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SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-1-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity is with Panamanian President and during Supreme Court luncheon.	Speakes
2. <u>Continuing Resolution</u> : Will be considered in House today after Balanced Budget Amendment, and will then be voted on by the Senate. The Resolution is expected at the WH around 5-6 p.m. today. Problems regarding defense spending have been resolved.	Duberstein
3. <u>HUD Appropriations Bill</u> : This was signed last night, and is therefore not covered in the CR. It is the only 1983 appropriations bill the President has received so far.	
4. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : The Democrats have offered their own amendment, which will be voted on first in the House. Our amendment will be voted on after that. The last version to receive a majority in the committee of the whole will then go to the full House for a 2/3 vote. Legislative Strategy will meet this morning concerning our position on the first vote. OMB is preparing a fact sheet on the Democratic amendment, and a Presidential letter is also possible.	Duberstein Darman
It was also noted that Kemp, in speaking on CBS radio, said that this is no time to be talking about a balanced budget when facing 10% unemployment.	
5. <u>Radio Marti</u> : This is being held up because of filibuster talk by Jepson, Grassley, Kassebaum and Zorinsky.	Duberstein
6. <u>Handicapped Regulations</u> : Now that some of the more controversial proposals have been withdrawn, it was suggested that we refrain from drawing any more attention to this matter until after the election.	Fuller
7. <u>C-5B Lobbying</u> : GAO report alleges that there were civil and criminal violations by the Pentagon in its efforts to secure approval of funding for the C-5B. DOD had previously investigated the matter and had concluded that there were no problems. However, Justice may now have to review the matter.	Fielding
8. <u>Crime Package</u> : This has passed the Senate, but O'Neill and Rodino have it bottled up in the House.	Duberstein
9. <u>Export Trading Bill</u> : Conference report will be voted on today by both houses of Congress.	Duberstein
10. <u>Jobs Training Bill</u> : Conference report has passed the Senate and will be taken up on the House floor today. Preparations should begin for a signing ceremony.	Duberstein Dole

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ITEMS	ACTION
11. <u>1983 Economic Summit</u> : It will be announced today that Williamsburg, Virginia, has been selected as the site for next Spring's summit.	Speakes
12. <u>Bankruptcy Legislation</u> : Howard Baker will not raise this matter without unanimous consent. Metzenbaum is objecting to the bill because of its consumer credit provisions; however, Thurmond and Dole have refused to pull the provisions. Since passage looks unlikely, Justice will ask the court for a stay of its order setting an October 4 deadline.	Duberstein Fielding
13. <u>Legal Services Board Nominees</u> : We are trying to get a time agreement in order to confirm 8 of our nominees (with Paras' nomination being withdrawn).	Duberstein
14. <u>Sanctions for Abuse of Federal Funds</u> : USDA is prepared to impose sanctions on states which have a certain amount of fraud in their food stamp programs. It was decided, though, to postpone the imposition of sanctions for at least a month. By that time, AFDC and Medicaid fraud can be included in the program, drawing more overall media attention to our initiative.	Wright
15. <u>Lebanon</u> : Report is that yesterday's death of a Marine was caused by a cluster-type munition supplied by the U.S. An investigation into the incident is still going on, and we should have no comment until it is complete.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-4-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Congressional Wind-up</u> : The Export Trading, Jobs Training, and Financial Institutions bills all passed. Our Legal Services nominees are still on the Hill. The Bankruptcy Courts and Regulatory Reform bills are still bottled up. Neither Radio Marti nor the Crime Package passed, but they are possible for the lame duck session. Also, regarding CBI, we have a commitment to mark-up the trading portions of the bill in the lame duck.	Duberstein
2. <u>Cabinet</u> : A half-hour meeting of CCLP with the President may be scheduled on Wednesday to follow-up on the previous organized crime presentation.	Fuller
3. <u>Budget Review Board</u> : A meeting will be scheduled early this week to deal with several outstanding matters.	Fuller
4. <u>Political Strategy</u> : It was suggested that we be careful not to create a perception that we are blaming the Democrats for all our problems. The strategy is to point out that the program will work, given time, and that there is no workable alternative. Feldstein has drafted guidance on the question of a "tradeoff" between inflation and unemployment. It was also mentioned that the election could still shift either way, and that Republicans should not be overly pessimistic (though we should not speak in terms of breaking even, either).	Gergen
5. <u>Jobs Training Bill</u> : Signing ceremony is being planned, possibly for Wednesday. We may invite citizens who would be helped by the legislation. There is a question, though, as to whether the bill will reach the WH by Wednesday.	Duberstein
6. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : On Friday night, Conable reintroduced the amendment and Lott re-filed a discharge petition.	Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-5-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule:</u> Photo opportunity with Baker and Michel in Oval Office, and also during meeting with Patriarch Diodorus. CCFA meeting, which was originally scheduled to brief the President on problems in the agricultural sector, has been postponed until tomorrow; press aspects of meeting will be discussed in advance with Secretary Block. Also, it will be announced today that the President will have lunch with Ambassador Habib tomorrow.	Speakes Fuller
2. <u>Signing Ceremonies:</u> Regarding the Jobs Training Bill, we are working toward a signing at around 11:00 tomorrow; a meeting will be held this morning concerning the event, including the possibility of inviting citizens who would benefit from the legislation.	Duberstein
Meeting will also discuss how to handle signing of Export Trading Bill and Reclamation Bill.	Duberstein
3. <u>Richards Resignation:</u> Guidance is that President will submit a nominee after the election to succeed Richards as head of the RNC.	Speakes Rollins
4. <u>VA:</u> Nimmo has stated his intention to leave the VA as soon as a successor is named.	von Damm

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-6-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : GOP candidates event will be covered by press; also, after lunch Habib will go outside for a photo opportunity and to answer questions.	Speakes
CCFA meeting with President has been postponed again since wheat flour export subsidy issue has caused disagreement among agencies. CCLP meeting will still be held, although OMB and Justice will need to discuss budgetary aspects in advance.	Fuller
It was again stressed that when a proposal has budgetary implications, fiscal papers should be prepared and the issue should be discussed with OMB before the matter goes to the President; if necessary, Budget Review Board should be convened in order that the President can have the benefit of its opinion prior to the actual policy decision.	
2. <u>Food Stamp Cuts</u> : Story today by Robert Pear in <u>New York Times</u> alleged that proposals had been made to cut meal subsidies for orphanages, retarded children and the elderly. This is being checked and guidance will be forthcoming.	Cicconi
3. <u>Nuclear Freeze Comments</u> : In response to Chris Wallace's report that WH aides were unhappy with the President's comments, it was emphasized that such talk from WH staff is destructive and should not, under any circumstances, recur.	
4. <u>Combined Federal Campaign</u> : It was noted that the WH effort, headed this year by Ed Meese, will get under way soon.	
5. <u>Recess Appointments</u> : Regarding nominees to Claims Court, decision was to wait and push the nominations during the lame duck session; if they are not confirmed at that time, they will receive recess appointments. Regarding Legal Services Board, we may give a recess appointment to Frank Donatelli to fill the vacant spot on the Board.	Fielding
6. <u>Florida Primary</u> : Van Poole won the Republican nomination for the Senate.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-7-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Pay Raise:</u> It was announced that the 4% federal pay raise will be distributed to WH staff across-the-board. A small amount is also available for merit increases not to exceed 2%, which can be applied for via memorandum to John Rogers.	Darman
2. <u>News Stories on Budget Cuts:</u> It was mentioned that stories regarding FY '84 budget cuts are particularly harmful this close to November 2. To address the problem, Ed Meese will talk with the Cabinet and reiterate that there should be no comments from the departments about the FY '84 budget until after the election.	Meese Fuller
3. <u>Critical Press Comments by WH Aides:</u> It was again stressed that staff comments criticizing the President or his policies are destructive, and must not continue. Consideration will be given to routing all press calls through the Press Office. In the meantime, it was decided that Assistants to the President will inform their respective staffs that they are not to speak with the press.	
4. <u>Senior Staff:</u> There will be no senior staff meeting on Monday, October 11. However, senior staff will meet tomorrow, October 8.	

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

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1. Schedule: President meets today with de la Madrid, signs Export Trading Bill, and then goes to the ranch.
2. Unemployment: Rate is now 10.1%. Number of people employed has fallen from 99.8 million to 99.7 million. Secretary Regan will brief on the subject at 10 a.m.; there is little reason for others to be commenting. Our emphasis will be on the need to create jobs.

It was mentioned that Lane Kirkland and Coretta King will lead a protest today in Lafayette Park. Also, the Joint Economic Committee will meet today to exploit the unemployment figures as part of an orchestrated Democratic strategy. Domenici and Jepsen will hold press conferences today to criticize such tactics.
3. Federal Reserve: We should not comment on report that Fed is easing credit and pushing down interest rates. Regan will talk with Volcker and will then brief Feldstein and Harper to be certain we are in coordination.
4. Poland: Information is that Polish government will outlaw Solidarity either today or tomorrow. Riots are probable.
5. Pipeline: Inaccurate stories alleging that the Administration is backing away from sanctions will probably appear tomorrow.
6. Steel Industry: Representatives of tubular steel industry met with Dole and Harper yesterday to urge government help. Baldrige is working on this problem.
7. Radio Talk: Topic tomorrow will be the economy, particularly foreign trade. Comments on the draft are needed as soon as possible.
8. Foreign Policy Review: Guidance concerning Michael Getler's story in the Post is that it is nothing new. Such reviews are ongoing, though our objectives and priorities remain the same.
9. Desegregation: It was mentioned that DOJ plans to oppose intervention by the NAACP in a school desegregation case. Apparently, the NAACP has sought to intervene on the basis that Justice was not adequately representing minority interests in the case.

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SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-12-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule:</u> Soeharto arrival and signing ceremony will be covered by press today. Signing of Reclamation Bill will be videotaped for showing in Western states.	Speakes
Cabinet time at 2 p.m. will be used for a private meeting with Secretary Block.	Fuller
2. <u>Crime:</u> New initiatives against crime and drugs will be announced Thursday at the Justice Department. The Budget Review Board will discuss fiscal aspects of the initiatives, and other subjects, in a meeting tomorrow.	Fuller Gergen
3. <u>Budget:</u> Regarding story in the <u>Post</u> which speculates on a \$175B deficit in FY '84, WH staff were again cautioned not to discuss budget matters until after the election.	
4. <u>Jobs Training Bill:</u> Signing is set for tomorrow, and will probably include 18 and 19-year olds and displaced workers who would benefit from the bill. Democrats have been invited, though it is uncertain whether they will attend. Two of the networks are still assessing the "newsworthiness" of the event before deciding to televise it.	Fuller Gergen Dubenstein
5. <u>Retail Sales:</u> Figures will be out later today. We have not had advance word on what they will indicate.	Feldstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-13-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity will be held during 11:45 meeting with job trainees and during signing ceremony at noon in Room 450.	Speakes
2. <u>Speech on the Economy</u> : NBC and CBS will televise the speech, though ABC has declined to do so. Guidance is that we are still looking at the idea of purchasing network time for a primarily political speech; this is a different speech than originally planned; it is not a partisan speech and is instead a progress report on the economy.	Gergen
Time will be scheduled for Gergen to go over different aspects of the speech with the President. A copy of the speech will be released this afternoon with an embargo on it.	Gergen
3. <u>Anti-Crime Initiatives</u> : President will speak on subject at Justice Department for 10-15 minutes tomorrow. A fact sheet has been prepared, and the BRB will meet today to discuss funding.	Fuller Gergen
4. <u>Interest Rates</u> : Decrease of prime rate to 12% yesterday is indicative of recent across-the-board drop in interest rates.	
5. <u>Draft Registration Suit</u> : Defense in current case contends government is engaging in selective prosecution, and has asked for government documents. WH is claiming executive privilege.	Fielding
6. <u>Retail Sales</u> : Figures yesterday were up 1.0% after being down in August. This figure is normally volatile, though.	
7. <u>Food Stamps</u> : Earlier regulation effectively barring food stamps for strikers is being revised. Effect will be that anyone not eligible for food stamps before a strike cannot become eligible while on strike.	Wright Harper
8. <u>Hispanics</u> : Event is being planned in Texas at which SER will endorse the President's economic recovery program. SER's board consists largely of members of LULAC and GI Forum. Bill Bonilla is working with us on the event, which will involve the VP.	Dole
9. <u>Job Training Bill</u> : Duberstein will talk to Quayle to ask his cooperation in countering skepticism about how long, and how strongly, the President has supported the bill. Gergen will arrange for Roger Porter to do background briefing for the press.	Duberstein Gergen Porter
10. <u>Vietnam Veterans' Memorial</u> : It was mentioned that the Fine Arts Commission will today review the proposed addition to the design of a statue and flagpole. If approval is given, the dedication can be held on November 13.	Dole

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-14-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity will be during Justice Department event; photo with Pele is also possible. CIA movie will also be scheduled for 15 minutes this afternoon.	Speakes
Since teleconferencing this evening will be covered by the press, the President should have time this afternoon to review the questions he will be asked.	Deaver Gergen
2. <u>Cabinet</u> : Meeting at 2:00 will include briefings by Judge Clark on the emergency operations plan, and by Bill Verity on Private Sector Initiatives.	Fuller
3. <u>Civil Rights Commission</u> : Statement supporting mandatory busing is reportedly being sent to the President. Ed Harper will provide press guidance.	Harper Speakes
4. <u>"Trends in Cities" Report</u> : Information is that some staffers connected with the Joint Economic Committee have authored a critical report. OPD, OMB and HUD are looking at the report now, and will provide guidance. For now, a low-key posture should be taken; we can also express confidence that the report does not represent the views of the Joint Economic Committee.	Harper Williamson
5. <u>Business Coalition Meetings</u> : Will be held today. Purpose is to reassure them about access, give them an idea of our agenda for next year, and to smooth over any bad feelings from the tax bill battle.	Dole
6. <u>Private Sector Survey on Cost Control</u> : We are working to get some preliminary results from the group in order to make clear how helpful it is in our efforts to improve governmental efficiency.	Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-15-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunities today will be held after Farm Speech and during signing of Garn bill.	Speakes
2. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Producer Price Index was down 0.1% today. However, Industrial Production was also down 0.6%. It was noted that both figures had been expected to be worse.	
3. <u>Saturday Radio Speech</u> : Draft is being reviewed. It is considered important that there be no comments concerning the subject matter of the speech.	Gergen
4. <u>Farm Speech</u> : Will be delivered via radio hookup into a "farm network" of up to 350 stations. No union problem is anticipated over our broadcast setup. Secretary Block will brief the press on camera at 9:30.	Gergen Fuller
Export promotion issue is still on hold: decision has not yet been made and the issue will not be discussed today.	Fuller
5. <u>Tylenol/ Drug Packaging Problems</u> : Secretary Schweicker and FDA are in the process of meeting with industry representatives on the question of federal packaging standards. The goal is to develop an Administration position on the issue as soon as possible.	Fuller
6. <u>Federal Personnel Reductions</u> : Recent stories have evaluated progress toward the President's goal of reducing the number of federal employees by 75,000. Since there is a question about the accuracy of data in such reports, we should attempt to pull together reliable figures on the change in number of employees in each agency; this data should then be forwarded to the Press Office.	Fuller Speakes
7. <u>CBS Story on Economic Problems in Cleveland</u> : This story ran on CBS news Monday night right before the President's speech. The President reportedly said at the time that something should be done about it. The problem, and possible means of addressing it, will be checked into.	Fuller Williamson
8. <u>Teleconferencing</u> : Another series is set for Monday night. President's remarks should be carefully reviewed in advance. Also, material should be forwarded in a Q&A format.	Baroody Darman
9. <u>Crime Program</u> : Guidance is that funding will come from other departmental budgets without an overall budget increase.	Wright Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-18-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunities are during signing ceremony and on arrival of the King of Norway.	Speakes
Last teleconferencing will be held tonight. Questions have been circulated for comment on a quick turnaround basis.	Darman
It was noted that Steiger Award event involves small venture capitalists; they should be available to the press outside after the event.	
Also, Senator Brady will go outside after meeting with the President to indicate his belief that interest rates will fall to 10%.	
Lastly, photo with Fred Napolitano will be postponed until tomorrow in hopes of good news on housing starts. Also, we should look into possibility of signing housing proclamation at that time.	Dole
2. <u>Military Manpower Task Force</u> : Will meet with President today to present report on the success of the all-volunteer Army. Weinberger and Meese will brief on the report afterwards.	Meese Fuller
3. <u>CCLP</u> : Will meet today with President at 2 p.m. for briefing on civil rights enforcement by Brad Reynolds and Clarence Pendleton.	Fuller
4. <u>Coastal Barriers Bill</u> : It was mentioned that this had originally been set for a signing ceremony, but there were difficulties in securing the attendance of the appropriate legislators. Thus, the bill will be signed this afternoon without a ceremony; the possibility of releasing a signing statement will be checked into.	Darman
5. <u>Debt Collection Bill</u> : Question was raised as to whether prepared remarks should be toned down due to present economic situation. It was agreed that we would take another look at the statement.	Gergen
6. <u>Economic Figures</u> : GNP revision, personal income, and housing starts will all be released this week. Regarding unemployment, it was mentioned that there will be no long-term forecasts until January.	Feldstein
7. <u>Social Security</u> : In the wake of two consecutive stories in the Post quoting Administration officials on this subject, it was again emphasized that all questions about social security be deferred until the Greenspan Commission reports.	
8. <u>Number of Federal Employees</u> : Exact figures will be reported by Don Devine in CCMA meeting Wednesday.	Fuller
9. <u>Tylenol/Drug Packaging</u> : Schweicker has formed a task force with industry representatives and will soon implement tamper-resistant drug packaging regulations.	Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-19-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity today will be with President Gemayel in the Rose Garden as they walk over from the residence. NSC time originally scheduled for 2 p.m. has been cancelled.	Speakes
2. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Personal income is up 0.3%. Housing starts will not be released until 2:30, though there are indications that they will be up. In connection with the housing figures, we should prepare to sign the housing proclamation around 3:00 or 3:30 p.m.; this would include a photo opportunity and would involve Fred Napolitano and others.	Darman Dole Speakes
3. <u>Pipeline Sanctions</u> : It was mentioned that, from NSC's standpoint, the President's comments yesterday on possible easing of sanctions came off well.	
4. <u>Unemployment Benefits</u> : Story today in the <u>Post</u> is misleading with regard to the expiration of benefits in certain states. OMB will draft talking points to clarify the situation, especially with regard to the special extension of benefits for up to 10 weeks in certain areas.	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-22-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunities are with Arab delegation on arrival and departure, and during bill signing ceremony.	Speakes
2. <u>Handicapped</u> : OMB is working on a rebuttal to critical report issued yesterday regarding the Administration's record on matters affecting the handicapped. OMB draft of rebuttal will also be reviewed by Barody.	Wright Barody
3. <u>Exercise "Proud Saber"</u> : This is a communications exercise designed to preserve governmental leadership in the event of a crisis. The exercise itself is scheduled to begin Monday and run through November 4. Clark will check on possibility of postponing the exercise. Speakes will receive guidance from NSC in order to refute any misinformation about the purpose of the exercise.	Clark
4. <u>Pastor Silevan Case</u> : We are now receiving a large amount of mail and phone calls expressing sympathy for the minister, who is in jail for refusal to comply with state education standards. Harper will draft a letter of response. In the meantime, our Department of Education is mediating in hopes of resolving the case.	Harper Fuller
5. <u>Steel Accord</u> : USTR is currently meeting with representatives of the specialty steel industry, who are upset with the terms of the settlement that has been reached. The WH should not become involved in listening to industry complaints prior to receiving Brock's recommendations.	Fuller
6. <u>Environmental Research Bill</u> : It is very possible that this legislation will be vetoed; last day for action is Saturday. Both OMB and EPA have recommended veto on the basis that the bill imposes unnecessary new research requirements that exceed current regulatory responsibilities of EPA.	Darman Duberstein
7. <u>Lead Content in Gasoline</u> : Today EPA will announce a reduced lead standard of 1.1 (this is the lower of two possible levels discussed recently).	Fuller
8. <u>Superfund</u> : Congressman Dingell is asking for a document related to Superfund enforcement; the subpoena requires that the document be released before the election.	Fielding Duberstein
9. <u>Draft Registration Case</u> : Judge Hatter is insisting that Administration documents be handed over in full, and has said that an answer must be filed by Monday. The defense is trying to show selective prosecution. We will act on the basis of DOJ recommendations; all comments should be kept at the U.S. Attorney level.	Fielding
10. <u>Postal Service</u> : It was mentioned that a wage settlement of \$400M for 800,000 workers has been agreed to. This money was set aside previously. Questions should be referred to DOL.	Speakes

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It was also suggested that we accelerate our appointments to the Postal Service Board of Governors.	von Damm
11. <u>Radio Speech</u> : Draft was circulated last night for comment.	Darman
12. <u>Trade Sanctions</u> : Ambassadors are now meeting and studying a possible package to address the sanctions issue. Guidance is that the President is not inclined to alter his sanctions policy, but if the Europeans suggest an acceptable alternative, he will consider it; it should not be implied that the President is looking for a way out.	Speakes
13. <u>Donovan Statement re \$2B Jobs Program</u> : Although there was little substance behind this statement, we should be careful not to criticize the idea of addressing the infrastructure problem. Comments should be kept at the Labor Department.	Fuller
14. <u>Social Security</u> : Concerning story in the <u>Baltimore Sun</u> that the WH wants the lame duck session of Congress to consider the social security problem, guidance is that we are taking no action and making no decisions until the Greenspan Commission issues its report.	Speakes

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10-25-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Gerald Ford will talk with the press between 9:30 and 9:45. Also, Polish-American leaders will speak with the press after their meeting with the President.	Speakes
2. <u>CCCT</u> : Will meet with the President at 2:00 to discuss a paper on high technology, and for a decision on a minority business policy paper (though the plan is not to release the paper until after the election).	Fuller
3. <u>Political Trips</u> : President will visit North Carolina tomorrow, and on Thursday and Friday he will visit Nevada, New Mexico, Wyoming and Montana.	
4. <u>Economic Figures</u> : The CPI will be released tomorrow and the figures should be good. Leading indicators will be out Friday and will be mixed.	Feldstein
5. <u>Budget</u> : OMB will announce tomorrow that the 1982 deficit is \$110.7B	Wright
6. <u>Superfund</u> : Guidance is that story that EPA is going slow on Superfund clean-ups is inaccurate. Questions should be referred to EPA.	
7. <u>Miscellaneous Revenue Bill</u> : This is a minor revenue bill which mostly consists of tax law changes. One provision, which DOD favors, provides unemployment compensation benefits to ex-service-men. DOD has, however, advocated a veto due to fact that benefits are to be paid out of the Defense budget; failing a veto, they have asked that a statement be issued opposing the practice of taking such funds out of Defense spending. Since there appears to be little question that the bill will be signed, the President will decide whether such a statement is issued.	Darman
8. <u>Coordinating Council on Women's Issues</u> : Plan is for the President to drop by meeting today (around 6:00 if possible).	Dole
9. <u>Retirement Communities</u> : Problem in obtaining FHA and VA mortgages has been resolved with HUD's help. Suggestion is that Gergen consider this as a possible event sometime during the week.	Gergen Dole
10. <u>Small Business Regulations</u> : Information is that 1,100 regulations affecting small business must be published in the Federal Register by the end of October. Publication and delivery problems, however, may cause the deadline to be tight. OMB will check with counsel on whether regulations can be delivered for publication on Monday and still comply with the law.	Wright
11. <u>Social Security</u> : Information is that <u>Post</u> story re OPD advisor's views on social security was largely inaccurate. Decision is to wait until after election before seeking a retraction.	Harper

It was also mentioned that Newsweek is fishing for a pre-election story on social security, and that WH staff should be cautious in commenting.

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1. <u>Dingell Information Request</u> : Hauser will brief the President at 9:00 on the reasons for asserting a claim of executive privilege. This request for information relates to hazardous waste disposal sites.	Hauser
2. <u>Consumer Price Index</u> : September figure is up 0.2%. This is an annualized rate of 2.1%. This year to date, the CPI is running at 4.8%, down from 5.1% last month. The President will mention the figure before departure this morning and again in his North Carolina remarks. In particular, it will be pointed out that the 4.8% rate is the same CPI level Jimmy Carter inherited from President Ford.	Gergen
Index of Leading Indicators will be released Friday, and there is a good possibility that it will be up.	Feldstein
3. <u>Fiscal '82 Deficit</u> : This figure, \$110.7B, will be released today after being presented to the President in a memo from Stockman and Regan. It was mentioned that the final deficit figure is very close to the one we forecast last year.	Wright
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5. <u>Regulations Affecting Small Business</u> : Listing of regulations will be published in the Federal Register this Thursday and Friday. OMB is preparing a paper highlighting the most significant regulations.	Wright
6. <u>ACLU</u> : Possibility of responding to ACLU criticism will be looked into after the report is analyzed.	Harper
7. <u>United Nations</u> : U.S. is prepared to cancel all payments and cease most activities in the U.N. if the General Assembly votes to oust Israel today.	Clark

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1. <u>Schedule:</u> Meetings with marathoners and small business leaders are photo ops. After Stigler meets with the President, he will speak to the press. WH photo will be taken during luncheon with Theodore Roosevelt Association.	Speakes
2. <u>Draft Registration Case:</u> Materials requested by Judge Hatter are on their way to California.	Hauser
3. <u>Dingell Request for Information:</u> Yesterday's hearing was cancelled, and a new date has not been set. We have not yet had to assert executive privilege regarding the EPA documents requested.	Hauser
4. <u>Toxic Wastes in Missouri:</u> UPI story was mentioned which alleges that EPA is considering an inadequate response to the problem of dioxin dumped at various sites in Missouri. We should check with EPA, and then talk with Danforth regarding the gravity of the problem.	Fuller Atwater
5. <u>Ed Rollins:</u> He is still in intensive care and is listed as "stable." He will probably be hospitalized for 10-14 days. No surgery is now contemplated.	
6. <u>Revocation of Most Favored Nation Status for Poland:</u> This decision has already been announced; the proclamation will probably be signed today.	Darman Clark
7. <u>Leading Indicators:</u> CEA's feeling is that these may be up on Friday, though by less than 1%.	Feldstein
8. <u>Agent Orange:</u> It was suggested that a staffer be assigned to deal with this issue and the various news stories on it that have recently come up.	Harper
9. <u>Western Trip:</u> The President will leave tomorrow morning, visit 5 Western states, and return Friday evening.	
10. <u>Education of Handicapped Children:</u> Decision is that regulation changes will be announced sometime late next week.	Fuller Wright
11. <u>WH Conference on Aging:</u> GAO has issued an "interim summary report" on this. Representative Pepper has a copy and may try to make political use of it. The report itself seems to be mostly a re-statement of facts.	Hauser
12. <u>Congressional Elections:</u> Re Broder story, guidance is that we do not feel it likely we will lose control of the Senate. Staff were also cautioned not to speculate regarding the black voter turnout.	

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ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Ed Rollins</u> : He is now able to receive visitors.	
2. <u>Productivity</u> : Business productivity is up 4%; manufacturing is up 7.1%. This type of rise in productivity normally occurs as a recovery begins. The figures should be used with caution, though, due to underlying factors.	
3. <u>Vander Jagt Letter</u> : Fund-raising letter mentioning Social Security problem was sent. Guidance is that WH did not know about the letter and did not review it; we are still waiting for the Commission's report; and the President is committed to protecting both the solvency of the system and current beneficiaries. It is important that WH staff avoid press speculation on the issue.	Speakes
It was also noted that Vander Jagt has a fund-raiser set for today that involves a request for a call from the President.	Darman
4. <u>Senior Staff</u> : There will be no senior staff meeting tomorrow.	
5. <u>Agent Orange</u> : It was mentioned that veterans' groups seem pleased that the issue is now being studied by the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta.	Dole
6. <u>Export Trade Policy</u> : A meeting is scheduled today with the Business Roundtable and Caterpillar executives to discuss trade policy. Brock, Regan and Baldrige will attend the meeting, which is one of a series that will be held as part of our planning process on the issue.	Harper