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SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-1-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Issues briefing lunch has been added to the schedule at noon. Also, there is a possibility of a meeting this afternoon with representatives of the Retail Sales Association.	Deaver
Tomorrow's schedule was briefly reviewed and it was decided that there would be no photo opportunity.	
2. <u>Cabinet</u> : Time has been set aside on Tuesday and Thursday for Cabinet Council sessions with the President on mid-term planning.	Fuller
3. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Unemployment figures will be released on Friday.	Feldstein
4. <u>School Prayer</u> : It was mentioned that there has been press criticism of remarks made by the President that imply the Democrats in Congress drove prayer out of the classroom. Guidance is that this should be handled in a low-key manner, refraining from further comment if possible.	Speakes
5. <u>Combined Federal Campaign</u> : Report is that this is off to a good start. The campaign ends in two weeks. All sections were encouraged to participate.	Meese
6. <u>Social Security</u> : <u>USA Today</u> has printed a story based on internal memos about plans to cut social security; this story should be knocked down immediately.	Speakes

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

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : No photo opportunity today. A WH photo will be distributed showing the President watching the returns. It was also noted that the Laxalt lunch has nothing to do with the RNC chairmanship.	Speakes
2. <u>CCEA</u> : Meeting today with the President; will discuss unemployment and international debt problems.	Fuller
3. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity will probably be with Spadolini.	Deaver
4. <u>Social Security</u> : <u>USA Today</u> has printed a follow-up to yesterday's story on this subject. It should also be knocked down.	Speakes
5. <u>Secretary of Energy</u> : The plan is to announce the new secretary on Friday, though the announcement may be held until Monday due to Friday's release of unemployment figures.	von Damm Hauser
6. <u>Election Arrangements</u> : The Roosevelt Room will be used this evening as a communications clearinghouse. WH staff were cautioned not to speak with the press tonight unless cleared in advance. Baker will brief the press on WH reaction in the course of the evening. The Cabinet has also been cautioned about speaking to the press without clearance.	Gergen
7. <u>Democratic Institutions Luncheon</u> : This will occur on Thursday. At present, draft remarks for the President are too long and inappropriately harsh; they will be rewritten in a more positive vein.	Clark Gergen
8. <u>Security</u> : The Secret Service has urged that all WH staff be reminded of the need to wear their badges.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-3-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : It was pointed out that today's meeting with Don Hodel should not be made public.	Speakes
2. <u>Election</u> : Information is that we will probably lose 25 seats in the House, including 23 of 27 incumbents considered "weak." We will lose 6 governorships, and should break even in the Senate. Guidance is that we feel our coalition remains intact in the House, and that losses are within our target range; our top priority was always the Senate and we have done very well there. Gergen has drafted talking points which will be circulated.	Gergen
3. <u>UN Resolution on the Falklands</u> : NSC has already forwarded press guidance.	Clark
4. <u>Pipeline Sanctions</u> : Misleading report has been spread which indicates there has been a breakthrough on a substitute package; this is not necessarily accurate, and we should try to refrain from any comment.	Speakes
5. <u>Belaunde</u> : This state visit, which was scheduled for November 9, is now off.	Clark

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-4-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule:</u> Photo opportunities with President Monge and during the President's luncheon remarks. No photo opportunity is planned for tomorrow.	Speakes
2. <u>Belaunde:</u> Guidance has been provided by NSC regarding cancellation of this state visit.	Allin
3. <u>Secretary of Energy:</u> Hodel's appointment will be announced tomorrow.	von Damm
4. <u>Specialty Steel Determination:</u> USTR has circulated a memo on this subject, though there is still some disagreement among the agencies involved. The issue will be taken up Monday in CCCT. There is a November 16 deadline on this determination.	Fuller
5. <u>World's Fair:</u> Commerce is anxious to move on deciding which of the U.S. applications, Miami or Chicago, to support. Duberstein expressed a desire to delay this decision for a short while.	Fuller Duberstein
6. <u>Illinois Governor's Race:</u> Thompson continues to hold a slim lead with ballots still being counted in Chicago.	Atwater
7. <u>Sanctions:</u> Despite comments made by Spadolini yesterday, guidance is that no agreement has been reached on a substitute package.	Allin

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SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-5-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Unemployment</u> : Rate rose to 10.4% in October. Total employment fell from 99.7M to 99.1M. Baldrige will brief on this subject and on other more encouraging economic signs. Gergen will formulate guidance to be followed by Press Office.	Gergen
2. <u>Appointments</u> : Announcement of Don Hodel as Secretary of Energy will be made today; consultations with Congress have already taken place. The announcement should also mention the Administration's continuing commitment to reorganize the Department of Energy.	von Damm
Announcement of Walters to head the VA will also be made today at noon. Meetings with leaders of veterans groups have been held to inform them of the nomination.	von Damm
3. <u>Arms Control</u> : Regarding news story that a major speech is planned on this subject, guidance is that there are no definite plans for such a speech though we consider addressing particular issues on an ongoing basis.	Allin
4. <u>Illinois Governor's Race</u> : Thompson is now 2,000 votes down, though we have been told that all Chicago precincts have been counted. Outstanding votes are largely in suburban areas which could put Thompson over the top.	Atwater
5. <u>Monday's Schedule</u> : Budget Review and Cabinet Council meetings are scheduled; there are no plans for a photo opportunity at this time.	Deaver
6. <u>Veterans Events</u> : A series of events are set for next week in connection with the Salute to Vietnam Veterans. The President is not now scheduled to participate in any events, though it has been suggested that he take part in a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on November 11. Decision was made that the President should do an event of some sort; Deaver, Clark and Dole will work out details.	Deaver Clark DCole

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

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : There will be no photo opportunity today.	
2. <u>Cabinet</u> : CCCT will meet with the President this afternoon regarding overall trade policy. The issue of specialty steel has been deferred until after a working session of CCCT tomorrow.	Fuller
On Wednesday, CCEA will meet with the President regarding user fees, and CCHR will meet with the President re health care cost containment.	Fuller
3. <u>Press Conference</u> : Will be held on Thursday. This will be announced tomorrow, though word will be circulated today that we are planning to have a news conference soon.	Speakes
4. <u>Vietnam Veterans</u> : Decision is to have a Rose Garden ceremony on Thursday followed by an opening statement regarding Vietnam veterans in the press conference that evening.	Dole Gergen
5. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Retail sales figures will be out on Wednesday.	Feldstein
6. <u>Habib</u> : Will arrive this morning; guidance is being worked out regarding his visit.	Clark
7. <u>Defense Budget</u> : Staff were urged to avoid any comments regarding the defense budget. Though the President has budget review sessions scheduled every day this week, no decisions are to be made. This entire issue will probably arise in the press conference Thursday night.	Clark Wright
8. <u>South American Trip</u> : Inference from <u>Newsweek</u> item is that the trip has little purpose; this should be strongly disputed. The trip includes a full schedule of working sessions in which heads of state from neighboring countries will also participate.	Allin

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-9-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : There will be a photo opportunity today during the President's lunch with the Vice President. Also, the press conference scheduled for Thursday will be announced today.	Speakes
2. <u>Post Story re Women Leaving the Army</u> : It was pointed out that the story gives a false impression and that the matter is not negative for the Administration. Dole will look into the issue further.	Dole
3. <u>Jobs Bills</u> : Information is that both Democrats and Republicans are preparing "jobs packages" for introduction in Congress. Guidance is to avoid comment insofar as possible, though we can mention our opposition to "make-work, dead end jobs."	Speakes
4. <u>Vietnam Veterans' Events</u> : It was mentioned that Secretary Weinberger plans to attend the events on Saturday; Secretary Watt may also attend.	Dole
5. <u>MX Missile</u> : From a legal standpoint it is important to make clear that the President is indeed making the decision regarding deployment of the MX; Weinberger is making a recommendation for the President's study and decision. This issue will arise in discussions today. Regarding Townes' letter (which is critical of deployment scheme), guidance is that the President will be apprised of <u>all</u> views on the issue.	Clark
6. <u>Pipeline Sanctions</u> : The issue of a substitute package is now moving quickly. If it comes about, we have assurances that the package will be well received within the alliance. NSC meeting will be held at 5:15 today to decide on what reciprocal actions we might take. In case of press questions, guidance is that the President has consistently stated he would only accept a substitute package that was as good as, or better than, our sanctions, especially from the standpoint of principle.	Clark Allin

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

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunities today are during Veterans Day event and meeting with Schultz and Habib.	Speakes
2. <u>Press Conference</u> : Will be held this evening. Briefings so far have gone quite well. Gergen, Deaver and Clark will discuss press conference handling of news of Brezhnev's death.	Gergen
3. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity will probably be during signing of Family Week proclamation.	Deaver
4. <u>Space Shuttle</u> : Launch this morning went very well. Possibility of a Presidential call to the astronauts today will be looked into.	Sittmann
5. <u>Gas Tax/User Fees</u> : Guidance remains the same as yesterday; however, concern was expressed about the way in which such a question on this might be presented to the President in the press conference. Issue will be discussed during briefing today.	Gergen
6. <u>Minority Business Policy</u> : Concern was expressed that the President may be questioned on why our policy statement on this has not yet been issued (our intention to do so was announced last year).	Porter
7. <u>Drilling in Wilderness Areas</u> : News story indicated that oil drilling took place in a federal wilderness area in New Mexico. Though the drilling has now been enjoined, environmentalists are charging that it took place with the tacit approval of Interior. We should attempt to get a report on what happened, since Congress is looking into the matter.	Fuller Porter
8. <u>Food Stamps</u> : The Administration will move forward in applying sanctions required by law against those states who have not properly administered the food stamp program.	Moran

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-12-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunities will be held during Family Week event and during Youth Volunteer meeting. WH photo will be taken during Hassan Ali's visit.	Speakes
2. <u>Brezhnev Funeral</u> : A distinguished but small delegation will be attending; make-up of the delegation is closed. Spouses will not be accompanying the delegation.	Clark
3. <u>Defense Budget</u> : Guidance is that the President remains committed to his defense build-up, though he would consider modifications aimed at greater efficiency. The 7% real growth rate remains a commitment, though it would be better to steer away from discussion of specific numbers.	Speakes Allin
4. <u>Freeze Movement</u> : Allin has State Department information for release regarding Soviet penetration and manipulation of the nuclear freeze movement.	Allin
5. <u>Governors</u> : Both NGA and Republican Governors are meeting this weekend. A resolution on the gas tax proposal is not now expected.	Williamson
6. <u>Monday's Schedule</u> : Helmut Kohl will arrive for visit; this will be a photo opportunity.	Deaver
7. <u>NLRB Appointment</u> : Duberstein will check over the weekend re Randolph's position on the nomination of Dotson.	Duberstein
8. <u>Trade Policy</u> : Brock has suggested the President deliver a short address on this before the November 24 GATT Ministerial. Proposal will be forwarded to Darman for WH staffing. Decision will be made next week.	Clark Darman
9. <u>Arms Control Speech</u> : Date has been tentatively set for speech, but draft still needs a good deal of work.	Clark Gergen
10. <u>Evans and Novak Article re WH Staff Tensions</u> : Point was made that certain writers tend to look for staff who will confirm their preconceived notions; staff comments such as those contained in today's article by Evans and Novak are not only false, but also damaging to the President.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-16-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Shultz will provide background briefing at State Department after his meeting with the President today.	Clark Allin
2. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Producer Price Index was up at a 5.7% annualized rate. Industrial production was down 0.8%. Housing starts will be out tomorrow, and personal income will be out later in the week.	Feldstein
3. <u>Busing</u> : Justice Department has filed an amicus brief asking the Supreme Court to review a Nashville case. DOJ is seeking more flexibility for lower courts to revise busing plans that later prove counter-productive. Any questions should be referred to Justice.	Fielding
4. <u>Draft Registration Case</u> : Court ruling was apparently based on fact that Carter Administration did not allow a full 60-day comment period before implementing regulations.	Fielding
5. <u>Specialty Steel</u> : Decision memo will be transmitted to the President this morning.	Meese Darman
6. <u>Trade Policy Speech</u> : Decision is to address the subject in a radio talk rather than a formal speech. Draft remarks will be circulated for comment.	Darman
7. <u>Republican Governors</u> : It was reported that the meeting was not as bad for the Administration as today's article by David Broder suggests.	
8. <u>FEC</u> : Fielding has commented on behalf of WH re proposed regulation changes on use of AF-1. Other comments will be made by the RNC and the campaign committee.	Fielding
9. <u>Defense</u> : Information is that Congress is now marking up the defense appropriations bill; leaks can be expected.	Duberstein
10. <u>Substitute Package for Pipeline Sanctions</u> : Word is now out that a Memorandum of Understanding exists; we will be releasing it soon.	Clark
11. <u>MX</u> : It was stressed that a major fight is impending over the MX; full support from all WH staff will be necessary for the President's position to prevail.	Clark
12. <u>Catholic Bishops Letter re Nuclear Policy</u> : It was mentioned that an Administration response to the Bishops' draft letter has been sent.	Clark Allin
13. <u>Cabinet</u> : Meeting will be held on Friday to discuss the budget. Trade policy and unemployment will probably also be discussed.	Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-17-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity will be held during today's meeting with Baker and Michel.	Speakes
2. <u>Arms Control Speech</u> : Time of speech will probably be announced today. A draft has been circulated for comment; the draft will be forwarded to the President tomorrow. Regarding Schweid story and others, guidance is that the President has already proposed confidence building measures during his European trip; we should have no comment on the specifics of the speech.	Clark Darman Gergen
3. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : Possible photo opportunities include meeting with arms control team and Lipizzan stallions event.	Deaver Speakes
4. <u>Personal Income</u> : Figures for October are up 0.7%, though most of that reflects an increase in government transfer payments.	
5. <u>Trade Policy Radio Talk</u> : Draft will probably be circulated today.	Darman

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-19-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunities will be held during meeting of arms control advisory committee and during Lipizzan event. Also, teleconference will be covered by the press.	Speakes
2. <u>Cabinet</u> : Meeting this afternoon will discuss the budget; CCCT will meet immediately afterwards to discuss DISC and Research and Development.	Fuller
3. <u>Nominations</u> : von Damm and Meese will discuss NLRB nominations with a view toward moving soon on them. Regarding report that Thayer will succeed Carlucci, guidance is no comment.	von Damm Speakes
4. <u>Tax Cut</u> : Regarding the possibility of moving up the tax cut, guidance is that we are still interested in considering this.	Speakes
5. <u>Radio Talk on Trade</u> : Draft has gone to the President.	Darman
6. <u>Arms Control Speech</u> : Draft went to the President last night for his general reactions. A new draft will be sent in today that includes those reactions and further staff input.	Darman
7. <u>Monday's Schedule</u> : Bipartisan leadership meeting will be a photo opportunity. Presentation of Thanksgiving turkey will be rescheduled for Tuesday.	Deaver Speakes
8. <u>Michel/Baker Meeting</u> : Yesterday's meeting was low-key and cooperative. The expectation is that we can move forward in the lame duck on bankruptcy legislation, a jobs package, Radio Marti, and CBI. Prospects on clean air are improved, though probably not in the lame duck. Also, it appears the immigration bill is dead in the House.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-22-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : There will be no photo opportunity today except during the briefings. Regarding the bipartisan leadership meeting, good attendance is expected. The economic briefing today will be conducted by Regan and Feldstein. Also, the meeting with Senator Stevens is regarding the MX and defense spending; this meeting is not on the public schedule.	Speakes
2. <u>MX</u> : Press plan is for Judge Clark to read the President's statement regarding the MX at 2 p.m. (embargoed) with key senators and congressmen present from both parties; DOD will then conduct a technical briefing, followed by Weinberger briefing at the Pentagon. The next briefing will then be at 6 p.m. regarding the speech. A half hour will be reserved this afternoon around 2:00-2:30 to go over the speech with the President.	Clark Duberstein Gergen
After the speech, endorsements from two former Presidents, Brzezinski and others will be made available to the press. Both the evening and morning news shows are also covered.	Gergen
3. <u>Cabinet</u> : CCEA will meet with the President tomorrow at 11:15 to discuss jobs proposals.	Fuller
4. <u>Nominations</u> : Cicconi will check with von Damm regarding whether VA and NLRB nominations are ready to go.	Cicconi
5. <u>Budget</u> : OMB is instructing agencies that contacts with Congress on most budget issues (including re-programming) must be cleared by OMB seven days in advance.	Wright
6. <u>Task Force on Legal Equity for Women</u> : A meeting will be held today to discuss plans for a review of federal regulations. This meeting will not be publicized and will be handled in a low-key manner.	Cavaney

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-23-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Governor Ed Herschler of Wyoming will meet briefly with the President at 9:40; this will be a photo opportunity. Today's NSC meeting will discuss the South American trip.	Speakes Clark
2. <u>Arms Control Speech</u> : Last night's speech went very well by all accounts. The only criticism from Congress reported by the media were remarks by O'Neill and Addabbo. Phone calls are running 4-3 in favor of the President's position; we will receive more accurate readings on public reaction soon.	Gergen
3. <u>Cabinet</u> : CCEA will meet with the President at 11:15 to discuss various jobs proposals, including the gas tax. No decision is scheduled for today, but we will need to announce our position on a jobs package, and particularly on the gas tax, very soon.	Fuller
4. <u>Senior Staff</u> : There will be no senior staff meetings November 24 through 29. Meetings will resume November 30.	
5. <u>Economic Figures</u> : The CPI for October is up at an annualized rate of 5.9%.	
6. <u>Nominations</u> : We have received little reaction so far to our NLRB nominations. Reaction to our VA nomination has been quite good.	von Damm
7. <u>South American Trip</u> : We are still waiting for some speech drafts to come over from the State Department; the President needs to receive these drafts as soon as possible in order to begin work on them. It was also noted that all staff should make an effort to stress the legitimate purposes of the trip. These reasons include: a long-standing Presidential interest in visiting the region, a need for a degree of reconciliation in the wake of the Falklands dispute, concern over subversive efforts in Central America, the need to discuss economic difficulties in the region, and a desire to recognize the trend toward democracy in Latin America.	Clark Gergen
8. <u>Reagan Campaign Reunion</u> : It was reported that the reunion on November 4 ended with a \$5,000 surplus which has been donated to the James Brady Foundation.	
9. <u>MX</u> : Briefing for columnists will be held at 10:00 by Reed, DeLauer and others regarding the MX deployment; the President may briefly drop by this briefing. Regarding the MX in general, talking points and briefing books are being prepared. It is important that we sustain some momentum on this issue.	Clark Allin
It was reported that conservative organizations are uncomfortable with the dense-pack decision and will need reassurance.	Cavaney

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The House Appropriations Committee will begin consideration of the defense budget when it convenes on November 29. It is possible that a committee vote on the MX may take place sooner than we expect. The President will phone certain committee members while he is in California, and time will be set aside next week for committee members to be brought in for meetings with the President.

Duberstein

10. Saturday Radio Speech: President has indicated his desire to discuss the structural deficit this Saturday, and draft remarks should be prepared. It will be suggested, though, that a discussion of the CBI may be more timely in advance of the President's trip to Latin America.

Gergen
Baker

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11-30-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : After 9:30 meeting, a statement will be made with key congressional leaders present. The 11:00 meeting, at which President will drop by, will be to discuss the foreign assistance appropriations bill with the full subcommittee.	Gergen Duberstein
2. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Leading Indicators are up 0.6% for October. Perhaps more significantly, the revised figure for September is up 1.1% (from previous estimate of 0.5%).	
3. <u>GATT Ministerial</u> : Brock will be consulted before any decision is made on follow-up. NSC and OPD will begin discussions on possible response to frustration within U.S. agriculture community.	Meese Clark
4. <u>Gas Tax</u> : Senator Dole will hold a hearing on the proposal today, and Rostenkowski plans a hearing tomorrow. Lewis is working with Treasury to smooth out some details. OPL will forward a memo outlining effect of an equivalency tax on the retread tire industry; it is important, though, that this be understood as a small detail of the overall proposal, and that it can be worked out.	Duberstein Dole
5. <u>MX</u> : The first vote will be held before Saturday during House committee mark-up of the defense appropriations bill. The President and others are making phone calls, but the vote will be an uphill battle. Duberstein will set up a meeting today to discuss the situation. OPL is setting up meetings with conservative groups, and has compiled a breakdown of the MX's economic benefits to particular congressional districts. It was also mentioned that an MX support coalition of private groups is operating.	Clark Duberstein Dole
6. <u>Cabinet</u> : CCHR will meet Thursday to discuss proposals re Medicare/Medicaid, though consideration of certain options will be postponed. It was also decided that regulatory proposals regarding the handicapped will be postponed.	Fuller Wright
7. <u>Special Congressional Elections</u> : Being held in Georgia, though we do not expect to win either race.	Atwater