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SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-1-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Leading Indicators</u> : Air Force One was informed of yesterday's error in the figures (0.2% increase instead of 0.6%) as soon as word was received by CEA.	
2. <u>Congress</u> : House committee mark-up on the defense appropriations bill will begin Thursday; Ways and Means mark-up on our gas tax legislation will begin today.	Duberstein
A secret ballot election will be held tomorrow in the race between Packwood and Lugar to head the Senate Campaign Committee. This is expected to be very close.	Atwater
It was also mentioned that the "Bailout Group" will reconvene during the lame duck session.	Harper
3. <u>Local Content</u> : There is a chance that local content legislation will move during the lame duck session, especially in the House (it is now in the House Rules Committee); we do not feel the Senate will be receptive to it, though.	Duberstein
4. <u>Nuclear Freeze</u> : A group will be set up to coordinate the activities of the outreach offices on this issue.	Dole
5. <u>Rollins</u> : It was mentioned that Ed Rollins is expected to be back at work on Monday.	
6. <u>Ted Kennedy</u> : If Kennedy announces his intention not to run in 1984, word should be passed to the presidential party. Guidance is that no WH comment is necessary.	Franklin
7. <u>Georgia Special Elections</u> : Report is that the Democrats won both seats as expected.	
8. <u>Appropriations Bills</u> : It was reported that the bill which included the WH appropriation was cut 2% across-the-board.	Wright
9. <u>EPA/Superfund</u> : It is probable that Ann Gorsuch will testify before two House subcommittees on status of the Superfund. We have declined to turn documents over to the House regarding the program on advice of the Justice Department. It was also mentioned that Congress has requested documents prepared by OLC at Justice for the WH Counsel; this request is currently under discussion.	
10. <u>Lobbying</u> : Fielding will again circulate a memo to WH staff re legal restrictions on lobbying.	Fielding
11. <u>Budget</u> : The OMB passback to HHS was leaked to the <u>Washington Post</u> shortly after it was sent. The rationale for the proposed cuts will be explained in the future if the appeals process sustains them. In the meantime, guidance is that comments should be avoided.	

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12. <u>Criminal Justice Program</u> : Regarding proposed ceilings, decision is to concentrate on getting the authorization through and then go for a supplemental next year.	Wright Duberstein

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

ITEMS	ACTION
<p>1. <u>Congressional Activity</u>: Production and R&D money for the MX will be taken up this morning in the House Appropriations Committee. The President, Vice President, and others have been making calls; the vote is expected to be close.</p>	Duberstein
<p>The Senate Appropriations Committee will mark-up the foreign assistance bill today. Increase in aid to Israel is a key issue.</p>	Duberstein McFarlane
<p>House will finish work on nuclear waste disposal bill very soon. This has already passed the Senate and is one of the President's priorities.</p>	Duberstein
<p>Also, it was noted that the vote on who will head the Senate Campaign Committee will be held today at 9:00 a.m.</p>	Atwater
<p>2. <u>Legal Services Corporation</u>: Current report is that the Senate does not plan to take up our nominees in the lame duck session.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Clean Air Act</u>: Recommendations on strategy are being formulated for passage of revisions in the Act. When there is a consensus, the Legislative Strategy group will be convened.</p>	Duberstein Fuller
<p>4. <u>FTC</u>: House voted yesterday to exempt professions from FTC coverage. Broyhill's version, which we supported, lost 208-195. The issue now goes to the Senate.</p>	Duberstein
<p>5. <u>Nominations</u>: Hodel, Walters and Dotson are all moving forward and have encountered no unanticipated problems.</p>	Duberstein von Damm
<p>6. <u>Immigration</u>: Will probably reach House floor next week; prospects for passage are greatly improved.</p>	Duberstein
<p>7. <u>Economic Figures</u>: Unemployment figures will be out tomorrow and are expected to be up slightly. Housing, however, shows marked improvement in virtually every respect.</p>	Feldstein
<p>8. <u>MX</u>: NSC has briefed various conservative groups, including Weyrich's, and will work with Dole on scheduling others.</p>	Dole McFarlane
<p>9. <u>Nuclear Freeze</u>: Possibility of creating an outreach coordination group on this issue is still being discussed.</p>	Fuller
<p>10. <u>Budget</u>: Meetings have been held with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce to elicit their support in the coming fight to reduce the deficit. It is important to make clear that the President is committed to deficit reduction, and continues to work toward an eventual balanced budget.</p>	Wright Dole
<p>11. <u>Strategic Petroleum Reserve</u>: Presidential letter is being sent to Senator McClure stating that it is not in the national interest to fill the SPR at the high rate targeted by Congress. It is important to note, however, that we are not backing off our position and that we are continuing to fill the SPR at a steady rate that is much higher than that of the previous Administration.</p>	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-3-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Unemployment</u> : November figure is up to 10.8%; total employment fell by around 60,000. It was noted that the Democrats may announce their jobs program today in order to couple it with the unemployment news. Guidance on this is to repeat that we favor permanent jobs, not make-work deadend jobs such as the Democratic bill would create.	Franklin
2. <u>Senate Campaign Committee</u> : Lugar was elected yesterday to chair the Committee. Guidance, if asked, is that we feel Lugar will do an excellent job, and that this was a decision left solely to the Republican senators.	Franklin
3. <u>MX</u> : Yesterday in Addabbo's committee a motion to delete production funds was defeated 26-26. We expect a very tough floor fight on this. We should attempt to concentrate our arguments on actual production of the missile at this point, and not on the basing mode since production itself seems more clearly favored. NSC and OPL will conduct a briefing today for conservative and business leaders at 10:00 in room 450.	Duberstein McFarlane Dole
4. <u>Nuclear Waste Disposal</u> : Bill passed yesterday and now goes to conference. Contrary to newspaper reports, we feel chances are better than even that differences will be resolved before the lame duck session ends.	Duberstein
5. <u>Gas Tax</u> : Bill has been reported out of committee; it is expected to reach the House floor on Monday and the Senate floor on Wednesday.	Duberstein
6. <u>Foreign Assistance Bill</u> : It is important to stress that the unrequested increase in aid to Israel is at the expense of other countries such as Pakistan.	McFarlane Duberstein
7. <u>Nominations</u> : Meese, Duberstein, McFarlane and von Damm will meet briefly to discuss congressional efforts to link certain of our nominations (ACDA, Burt, etc.) with other issues.	Meese
8. <u>CBI</u> : Mark-up is likely next Tuesday, not today (despite some reports). Both trade and tax segments of our CBI coalition should be activated for an effort timed with committee action.	Dole McFarlane
9. <u>Interior Department Appropriations</u> : Bill is likely to reach the House floor today. There are problems with certain restrictive clauses that have been added.	Wright Duberstein
10. <u>Gorsuch Contempt Citation</u> : Press reports on this have been very misleading. We have, for example, offered to turn over nearly all documents except those which pertain to possible or pending legal action. Same issue is expected to arise with Dingell's subcommittee on December 14. DOJ should be asked to prepare an information sheet giving a more accurate account of the facts involved here. Duberstein and Fielding are in touch with Justice on the matter.	Fielding Duberstein

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11. <u>Budget</u> : Re possible budget appeals by HHS and EPA, guidance is that we will not comment at all until the President has made a final decision.	Franklin
12. <u>FEC Rule Changes</u> : Changes re use of Air Force One recommended by Fielding have been accepted by the FEC. The RNC is handling comments on the bulk of the other rule changes.	Fielding
13. <u>Latin American Trip</u> : This is going very well by most accounts.	
14. <u>South Florida Task Force</u> : One agent was killed and another wounded yesterday. Murphy will get names and other information to Meese so that the President can make calls.	Murphy Meese
15. <u>Immigration Bill</u> : Duberstein will talk with DOJ for information on the possibility that the House may delete the bill's amnesty provision.	Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-6-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : There will be no photo opportunity today.	
2. <u>Congressional Meetings</u> : Three 30-minute meetings will be held today to discuss the MX.	Duberstein
3. <u>Cabinet</u> : Agenda includes a presentation on PSI and Leon Sullivan's "Hire One" program. The Latin American trip, the GATT Ministerial, and the budget process will also be discussed.	Fuller
4. <u>Joint Economic Committee</u> : Feldstein will not be available to testify today, and it has been reported that Representative Reuss may use an empty chair for media purposes.	Feldstein
5. <u>Gas Tax</u> : Will probably be taken up on the House floor tonight. Representative Jim Howard reportedly plans several amendments.	Duberstein
6. <u>MX</u> : Defense appropriations bill will be taken up on the House floor tomorrow, and there will be another attempt to delete production money for the MX. Though we are behind at this point, we are working hard: Clark, Weinberger, and Rowny will meet with Republican members today, and a presidential letter will be sent to all House members today (and will be released to the press). Other key votes will be on money for the second aircraft carrier and the B-1, and on a Gypsy Moth proposal to cut defense 2% across the board.	Duberstein Clark
Also on the MX, it was reported that the briefings for CEO's went well, and that veterans groups are now on board.	Dole
7. <u>CBI</u> : The House Ways and Means Committee has tentatively scheduled a mark-up for Thursday. We have agreed to some changes in the proposal, though organized labor remains opposed. It was stressed that we consider it important to pass CBI in the lame duck session; the VP will be briefed on this strategy.	Duberstein Clark
8. <u>Middle East</u> : Habib and Draper are returning to the U.S.; a decision will be made by 10:30 on whether they will meet with the President. Regarding aid to Israel above the levels requested by the President, it is important that we get out the word on why we oppose this.	Clark Allin
9. <u>Latin American Trip</u> : It was mentioned that the President did not promise to fill Guatemala's arms request, only that we would give it serious consideration. Additional guidance on this point will be formulated this morning.	Allin
10. <u>Radio Marti</u> : The Senate may consider this today.	Duberstein
11. <u>Possible Arms Sale to Jordan</u> : Word will be transmitted to private groups that they should not get committed in advance to a position regarding any possible arms sale to Jordan.	Dole

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12. Proposal to Tax Health Benefits: Guidance re this NBC story is that the President has not yet considered such a proposal. It is apparently being considered at a staff level, though. The rationale behind it is to place some sort of cap on the amount of benefits a company can provide before it is considered taxable income. There will be further discussion on how to handle this and similar types of news stories. Gergen
13. Commodities Futures Trading Commission Legislation: Senator Durenberger has added an amendment to the bill regarding the sanctity of contracts that we find unacceptable; we are working with Durenberger to try to modify it. Duberstein
Fuller
14. Gorsuch Contempt Citation: The issue will be dealt with further this week. There is still a need to get our version of this out before the public. Fielding
Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-7-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Arrival ceremony will be the photo opportunity for today. Also, the congressional meeting at 11:30 has been cancelled; the time will now be used for phone calls.	Speakes Duberstein
2. <u>Gas Tax</u> : Passed the House early this morning with a majority (96) of Republicans supporting it. It will be marked-up in the Senate Public Works Committee today, and in the Finance Committee tomorrow. We are holding firm to our position.	Duberstein
3. <u>Defense Appropriations/MX</u> : The House will begin work on this today at 1:00 and will probably finish late tonight. We are expecting two amendments on the MX: one to delete everything and the other to delete production. We are still behind and expect the vote will be close. Attempts will also be made to cut the B-1 and second carrier, and to cut defense 2% across-the-board.	Duberstein Clark
4. <u>Radio Marti</u> : This is up in the Senate, and is being filibustered by Zorinsky. Clark will talk with Howard Baker to indicate that State will meet with Zorinsky, Exon, and others.	Duberstein Clark
5. <u>Other Legislation</u> : Local content legislation is being set for action in the House. Also, immigration is in the House Rules Committee.	Duberstein
6. <u>Nominations</u> : Senate will apparently try to clear pending nominations with the exception of Legal Services. Hearing on Dotson nomination will be held today.	Duberstein von Damm
7. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : WH photo will be taken during meeting with Walters. PSI luncheon will be covered by the press.	Speakes
8. <u>Cabinet</u> : CCEA will meet at 8:45 today, and CCFA will meet this afternoon. Also, CCMA will meet tomorrow. The Thursday meeting on natural gas has been cancelled.	Fuller
9. <u>Contract Sanctity</u> : This provision in the CFTC reauthorization bill is opposed by the Administration. We are working with the conferees to modify the Senate language.	Duberstein Clark
10. <u>Bankruptcy</u> : Howard Baker is trying to schedule this legislation for later this week. We support bankruptcy reform provisions being pushed by several senators, but need an overall bill on judges even if reform proves impossible during the lame duck. We could indicate our support for bankruptcy reform next year if it fails this time.	Duberstein
11. <u>Social Security Disability Payments</u> : It was reported that Gergen called CBS News regarding certain omissions in a story on this subject in last night's newscast. We have not yet received a response.	Gergen

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-8-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> PSI event will be covered by the press.	Speakes
2. <u>CBI:</u> This will be discussed today with members of the Ways and Means Committee. Mark-up is set for tomorrow, with final action probable by next Tuesday.	Dubenstein
3. <u>Radio Marti:</u> The Senate filibuster is continuing, though Enders is trying to work something out.	Dubenstein Clark
4. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Habib will probably be ready to come in tomorrow to meet with the President, though a time must still be worked out; if scheduled, it should be marked as tentative. Possibility of a photo op during such a meeting will be left open.	Clark Allin
5. <u>MX:</u> There is a possibility that certain senators will be brought in tomorrow on this. We will discuss scheduling the MX for Senate action with Howard Baker.	Dubenstein Clark
6. <u>Gas Tax:</u> Mark-up is set in the Senate Finance Committee today. Secretary Lewis feels he can work out any possible filibuster problem. Also, it was noted that the Associated General Contractors are upset about the bill's Davis-Bacon provisions.	Dubenstein Dole
7. <u>Contract Sanctity (CFTC Reauthorization Bill):</u> A draft letter from the President to Secretary Block has been circulated; the draft indicates that we will try to negotiate a new long-term grain agreement with the Soviets next year. Also, a key argument for removing the contract sanctity provision is that it gives the Soviets no incentive to negotiate a long-term agreement.	Darman Dubenstein Clark
8. <u>Unemployment Legislation:</u> Senator Dole has reportedly proposed legislation to give tax credits to firms that hire the unemployed. Elizabeth Dole will contact him to ask that he coordinate his proposal with our efforts to formulate an overall jobs package.	Dole Harper
9. <u>War on Drugs:</u> It was mentioned that news stories of a reduction in our anti-drug efforts are inaccurate. Funding has been agreed on and a budget amendment has already gone up.	Wright
10. <u>Local Content:</u> This legislation will reach the House floor next week with a majority of members listed as co-sponsors. Draft letter from Knauer will not be sent; strategy remains that Ambassador Brock will take the lead on this issue.	Dubenstein
11. <u>Gorsuch Contempt Citation:</u> A committee vote is expected at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow on this.	Fielding Dubenstein
12. <u>Private Sector Survey:</u> Congressional attitude is stiffening on Congressman Ford's request for documents on this (including legal opinions OLC prepared for the WH).	Fielding

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13. <u>Defense Appropriations Bill</u> : House consideration of this continues, with key votes anticipated on R&D funds for the MX, the B-1, the second nuclear carrier, and a 2% across-the-board cut.	Duberstein Clark
14. <u>VA Medical Centers</u> : GAO report indicates that women are not receiving adequate care. A copy of the report will be studied. Also, the President may ask Harry Walters to look into this when they meet today.	Dole Harper
15. <u>News Stories on Proposed Budget Cuts</u> : A meeting will be held later this week to discuss a policy for handling such stories.	Gergen
16. <u>Block's "Payment in Kind" Proposal</u> : Secretary Block is scheduled to testify tomorrow on his PIK proposal and other issues. The testimony should be postponed until some time after tomorrow's discussion with the President.	Fuller
17. <u>Meharry Medical School</u> : It was pointed out that money for Meharry is in the HHS-DOL-Education appropriation bill, and an effort should be made to preserve it.	Duberstein Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-9-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : A means of accommodating both the VP's private meeting with the President and the Habib luncheon group will be worked out after senior staff. Also, HUD award event will be covered by the press.	Clark Speakes
2. <u>CCFA</u> : Block will outline his PIK proposal to the President at 10:15; he will testify afterward at 11:45 on the Hill.	Fuller
3. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : At some point tomorrow, the President will brief Latin American ambassadors on his recent trip; remarks have been prepared. Also, tomorrow's human rights event will be covered by the press.	Clark Speakes
4. <u>Nominations</u> : Re Grey nomination to ACDA, Laxalt will meet with Helms; Duberstein will then discuss results of that meeting with Clark. It was also reported that Hodel and Feldstein were both confirmed yesterday (Feldstein will testify today before the Joint Economic Committee).	Duberstein Clark
5. <u>Gas Tax</u> : Bill was reported out of the Senate Finance Committee, 15-4, and should reach the floor early today. Four GOP senators plan to filibuster any move to proceed, though.	Duberstein
6. <u>MX</u> : Strategy meeting will be held at 10:00 today on this. Guidance re news stories on JCS vote is that they support the President's decision, and also that Weinberger was not surprised by the initial recommendation. Any comments on this should be kept at DOD, though with guidance from the WH. Regarding Tower's suggestion of a compromise on the basing mode, we should say nothing until further guidance is formulated.	Duberstein Allin Clark
7. <u>CBI</u> : This will be marked-up today in Ways and Means. We expect some momentum from a positive committee vote, followed by endorsement from additional Democratic members.	Duberstein Clark
8. <u>Radio Marti</u> : Enders is still trying to work something out to break the Senate filibuster.	Duberstein Clark
9. <u>Contract Sanctity</u> : The House-Senate conference has been postponed until the WH gets back to the conferees.	Duberstein
10. <u>Local Content</u> : This will reach the House floor late today and is expected to pass.	Duberstein
11. <u>DISC</u> : It is considered important that we reassure the business community that we give a high priority to formulating a substitute for DISC.	Dole

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

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Both human rights event and departure will be covered by the press. Rowny will meet with the President at 2:00, and will then brief the press regarding the importance of the MX to the Geneva negotiations.	Clark Speakes
2. <u>CBI</u> : The possibility was discussed of connecting a successful vote on CBI with the briefing of Latin American ambassadors. The bill will reach the House Rules Committee on Tuesday and could reach the House floor by Wednesday. There is a need to rebuild the private coalition supporting CBI before a vote occurs.	Duberstein Clark Dole
3. <u>Monday's Schedule</u> : Photo ops will probably be held during meeting with Danish PM and drunk driving event. WH photo will be taken of Rumsfeld meeting on Law of the Sea; it was suggested that we ask Rumsfeld's position on the MX basing mode in advance of the meeting.	Speakes Clark
4. <u>Economic Figures</u> : PPI is still running at a rate of 4% year-over-year. The figures for this month were up at around a 7% annual rate, but this is distorted by home heating costs. Retail sales figures out today will also be good, with auto sales up.	
5. <u>Health Insurance Proposals</u> : Ed Harper will talk with David Winston (a WH consultant) regarding his public comments on this.	Harper
6. <u>Block's PIK Proposal</u> : Fuller will obtain fact sheet from USDA; copies will be circulated to staff.	Fuller Darman
7. <u>Gas Tax</u> : This is up in the Senate but 4 GOP senators are filibustering. A cloture vote will be taken Monday.	Duberstein
8. <u>Defense Appropriations Bill</u> : This will be taken up early this afternoon in the Senate.	Duberstein
9. <u>Local Content</u> : This legislation is up on the House floor today. There are quite a few amendments pending but it is expected to pass the House.	Duberstein
10. <u>Radio Marti</u> : This is up in the Senate, though the filibuster continues. Enders is still trying to work something out.	Duberstein
11. <u>Desegregation</u> : Today DOJ will file a new desegregation plan for Baton Rouge that will specifically exclude busing as a remedy. Fielding will obtain further details from Justice.	Fielding
12. <u>Radio Speech</u> : The subject will be MX; a draft is now circulating.	Gergen
13. <u>Democratic Jobs Package</u> : Fact sheet will be circulated describing the features of these public works bills.	Darman
14. <u>Unemployment</u> : Information on "proposal" by Senator Dole is that he has simply asked his staff to work on the subject.	

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15. <u>Congressman Ford's Subpoena</u> : It appears that an accommodation has been reached on this, at least until the new Congress convenes.	Fielding
16. <u>Gorsuch Contempt Citation</u> : Levitas' subcommittee is meeting today. We have submitted a counter proposal regarding the documents, and yesterday consulted with the minority members of the committee.	Fielding Duberstein
17. <u>Bankruptcy</u> : We are still attempting to get this legislation up in the Senate.	Duberstein
18. <u>EEOC</u> : Information is that the EEOC will probably vote to oppose our position in the <u>Norris</u> case.	Fielding

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-13-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunities will be held during meeting with Danish PM and during drunk driving event. Congressional time this morning will be used for phone calls; meetings on MX may be held this afternoon. Also, it was mentioned that a Congressional leadership meeting will be held tomorrow.	Speakes Duberstein
2. <u>Cabinet Activity</u> : CCHR will discuss health care tomorrow with the President. CCCT will meet Wednesday and CCNRE will meet Thursday. Also, there will be a two hour meeting with the President Friday on our overall trade policy.	Fuller
3. <u>Gas Tax</u> : A cloture vote will be held at 1:00 today in the Senate. If that fails another vote will be held Wednesday. Even if cloture succeeds, a second filibuster is expected.	Duberstein
4. <u>Local Content</u> : This is expected to pass the House today or tomorrow by a sizable margin.	Duberstein
5. <u>Budget Review Board</u> : Tomorrow's Budget Review Board session on the Export-Import Bank is premature and should be postponed until after Friday's trade policy meeting.	Fuller
6. <u>CBI</u> : A whip check is underway. This will come up in the House Rules Committee on Wednesday.	Duberstein
7. <u>Radio Marti</u> : Filibuster is still going on in the Senate; Enders is trying to work something out, but has made no real progress.	Duberstein
8. <u>Poland</u> : An interagency statement will be issued today in response to Jaruzelski's speech. We will, for the most part, stand on the President's previous statement.	Clark Allin
9. <u>Nominations</u> : Both Burt and Gray nominations are stuck, with no action expected in the lame duck session.	Duberstein von Damm
10. <u>Contract Sanctity</u> : This provision by Durenberger, which we opposed, is in the final conference report on the CFTC reauthorization bill. We will face a difficult decision when it reaches the President's desk.	Duberstein
11. <u>Social Security</u> : In response to criticism of lack of White House involvement, it should be mentioned that we have had private contacts with the Commission. It should also be stressed that the President has consistently said he wants specific recommendations from the Commission. This issue should be kept in context with the reasons for setting up the Commission.	Gergen Speakes
12. <u>Hearst Newspaper Editors</u> : This is the first in a series of interviews the President will give over the next several weeks.	Gergen

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13. Gorsuch Contempt Citation: The full Public Works Committee voted a contempt citation last week; this could reach the floor on a privileged motion anytime Wednesday on. Dingell's committee is expected to take similar action. Fielding
14. MX: A vote will occur late this afternoon or tomorrow. Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-14-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Schedule changes include adding a 9:10 meeting on MX with six senators. Also, the cabinet lunch has been cancelled; an economic briefing will be held at 1:00. It was mentioned that the meeting with Kemp, et al, is to discuss foreign assistance. There will be no photo opportunity today.	Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Meeting with Balsemao will be a photo opportunity.	Speakes
3. <u>Gas Tax:</u> Cloture was achieved yesterday, though a second filibuster has begun. Cloture will again be attempted.	Dubenstein
4. <u>MX:</u> After meeting this morning, a decision will be made regarding a possible press room announcement by the President if an agreement is reached. Senators Jackson and Nunn may be asked to accompany the President. Gergen will begin work on possible remarks.	Gergen Dubenstein
5. <u>PIK Proposal:</u> We anticipate that this may be approved in the Senate, though it faces problems in the House. We will try to secure passage in the House without giving up our freeze of target prices.	Dubenstein
6. <u>CBI:</u> This will be taken up in the Rules Committee tomorrow.	Dubenstein
7. <u>Gorsuch Contempt Citation:</u> Gorsuch will appear before Dingell's committee today. There is a strong possibility that this committee will also cite her for contempt.	Fielding
8. <u>Clinch River Breeder Reactor:</u> Attempts will be made in the House to delete money for this project.	Dubenstein
9. <u>Social Security:</u> Guidance is that there have been private discussions between the WH and Greenspan; this remains a high priority; and we still hope a bipartisan solution can be worked out. The President, in an interview yesterday, did not rule out the possibility of a meeting this week on the subject.	Gergen Speakes
10. <u>Continuing Resolution:</u> This will be taken up on the House floor today. The Senate Appropriations Committee is beginning mark-up on the measure and it may reach the Senate floor by Thursday.	Dubenstein
11. <u>TRIS Legislation:</u> The Senate passed this yesterday, and it may soon move in the House. TRIS is a flame retardant which the federal government briefly required clothing manufacturers to use; it has now been found to be hazardous and manufacturers are seeking indemnification from the government to cover lawsuits. CCCT has previously opposed this idea.	Dubenstein Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-15-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Balsemao visit will be a photo op. Also, a WH photo will be taken during morning meeting with Lebanese FM.	Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : Christmas tree lighting will be covered by the press.	Speakes
3. <u>MX and Foreign Assistance</u> : President will make a series of phone calls this afternoon on the MX in particular, but also regarding the Israeli aid provision. The latter issue should be dealt with in a low-key manner, emphasizing the need to keep such aid at the level requested by the President because of the current economic/budget situation. Regarding MX, the Senate Appropriations Committee will begin mark-up on the CR at 2:00 today. Hollings will try to attach an amendment that would "fence" MX money, but without an expedited procedure on basing; the key vote on this will take place on the floor.	Dubenstein Clark
4. <u>Leaks</u> : In light of discussion of the problem, a new procedure for dealing with the press will be explored.	Gergen
5. <u>Gas Tax</u> : We won several key votes last night, and have a chance at passage tonight.	Dubenstein
6. <u>Democratic "Jobs" Bill</u> : It was suggested that, since we contend the Democratic bill will not work, we come up with a different term to describe it. We should also make clear that this bill is a candidate for veto.	Gergen Dubenstein
7. <u>Radio Marti</u> : We feel there is still a possibility of working out an agreement with Zorinsky on this.	Dubenstein
8. <u>Legal Services</u> : Fielding will discuss with Meese the controversy over size of consulting fees paid to board members. Press guidance is that we disagree with, and are concerned about, this policy.	Fielding Gergen
9. <u>Social Security</u> : Guidance remains that we have had private discussions with the Commission, but we should avoid characterizing them.	Speakes
10. <u>Nominations</u> : Both Burt and Gray have little prospect of action on their nominations in the lame duck.	
11. <u>Pay Raise</u> : A decision will be made on whether we should convey a position on the proposed pay raise for federal executives.	Dubenstein Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-16-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : Proclamation signing and tree lighting will be covered by the press today.	Speakes
2. <u>Cabinet</u> : Education initiatives and the Federal Financing Bank will be discussed.	Fuller
3. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : Signing of minority business statement will be tomorrow's photo op. Fact sheet and briefers should be available for the event.	Dole
4. <u>Continuing Resolution</u> : Guidance was provided regarding Jim Baker's visits with Howard Baker and Tip O'Neill. After the visits (and in an action unconnected with JAB's conversations), the Senate committee voted to support inclusion of a \$1.2B jobs program in the CR. Guidance on this is that the President has previously said he is disinclined to sign a CR that has a "jobs" bill in it; we have also said we will not undercut House Republicans on the issue. The CR may be passed on Saturday.	Speakes Dubenstein
5. <u>MX</u> : Will be voted on in the Senate tonight or tomorrow. Though the Hollings amendment passed in committee, we are prepared to try to substitute our compromise on the floor.	Dubenstein
6. <u>CBI</u> : This will be considered in the House tomorrow. We will oppose amendments regarding rum and tobacco, but may accept an amendment on tuna.	Dubenstein
7. <u>Gas Tax</u> : A cloture vote will be held around 11 a.m. If this succeeds, the bill will probably move rapidly. Senator Nickles will offer an amendment to roll-back the bill's Davis-Bacon provisions so they are closer to our original proposal.	Dubenstein
8. <u>PIK Proposal</u> : It had been understood that a freeze on target prices was part of our proposal. There are indications, though, that USDA has agreed to substitute a "no increase" provision. OMB will look into the budgetary aspects of this.	Wright Fuller
9. <u>Radio Marti</u> : Information is that Senator Hawkins will try to attach this to the PIK legislation. We will not encourage this, but will instead work to find a better vehicle.	Dubenstein
10. <u>Nominations</u> : Dotson nomination to NLRB will not be taken up until next session of Congress.	Dubenstein
11. <u>Legal Services</u> : Guidance concerning latest story will be provided at some point this morning. Also, OMB should have some information available soon on this.	Gergen Wright
12. <u>Immigration</u> : Bill is now on the House floor, though a large number of amendments have been filed by Hispanic opposition. Its passage depends on how long the lame duck session lasts.	Dubenstein

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13. <u>Arms Control</u> : A statement will be issued today in hopes of clarifying our position in the Geneva negotiations. It will be released simultaneously by WH, Defense and State.	Clark Allin
14. <u>Health Care Proposals</u> : Guidance re leak is that we are working to assure adequate health care at the same time we are trying to decrease costs; various proposals have been formulated, but none have yet reached the President.	Gergen
15. <u>Gorsuch Contempt Citation</u> : Fielding is continuing to negotiate with Levitas, et al.	Fielding
16. <u>Clean Air</u> : It has been made clear that any EPA statement on this must first be cleared by the WH. Various options are being considered for dealing with the deadlines question.	Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-20-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : There will be no photo op today.	
2. <u>Senior Staff Meetings</u> : Meetings will be held through Thursday of this week, and then will resume on Tuesday, January 4.	
3. <u>Continuing Resolution</u> : Guidance on this is that we will have to take a close look at it before making a decision; it is important that we not announce a position on the CR until we receive it. OMB will handle press inquiries on this subject. Information on the CR itself is that it lasts until September 30, 1983; defense budget is funded at \$232B. Information on MX funding, however, is unclear at this point and will need to be checked further; one specific point to be checked is whether the \$2.5B in R&D money can be used for missile production once a basing mode is approved. Compromise on CR also included \$100M for low income energy assistance, and \$25M for displaced workers.	Duberstein Wright Clark
OMB is still proceeding on basis that shutdown is possible if the CR is not accepted by the President. Information notices were sent to the various agencies on Friday, and shutdown preparations will last for most of today. It is possible the CR will not reach here until tomorrow morning.	Wright
4. <u>Gas Tax</u> : The Senate will probably vote on this tonight.	Duberstein
5. <u>CBI</u> : Plan is to concentrate our efforts today on passing this through the Senate (it has already passed the House). Duberstein will submit suggested phone calls, etc.	Duberstein
6. <u>Nuclear Waste Disposal</u> : Despite press reports, it may still be possible to secure passage out of conference committee.	Duberstein
7. <u>Immigration</u> : This bill is apparently dead for this session of Congress.	
8. <u>Aid to Israel</u> : Apparently the funding level in the House version of the bill was adopted.	Duberstein Clark
9. <u>Clean Air Act</u> : Attempts are still being made to work out a six-month extension of the Act.	Duberstein
10. <u>PIK Proposal</u> : This passed the House, but has problems in the Senate and will probably not be passed.	Duberstein
11. <u>Cabinet Activity</u> : A cabinet lunch with the President will be held on Wednesday to discuss employment measures. CCMA will meet with the President on Thursday to discuss various management proposals.	Fuller

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ITEMS	ACTION
12. <u>Bankruptcy</u> : This is apparently dead for the current session of Congress.	Duberstein
13. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Consumer spending was up 1.2% in October. Personal income figures will be out today, and both CPI and GNP "flash" figures will be out tomorrow.	Feldstein
14. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : Hussein visit and meeting with Habib and Shultz will be photo ops tomorrow.	Speakes
15. <u>Women's Issues</u> : Attempt will be made to show the President being briefed by women on debt collection and efforts to combat fraud and waste.	Harper Dole
16. <u>Entitlements</u> : Decision memo will be circulated on close hold. Stockman redrafted the memo in light of last week's presentation to the President, though most substantive points are the same. All comments will go to the President in the same notebook with the memo, probably by tomorrow.	Darman Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-21-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : WH photo will be taken during Habib visit; full photo op will be held during Hussein meeting.	Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : Full press coverage will occur during Young American Medals presentation.	Speakes
3. <u>Continuing Resolution</u> : This has been received and will be signed today. A signing statement will be drafted by OMB; Gergen will revise it after receiving comments from WH staff. Statement will stress the lame duck session's accomplishments, along with any reservations we have about specific actions. It is important to note that the CR is a completion of the appropriations process and was, in most respects, just what the President requested.	Wright Gergen Darman
Regarding today's story by Lou Cannon, it was noted that there was <u>not</u> a debate on whether to sign the CR, and that NSC did not advocate a veto.	
4. <u>Gas Tax</u> : The House and Senate will both convene at noon today. The House will vote first on the conference report, and the Senate will begin discussion of it around 2:00. Problems involve the need to maintain a quorum and the possibility of a filibuster.	Duberstein
5. <u>Nuclear Waste Disposal</u> : This bill has now been passed.	
6. <u>CBI</u> : Key to success in Senate is neutralizing organized labor. To this end, Shultz was to place calls to Kirkland and others.	Duberstein
7. <u>Clean Air Act</u> : Attempt to obtain a 6-month extension has failed.	
8. <u>Cherokee Claims Bill</u> : Question is whether to waive the statute of limitations on certain claims. Both OMB and DOJ oppose the bill, while Interior supports it. This has been circulated for staff views. Pocket veto is a possibility.	Darman
9. <u>CFTC Bill</u> : If a veto is considered on this (due to contract sanctity provision), it should be done via a pocket veto. It was noted that funding provisions would continue regardless, and it is unlikely that commodities trading would be adversely affected.	Darman
10. <u>Economic Figures</u> : CPI rose less than 0.1%; this is only a 4.5% increase year-over-year. The 3d Quarter revision of the GNP changed from 0.0% to a +0.7% annualized rate; however, the 4th Quarter "flash" GNP figure was down at a -2.2% annualized rate.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-22-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Medal presentation will be a photo opportunity. The bill signing ceremony has been cancelled because the nuclear waste disposal legislation has not yet reached the WH. It was noted that time will be requested for both the President and Vice President to make congressional phone calls today.	Speakes Duberstein
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : King Hussein will probably meet with the President tomorrow afternoon.	Clark
3. <u>Gas Tax</u> : Senate will vote on cloture tomorrow morning at 9:30, with 60 votes needed to shut off debate. An attempt will be made to bring back some senators who have already left town. If cloture succeeds, a final vote on the conference report will be held at 11:30. Also, it was mentioned that we are obtaining a transcript of a speech by Senator Helms last night in which he was very critical of the President.	Duberstein
4. <u>Orphan Drugs Bill</u> : There is apparently some disagreement on whether to sign this legislation, with OMB, Treasury and Justice all opposed to it. Since we have previously opposed the bill, there will not be a signing ceremony, but it appears that a veto is unlikely.	Fuller Darman
5. <u>Anti-crime Legislation</u> : Need to look at language in bill regarding appointment of a "drug czar," as well as other aspects of the legislation.	Harper Fuller
6. <u>Social Security</u> : The commission staff has asked the President for a 30-day extension in order to complete their report. We agreed to a 15-day extension, and an executive order granting this will be ready today.	Darman
7. <u>CBI</u> : This is dead for the lame duck session due to strong opposition from organized labor and certain senate Democrats. We will, however, begin a new push on this in January. The possibility was explored of bringing in the Latin American ambassadors to receive a personal commitment from the President to push this through. Guidance is that we are still confident of success on CBI: the appropriations portion is already written into law, the proposal has demonstrated overwhelming support in the House, and we feel procedural problems in the Senate can be overcome in the new session.	Gergen Clark
8. <u>Bankruptcy</u> : Justice has requested letters from congressional leaders indicating a commitment to pass a bankruptcy bill in the new session. Such letters will be used in hopes of obtaining another stay of the court's order.	Fielding Fuller
9. <u>Controversial Legislation</u> : Legislative Strategy meeting will be held to discuss those bills which are controversial, or on which there is some disagreement within the Administration.	Darman
10. <u>Haig</u> : It was noted that former Secretary Haig will be in the WH today and may briefly stop by to see the President.	Clark

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12-23-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Hussein's departure will be a photo opportunity. Also, there will probably be a press availability today.	Speakes
2. <u>CCMA</u> : will meet with the President at 10:00. Prior to the meeting, the President will be photographed with the inspectors general.	Fuller
3. <u>PSI</u> : meeting with President is to brief him on this year's activities and plans for next year.	Deaver
4. <u>Women's Council</u> : will meet with the President to provide an overview of work done and future plans. This is not a decision meeting.	Dole
5. <u>Gas Tax</u> : a cloture vote will be held at 9:30; if successful, the vote on final passage will occur at 11:30. Senators Baker and Byrd will then call the President around 12:15 to announce the Senate's adjournment. The President and the Vice President both plan to make more calls this morning on this.	Duberstein
6. <u>Nuclear Waste Disposal</u> : legislation has not yet arrived at the White House.	Darman
7. <u>Bankruptcy</u> : DOJ has obtained the letter that had been sought from Congressional leaders, and have used it in requesting the Supreme Court for an extension of the stay on its order.	Fielding
8. <u>Story re Aircraft Sale to Libya</u> : DOC has the lead on this issue; NSC will check on the status and provide guidance.	Clark Allin
9. <u>Senior Staff</u> : next meeting will be on Monday, January 3.	
10. <u>Indian Claims Legislation</u> : two bills which are controversial require action by tomorrow. These will be discussed with the President today at 9:00.	Meese
11. <u>Orphan Drug Act</u> : There are strong arguments on both sides of this issue; we will attempt to agree on a recommendation today.	Fuller Darman
12. <u>Battleship New Jersey</u> : John Lehman will be here today to conduct an embargoed background briefing in connection with the ship's recommissioning. Also, if possible, we will try to finalize the draft remarks today.	Gergen Allin
13. <u>Staff Salaries</u> : a memo will be circulated to all managers explaining White House policy regarding salary increases recently passed by Congress.	Darman