to the reconciliation package for a \$6B extension in benefits. OMB is discussing a \$2B extension with Domenici and others, but the WH has no official position as yet.	Wright Duberstein
6. <u>Cabinet Luncheon</u> : Meeting is a continuation of the long-range planning presentation which began yesterday.	Fuller
7. <u>Nuclear Freeze Resolution</u> : Vote at 12:30 is expected to be very close. Any call requests on this need to be submitted as soon as possible. NSC will draft statement for adaptation after vote.	Duberstein Clark
8. <u>Federalism</u> : Issue will be discussed in Legislative Strategy meeting at 10:00; specifics need to be decided soon.	Darman Williamson
9. <u>Airline Pilots/War Risk Insurance Bill</u> : Meese and Baker will discuss this issue with the President this morning.	Meese Baker
10. <u>CFTC User Fees</u> : New effort will be made to include user fees in reauthorization, though prospects are not good.	Wright
11. <u>FCC/ICC Reduction</u> : ICC portion was worked out via an amendment by Laxalt. FCC portion must still be resolved, though; matter will be discussed with Senator Stevens.	Duberstein
12. <u>Job Training Bill</u> : Version passed by House yesterday allocates only 55% of funds for training versus 70% in the Senate bill. Effort to exclude wages and stipends failed. Bill now goes to conference; a veto is possible unless changes are made in the House bill.	Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (8-6-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : There will be no photo op during congressional meeting.	Speakes
2. <u>Nuclear Freeze</u> : Administration won by a two-vote margin. We should try to help those 3 Pennsylvania congressmen who switched their votes at the end.	Duberstein
3. <u>Beirut</u> : Begin has announced his answer to the President's letter, though we have not yet received a copy. Meeting with Jewish leaders yesterday went very well, though problems were caused by Berman's remarks to press on sanctions and other matters that were supposed to be on background.	Clark Dole Speakes
4. <u>Unemployment Figures</u> : Increased from 9.5% to 9.8% in July, a new postwar high.	
5. <u>Extension of Unemployment Benefits</u> : Efforts are still being made to agree on a compromise. Administration has not yet taken a position on such efforts.	Duberstein Wright
6. <u>Airline Pilots/War Risk Insurance Bill</u> : Meese discussed issue with President yesterday. It was decided to support Kassebaum if she moves for hearings, but to maintain a neutral position otherwise. Kassebaum feels Senate may defeat the bill without WH involvement.	Duberstein Wright
7. <u>Tax Bill</u> : Support coalition was formed yesterday; Dole will also request a call to the head of NFIB. President is repeatedly stressing his view that the tax bill is a necessity; a Cabinet meeting may be scheduled for the President to explain his position personally.	Dole Fuller Duberstein
8. <u>Public Employee Pension Legislation</u> : Consensus is that bill (PEPPRA) should be opposed; question is timing, mainly due to fact that we are trying to work with the bill's sponsor, Erlenborn, to obtain changes in the employment training bill. It was decided that Williamson could convey our position to governors' meeting if President concurs.	Meese Williamson
9. <u>FCC Reduction</u> : Yesterday we lost our effort to restore seats, though we may have another opportunity in conference.	Duberstein
10. <u>General Supplemental</u> : OMB is preparing a paper opposing the domestic increases, despite fact CBI is included. Veto will remain possibility.	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (8-9-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : No photo op today.	Speakes
2. <u>Tax Bill</u> : It was announced that Lyn Nofziger will be here from 10 to 14 days to devise a communications plan to help pass the tax bill. Also, a Legislative Strategy meeting will be held at 10:00 on the subject. Re news story on Social Security, it was stressed that staff should not be drawn into discussions on the subject by reporters; guidance is that we are awaiting the commission's report.	Darman Duberstein
3. <u>Internal Revenue</u> : Congressman Rosenthal begins hearings August 11 on the disclosure of IRS information to the Selective Service. Hauser and Fuller will discuss and then make a recommendation.	Hauser Fuller
4. <u>Beirut</u> : There have been positive developments; however, the two key problems are that the Israelis have not yet agreed on a withdrawal timetable, and that commitments are not yet pinned down on where the PLO will go.	Clark
5. <u>General Supplemental</u> : Will be considered today in the Senate. Over \$700M in domestic spending has been added on the theory that we would not veto due to inclusion of CBI funds. Veto signal has been sent, however.	Duberstein Wright
6. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : Senate Finance Committee begins markup on proposal today; a letter will be sent to all committee members before then.	Duberstein
7. <u>Federalism</u> : <u>Post</u> story on governors' break with the Administration is overstated; they have said they intend to continue working with the Administration in developing a plan, and have not rejected the President's proposal.	Williamson
8. <u>School Prayer</u> : Testimony begins today in the Senate Judiciary Committee; topic may also be discussed briefly in Legislative Strategy. We should consider sending another signal of our support to the Committee to avoid the type of misunderstanding that arose on tuition tax credits.	Duberstein Darman
9. <u>Firefighters Legislation</u> : Bill was again discussed that would provide a \$50,000 lump sum payment to certain federal employees killed in the line of duty. OMB opposes the bill, and a letter of opposition was sent to Carl Perkins on July 21 (a similar letter was also sent last year). Concern has been expressed about a possible campaign commitment to support such a bill; no evidence of such a commitment has been found, though. Dole, Fuller, Wright and others should meet to discuss our position.	Dole Wright
10. <u>Legal Equity Report</u> : Congressman Patricia Schroeder intends to place a copy of it in the <u>Congressional Record</u> , along with a critical analysis.	Dole

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (8-10-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Congressional meeting at 4:00 will be photo op. Also, personal time at lunch may be used for a working lunch to brief President on the tax bill.	Speakes Duberstein
2. <u>General Supplemental</u> : CBI is included, but it is \$640M over on the domestic side; in meetings today, President will stress that such over-spending is unacceptable.	Duberstein
3. <u>Beirut</u> : We may not have an agreement till next week since (a) the deal with Egypt came unstuck yesterday, and (b) the Israeli Cabinet is unlikely to accept the proposal without change. Guidance is to be cautious in commenting. Concerning the War Powers Act, Fielding's recommendation to say nothing will be followed.	Clark
4. <u>IRS</u> : Hearings begin tomorrow on disclosures of IRS information to Selective Service. Fuller and Hauser will discuss our position in advance.	Fuller Hauser
5. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : Changes in our proposal are being made in the Senate; refundability, which we oppose, has been added, along with a lower cap of \$40,000. Letter restating our position has been sent. There is a need for the private coalition to work harder on the Hill. Meese will meet today with Catholic newspapers to discuss this subject.	Meese Duberstein Dole
6. <u>Unemployment Benefits Extension</u> : Democrats are trying to place this on the supplemental and other bills; Duberstein will check on situation.	Duberstein
7. <u>Tax Bill</u> : We have made no real progress in getting support from NFIB, and also need help with IPAA. Strategy is to begin pulling off people who signed letter of opposition.	Duberstein Dole Rollins
8. <u>Federalism</u> : Snelling intends to introduce resolution critical of our proposal. Williamson is working with him and Matheson to modify it; failing that, we may have the votes to kill it.	Williamson
9. <u>El Salvador</u> : President will not sign resolution requiring investigation of certain murders of Americans in El Salvador; we intend, however, to fully comply with its provisions. It was decided that the matter would be discussed again with the President due to fear that refusal to sign would make this a major media story.	Baker Meese Deaver
10. <u>Clean Air</u> : House Commerce Committee will resume markup on the bill today; in Senate, Howard Baker has committed to get a bill out by August 15. Steel stretchout provision is contained in the bill.	Duberstein
11. <u>Veterans' Benefits</u> : Vets' benefits to surviving widows and children were cut last year; we are supporting a resumption of such benefits. On question of which agency will pay, it was decided that money should be appropriated to DOD.	Duberstein

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ITEMS	ACTION
12. <u>Pilots' Bill</u> : Our position remains one of neutrality.	Duberstein
13. <u>Lead Phasedown</u> : Small refiners disagree with EPA's plans. Our regulatory task force feels the two month exemption for small refiners might be retained without any serious effect on the policy, and is working with EPA on the matter.	Fuller
14. <u>Cabinet</u> : Will meet at 2:00 for a briefing on the tax bill and the communications strategy to assist passage. President will open the meeting with an explanation of his reasons for supporting the bill; paper with talking points should be prepared.	Fuller Darman

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Nuclear Freeze</u> : New resolution is being introduced, though it is not likely to make it out of Zablocki's committee; Legislative Affairs will monitor this.	Duberstein
2. <u>Schedule</u> : No photo op today. Regarding the congressional meetings, number of participants should be cut.	Speakes Duberstein
3. <u>Clean Air Act</u> : Key amendment vote lost, 21-20, though it could be raised again. This vote will not affect action in the Senate.	Duberstein
4. <u>General Supplemental</u> : passed the Senate last night, and is going to conference. Passage was by voice vote, thus denying us an accurate reading of support. Bill is \$1.1B over our request on the domestic side.	Duberstein
5. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : Moynihan and Bradley have raised questions about the anti-discrimination provision of the bill. We should be able to satisfy their concerns; Justice will answer questions.	Duberstein Fuller
6. <u>Handicapped Regulations</u> : after Education submitted the regulations to Congress at OMB's suggestion, they were voted down 369-0. The regulations are designed to implement a block grant program. Question of why regs were sent to the Hill and other aspects will be checked.	Wright Fuller Harper
7. <u>Tax Bill</u> : Though there are problems, including lack of a conference report yet, we are making progress. Outside groups and the Cabinet have been mobilized, and speech material is now available.	Nofziger
8. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : there are now 185 signatures on a discharge petition in the House, with five days to go. Legislative Affairs will try to gear up an effort on this.	Duberstein
9. <u>Veterans</u> : it was suggested that, in Clark speech to veterans' groups, we take some credit for the bill providing benefits to those veterans killed in the line of duty. McFarlane, Wright, Dole and Meese will discuss speech. It was also mentioned that veterans groups are gearing up a major effort aimed at the removal of Bob Nimmo from the VA.	McFarlane Dole
10. <u>School Prayer</u> : suggestion was made that the AG or Schmults should deliver school prayer testimony on August 18 instead of Olson; reason would be to raise the visibility of our support for this issue.	Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (8-11-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Nuclear Weapons Policy</u> : Danforth and 20 other senators have introduced a resolution calling on the President to provide Congress with a comprehensive review of U.S. nuclear weapons policy. Decision was made that such a review will not be provided until after the elections.	Clark
2. <u>Tax Bill</u> : Nofziger will assist Speakes in developing guidance re stories on remarks made to Cabinet. Conference on tax bill broke up last night over AFDC, but will resume work this afternoon.	Nofziger Duberstein
3. <u>Federalism</u> : Though Snelling is no longer chairman, he will continue to negotiate with us on the subject. It was mentioned that Snelling was the only GOP governor to vote against us on the Balanced Budget resolution.	Williamson
4. <u>Beirut</u> : Habib is now in Jerusalem discussing with Begin the timing for introduction of the multilateral force.	Clark
5. <u>Pipeline Sanctions</u> : House Foreign Affairs Committee's vote to rescind sanctions is not yet a source of serious concern.	Duberstein
6. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : Vote is set for today in Senate Finance Committee; our count is 10-10. Calls will be made to Symms, Wallop and Heinz to obtain their support. The private coalition will be asked to concentrate on Symms.	Duberstein Dole
7. <u>Retail Sales</u> : Figures for July are up 1.0%. However, since the revised figures for June are down 3.3%, July is below the May level.	
8. <u>Clean Air</u> : Progress is being made in Dingell's committee; in the Senate, efforts are being made to meet the August 15 deadline.	Duberstein
9. <u>Legislative Priorities</u> : Our priorities for the remainder of this session will be discussed in Legislative Strategy at 9:45.	Darman
10. <u>Radio Marti</u> : Passed the House; prospects are good in Senate.	Duberstein
11. <u>General Supplemental</u> : Senate is still working on this. Money for CBI is still in the bill. A strong veto signal has been sent, but Hatfield says he will fight a veto.	Duberstein
12. <u>Firefighters Bill</u> : Involves \$50,000 lump sum payment for certain federal employees killed in the line of duty. It was pointed out that federal payments are now made to state and local employees under such circumstances. Decision was to quietly withdraw the Stockman letter, though the issue will first be presented to the President.	Wright Meese
13. <u>Civil Rights Commission</u> : Due to dispute with OMB over \$1M, the chairman will testify today that the agency may need to RIF 30 employees and close several offices. This is an undesirable situation and should be checked into.	Wright Fuller Harper

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ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Tax Bill</u>: Will probably come out of conference late to-night. Today at 10:00 the Chamber, Farm Bureau and NFIB will announce their opposition to the bill. A suggestion was made to get Paul Thayer and others to speak out in support of the President's position. Regarding the conference, the spending side was settled favorably, very close to the target of \$15.9B in cuts. The AFDC reforms of 1981 have also been retained, but the issue of 936 is still not settled. One particular issue, completed contract, was thought to have been settled with a Legislative Strategy decision to support the Holland proposal, thereby gaining construction industry support. However, Treasury now says it still strongly opposes Holland. Meese will talk with Regan to clarify this.	Duberstein Cavaney
2. <u>Defense</u>: conference on this is going well, but is not yet concluded. We have won several issues, though, including the MX.	Duberstein
3. <u>General Supplemental</u>: Bill is now out of conference and has passed the Senate; it will be on the House floor today. There are many problems with it, including excess domestic spending of around \$850M, cuts in defense, and a ceiling on security assistance to El Salvador.	Duberstein Wright
4. <u>Pilots/War Risk Insurance Bill</u>: on motion by Kassebaum the bill is going back to conference.	Duberstein
5. <u>Producer Price Index</u>: figure is up 0.6% for July, which is a +7.1% seasonally adjusted rate. This indicates continued progress against inflation. The industrial production index was close to flat (-0.1%).	
6. <u>Handicapped Regulations</u>: it was pointed out that despite heavy congressional votes against the regs, they became effective yesterday. Wright will look into the matter further, and will then meet with Meese and Fuller to decide our next step.	Meese Wright Fuller
7. <u>Antitrust</u>: Regarding story that Baxter is selectively enforcing laws against manufacturers setting retail prices, Fuller will obtain guidance from Justice.	Fuller Speakes
8. <u>RNC</u>: Richards will announce today that DeVoss has resigned as National Finance Chairman and will be replaced by Mike Curb.	
9. <u>Inoperative Boards and Commissions</u>: The President will sign an executive order terminating 25 inoperative boards and commissions. A copy will be sent to Personnel so they will be able to alert any chairmen still serving.	Darman Von Damm
10. <u>OMB Clearance Process</u>: There has been some problem	Fuller

with agencies sending position statements to the Hill that have not been properly cleared. The subject will be taken up at a future meeting.

11. Beirut: There has been no real change in the situation. Clark
We expect talks with the Lebanese to resume today.

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (8/16/82)

ITEMS

ACTION

1. Economic Policy: It was pointed out that the press seems intent on obtaining quotes to show that Reaganomics has failed; staff were cautioned to avoid any comments that might be misconstrued.
2. Speech on Tax Bill: Draft has been circulated with comments due by 11:00; no major structural changes should be suggested at this point. In particular, the speech should refute the contention that the President is retreating from his economic policies; we should also assess whether the speech uses too many figures. Darman
3. Defense Bill: Came out last week. Request will be submitted for call to thank Senator Tower for his help; call will also mention one outstanding issue. Duberstein
4. LA Times Story re Plans to Win a Nuclear War: Guidance is that this story has run previously; the report in question concentrates on a policy of deterrence. Speakes
5. Tax Bill: Guidance is that the President fully supports the conference report even though not all of our proposed changes were made. Talking points on the bill will be circulated sometime this morning. Speakes/Darman
6. Abortion: Issue will come up this week during Senate debate on the debt ceiling, and involves a disagreement over whether the abortion problem should be addressed by constitutional amendment or by legislation. Immediate question is what our posture should be re cloture on Helms bill. Duberstein
7. Tuition Tax Credits: Bill is going back to markup tomorrow in Senate Finance Committee. A slight change in anti-discrimination language has been signed off on by Education, Justice, and WH. Duberstein
8. Veterans' Benefits: This issue involves effort to restore Social Security benefits for survivors of soldiers killed in action. Suggestion by Senator Dole is to drop reference to this from presidential speech being prepared. Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (8/17/82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo op is with DOE; departure statements will be made. Re congressional meetings this afternoon; more congressmen (including Lott) will be brought in by reducing time spent with each to 10 minutes.	Speakes/ Duberstein
2. <u>Speech</u> : Reaction to speech reported by Comments Office was 3-1 in support; more complete report will be ready this morning. Speech was generally well-received.	Speakes
3. <u>Taiwan Arms Statement</u> : Should be put out as soon as possible to minimize adverse conservative reaction. Bistany and Clark will discuss bringing conservative journalists in for briefing.	Clark/ Bistany
4. <u>Housing Starts</u> : July figures will be released later today and will show a healthy increase; permits will also be up.	
5. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : Discharge petition in the House needs about 20 more signatures. The issue is not dead for this session: Prospects will depend on when Congress adjourns in October. Suggestion was made to get facts out about how much the President has personally done to move this issue forward.	Duberstein
6. <u>Clean Air Act</u> : Senate is due to report a bill by Thursday. In the House, Dingell and Waxman are trying to resolve differences; Boyden Gray has also suggested certain calls that can be made to help move the bill out of committee.	Duberstein Murphy
7. <u>Schmitt Meeting</u> : Will be held today to discuss copper issue, which has a great effect on Schmitt's re-election. Supplemental now contains \$198M for this, but Schmitt understands we may have to veto the bill. He will probably seek a commitment to include this money in any subsequent supplemental. Stockman has already sent letter opposing the expenditure. Meese will coordinate development of a position for the meeting with Schmitt.	Meese/ Duberstein Wright

8. Crime: New package has been developed by Justice which includes insanity defense, exclusionary rule, and habeas corpus. Decision is that package should be announced by President in his radio talk on August 28. Fuller/
Darman
 9. General Supplemental: Howard Baker asked for, and received, a letter from Stockman outlining the consequences of failure to pass a supplemental the President can sign. The main problem would be inability to meet the military payroll. OMB has also sent a letter to all agencies pointing out the procedure to follow if their budget comes out lower than their request; OMB will work with agencies in that situation to find offsets. Wright
 10. Conservatives: An article in Newsweek pointed out that certain conservative politicians plan to hold a mid-term issues conference.
 11. Tax Bill: So far, over 50 business organizations are supporting the bill. NAM is with us and BRT should follow. The Chamber remains officially opposed, though a slim majority of the board is signing a letter of support which can be used. A letter of support from a number of labor unions will be ready today or tomorrow. Cavaney
- Regarding the President's activity, he should issue a strong promise to veto budget-busting bills (perhaps via a letter to Trent Lott today). The President should also undertake some action to place him in contact with ordinary citizens this week; personally greeting the tour line in the East Wing was suggested. Nofzige
12. Timber Bailout: Hearing will be held today. Our position is that we will not forgive the contracts, but we will be flexible on the timetable for payout. Duberstein will inform Hatfield in advance. Harper/
Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (8/18/82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule Changes</u> : Congressional meeting will be held from 11:15 to 12:00 in the State Dining Room; the Deficit Reduction meeting is moved to 2:30; and a congressional dinner is added at 7:00.	Deaver
2. <u>Personal Income</u> : July figures rose 1% over June (which showed a 0.4% increase. Also, the savings rate went from 6.9% to 7.3% in June, and is expected to rise again in July.	
3. <u>School Prayer</u> : Schmults will deliver testimony today.	Fuller
4. <u>Taiwan</u> : Helms will release a statement on the subject today.	Dubenstein/ Clark
5. <u>Clean Air</u> : Dingell's committee is trying to work out differences on the bill.	Dubenstein
6. <u>Immigration</u> : A version very close to our proposal passed the Senate yesterday. Chances of passage in the House after recess are better than 50-50.	Dubenstein
7. <u>Tax Bill</u> : All senior staff with contacts on the Hill are encouraged to make calls. A favorable poll on the subject by Dick Wirthlin is being completed, and will be distributed to House Republicans. Also, despite news accounts to the contrary, Conable will support the tax bill. A Republican conference will be held today which may discuss filing suit to block the bill on constitutional grounds; Fielding will prepare talking points re our views on constitutionality.	Dubenstein/ Fielding
Speakes will deal with misreporting of Stockman statements in today's press briefing.	Speakes
Among outside groups, a majority of Chamber board members now say they support the bill; a letter of support from labor leaders will go out today, and will especially be used with the Michigan and Ohio delegations; and we will work with Iacocca to get a public statement of support from Riegle.	Cavaney/ Fuller
8. <u>Reconciliation</u> : Reason for failure in House yesterday was due to back-door attempt at raising congressional pay. The matter will come up again in the House.	Dubenstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (8/19/82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Time at 2:00 will be left open to brief congressional leadership on Lebanon if necessary. We will wait to see how House proceedings go on the tax bill before deciding when and how the President will respond to the Lebanese request.	Clark
2. <u>Tax Bill</u> : Vote on the rule will occur between 12:00 and 1:00; debate on bill will then last 4 to 5 hours.	Duberstein
3. <u>General Supplemental</u> : Senators Baker and Hatfield will meet with the President on this today. A time should be set to brief the President on the bill and the options available.	Duberstein
4. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Corporate profit figures will be out later today. A re-estimate of 2nd quarter GNP showed revised growth of 1.3% (down from 1.7%).	
5. <u>Taiwan</u> : Arms statement probably did not cause any votes to be lost on the tax bill. Overall, this situation has calmed down; F5-E notification, which goes up today, has helped.	Clark
6. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : Senator Bradley has raised questions and submitted an extensive amendment; Senator Dole seems inclined to delay vote until the matter is resolved.	Duberstein
7. <u>Abortion/School Prayer</u> : Report is that Helms combined both issues into one bill, which violated an agreement and opened the bill, subsequently, to a filibuster. Helms, however, still feels he has a procedural argument that will allow a vote on the bill.	Duberstein
8. <u>Mount St. Helens</u> : A problem has been caused by a natural dam, formed by the eruption, which is in danger of bursting. Over 40,000 people may need to be evacuated. Governor Spellman has asked that a state of emergency be proclaimed by the President that will allow FEMA to help. Report is that the President will sign the necessary proclamation this morning.	Williamson/ Darman