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SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (4-25-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Prior to today's interview with a West German magazine, the editor will be photographed with Helene von Damm. The Fermi award ceremony today will be covered by the press.	Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Meeting with Joseph Luns will be a photo op.	Speakes
3. <u>Central America:</u> Meeting will be held at 11:00 today to discuss the speech and suggestions made by Casey and Kirkpatrick. Legislative Affairs is trying to shut off plans for a secret session by the Senate Tuesday night to discuss Nicaragua.	Gergen Clark Duberstein
Regarding Congressman Long, a copy of Secretary Shultz's letter should be released. Guidance regarding possible committee votes in advance of the President's speech is that such decisions rest entirely with the Congress.	
4. <u>Trade Reorganization:</u> Secretary Baldrige will testify on this tomorrow, and may come over today to brief the press on it. Guidance is that we favor the creation, in principle, of a Department of Trade and Industry, and will be working with Senator Roth and others to develop details of such a proposal.	Fuller Gergen
5. <u>Nuclear Freeze Resolution:</u> This will again be taken up by the House late Wednesday or Thursday; diluting amendments are still possible.	Duberstein
6. <u>CBI:</u> The Senate Finance Committee has already held a hearing today on this subject. In the House, Rostenkowski is prepared to proceed as soon as the Senate version begins to move.	Duberstein
7. <u>Health Care for the Unemployed:</u> Stockman will be testifying on this Wednesday; his testimony will be circulated in advance. A meeting will be held here tomorrow with a group of senators to discuss the CCEA recommendations.	Duberstein Wright
8. <u>Budget:</u> Guidance on this is unchanged. The Senate budget resolution will probably not be voted on until next week. A Legislative Strategy meeting will be held on this subject today.	Duberstein Darman
9. <u>Cabinet Activity:</u> Various cabinet councils will be meeting this week, though no meetings with the President are scheduled.	Fuller
10. <u>Communications Activity:</u> The President's speech on Central America will be given on Wednesday; an interview with <u>USA Today</u> will be held tomorrow, and will be printed on Wednesday; and possibility exists of questions during the New York trip, which is also on Wednesday.	Gergen
11. <u>Tuition Tax Credits:</u> The Senate Finance Committee has scheduled a hearing on this for April 28.	Duberstein

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12. <u>News Story About "Mismanagement" of Coal Leases:</u> Fuller will check into this story in today's <u>Post</u> .	Fuller
13. <u>Long-Term Grain Agreement:</u> Guidance is that Secretary Shultz has conveyed to Dobrynin an offer to negotiate a new long-term agreement; we are still awaiting a response from the Soviet Union.	Speakes

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (4-27-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Saturday Radio Speech</u> : This will probably discuss the recently released report on education.	Gergen
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : Meeting with Trudeau will be a photo op.	Speakes
3. <u>Speech on Central America</u> : Latest draft went in to the President this morning, along with some additional suggestions. Former Presidents have been briefed, and it was noted that Henry Kissinger will appear on "Nightline." Plans are to conduct the initial press briefing at 5:00, with copies of the speech being distributed at 5:45. Various senators and congressmen will be available to comment after the President's speech.	Darman Gergen Duberstein
4. <u>El Salvador</u> : A Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on our aid request may be postponed. Also, it was noted that the President discussed the situation in El Salvador during the interview with <u>USA TODAY</u> .	Duberstein
5. <u>Radio Marti</u> : A hearing will be held on this today in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. There has already been a successful mark-up in the House.	Duberstein
6. <u>Health Insurance for the Unemployed</u> : Stockman is testifying on this subject today. It was also noted that yesterday's meeting on this with a group of senators went well.	Duberstein
7. <u>Productivity</u> : These figures will be released today.	Feldstein
8. <u>CBI</u> : This legislation will be introduced in the House today by Rostenkowski, Wright, Michel and others. CBI will also be referred to in tonight's speech.	Duberstein
9. <u>Intermediate Appeals Court</u> : DOJ testimony on this proposal by Burger has been postponed in order to allow for WH review of our position.	Wright
10. <u>Trade Reorganization</u> : We are still working on an interagency basis to resolve details of this. We hope to have a proposal prepared soon which we can then discuss with Senator Roth.	Fuller Harper
11. <u>Weather Satellites</u> : DOC's Inspector General is looking into the question of whether policy decisions on this were improperly influenced. It was also noted that Congress will probably pass legislation requiring their approval before any sale can proceed.	Fielding Fuller
12. <u>Office of Government Ethics</u> : The House Judiciary Committee has passed a version of this reauthorization which excludes the idea of a fixed term for the director.	Fielding

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13. <u>Coal Leasing</u> : Testimony will be offered today on leasing in the Powder River Basin. Interior has forwarded guidance on this issue, which will be circulated.	Fuller
14. <u>Maritime Issues</u> : Disagreement exists between OMB and other agencies on two maritime-related issues. These will be discussed in the Meese management meeting at 8:30.	Meese
15. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : Secretary Bell will testify tomorrow on this subject. A Presidential letter has been drafted which can be read by Bell during the hearing. Our objective on this issue is to first pass the legislation in the Senate, then to push for action by Rostenkowski.	Duberstein Gergen
16. <u>Jesse Jackson</u> : It was mentioned that Jackson is attacking the Administration for appointing only one federal judge, and for Justice's alleged failure to enforce the Voting Rights Act.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (4-26-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> A meeting with Secretary Bell has been added at 9:45. The meeting with Wirthlin at 11:00 may be moved to another day. It was also noted that the Education Commission event involves open press coverage, and that a WH photo will be taken during the meeting with Luns.	Deaver Speakes
2. <u>Central America:</u> The latest speech draft will be circulated, with a copy to Kirkpatrick. Regarding Representative Long's comments, guidance is that we are encouraged; a committee mark-up will be held today on the El Salvador aid request. Regarding draft letter mentioned in <u>Post</u> , guidance is that no letter has been approved, and no decision has yet been made on the idea of a special envoy. It was mentioned that a secret session of the Senate has been tentatively set for 2:30 today, though we are still working to avert this. Regarding the speech itself, staff were instructed not to comment to the press unless requested to do so.	Gergen Duberstein Clark
3. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Both the New York trip and the speech will be covered by the press.	Speakes
4. <u>Budget:</u> Will reach the floor next week, and extensive debate is anticipated.	Duberstein
5. <u>Coal Leasing:</u> Interior is re-working their position, and will present testimony on the Hill tomorrow. It was also noted that an oil leasing plan will be announced today; we should make certain that the same procedure is not being used.	Fuller
6. <u>Weather Satellites:</u> Wright and Fuller will check further into allegations regarding Comsat's involvement, and Fielding will continue to monitor those aspects involving Guy Fiske.	Wright Fuller Fielding
7. <u>Acid Rain:</u> This subject will be raised today with the President by Governor Sununu, though it will not be mentioned to the press. CEQ has been coordinating a working group on this issue, though the matter has been put on hold until Ruckelshaus is confirmed.	Williamson Fuller
8. <u>Commission on Excellence in Education:</u> A set of recommendations will be presented to the President today. This is an ambitious effort to study and deal with problems in our educational system.	Fuller Gergen
9. <u>Teamsters:</u> Guidance is that the President has called Jackie Presser to congratulate him.	Speakes
10. <u>Proclamations:</u> McManus and Whittlesey will discuss whether to create an event based on our signing of the Older Americans' Month proclamation. Also, an event may be centered around our proclamation for Physical Fitness Month.	McManus Whittlesey Darman

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (4-28-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Meeting with Trudeau will be a photo op.	Speakes
2. <u>Cabinet Meeting:</u> Meeting will be held at 2:00 to discuss paperwork reduction, federal procurement policy, occupational opportunities for women, and other CCMA issues.	Fuller
3. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Other than coverage of the Houston trip, there will be no photo op tomorrow.	Speakes
4. <u>Speech on Central America:</u> Overall reaction has been positive. Calls are running 2 to 1 in favor, and calls from over 200,000 people to ABC's Nightline were 3½ to 1 in favor. Also, members of Congress such as Senator Jackson, Senator Bentsen and Representative Fascell made positive comments. A bipartisan group may be brought in at 3:00 today for further follow-up. We have a number of spokesmen appearing in the media, including the VP, who will appear on NBC tonight. One fact which we should check for possible use is the number of murders by Salvadoran guerrillas.	Duberstein Gergen
It was suggested that, in the future, we consider not distributing advance copies of the speech.	Gergen
Also, all WH and departmental staff were complimented for the full support provided on this speech.	
5. <u>Bankruptcy:</u> This legislation passed the Senate yesterday. It included 85 new judgeships.	Duberstein
6. <u>Nuclear Freeze Resolution:</u> This is on the House floor today, but debate is expected to extend into tomorrow.	Duberstein
7. <u>Special Envoy to Central America:</u> A decision has been made on this, but timing of an announcement is still undecided.	Clark
8. <u>Bailout Legislation:</u> Mortgage and agricultural bailout bills have both drawn strong opposition in the House.	Duberstein
9. <u>Tuition Tax Credits:</u> Secretary Bell is testifying on this today, and will read a Presidential letter. Buck Chapoton will testify on behalf of Treasury.	Duberstein
10. <u>Office of Public Liaison:</u> Four staff appointments will be announced today.	Whittlesey Speakes
11. <u>Nominations:</u> Confirmation hearings for both Bill Ruckelshaus and Rich Williamson are scheduled for May 3.	Duberstein
12. <u>Health Insurance for the Unemployed:</u> Testimony yesterday by Stockman apparently went well.	Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (4-29-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> The Houston trip will be covered by the press.	Speakes
2. <u>Monday's Schedule:</u> The congressional meeting at 4:00 will discuss a different subject from that currently listed. Decision on a possible photo op during the day will be reserved for Monday morning..	Duberstein
3. <u>Leading Indicators:</u> The index was up 1.5% in March.	
4. <u>Nuclear Freeze Resolution:</u> This subject will be considered again next week on the House floor. The Democrats will reportedly try to limit debate.	Duberstein
5. <u>Boland Amendment:</u> Guidance is that we are continuing to work with the committee regarding the Boland Amendment and further attempts to cut off funds for covert activities in Nicaragua.	Speakes
6. <u>Saturday Radio Speech:</u> The draft speech on education has gone in to the President. It will be taped late today in Houston.	Gergen
7. <u>Older Americans Month:</u> This proclamation will be issued today. No event will be held in connection with it.	Darman
8. <u>Mother's Day:</u> A Saturday radio speech is being prepared on this subject. It was suggested that the speech might mention Mrs. Rossow, who recently met with the President.	Gergen
9. <u>Speech on Central America:</u> Media reaction to the speech is still going well, as is reaction in Congress.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-2-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> There will be no photo op today.	" Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> A WH photo will be taken during meeting with South Korean FM.	Speakes
3. <u>Cabinet Activity:</u> CCHR will meet with the President tomorrow to discuss federal assistance to black colleges and drug abuse.	Fuller
4. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> This week, Senate Republicans will be discussing possible grounds for agreement on the budget. Also, the freeze will again be debated this week, the Boland resolution will be marked-up, and confirmation hearings for Ruckelshaus and Williamson will be held. Further, the appropriations committees in both houses will convene hearings on the MX; in this regard, it should be noted that the military chiefs are behind the "Midgetman."	Duberstein
5. <u>Jewish Groups:</u> A meeting will be held later this week to discuss the building of a Jewish support coalition.	Whittlesey
6. <u>Unemployment:</u> Latest figures will be out on Friday.	Feldstein
7. <u>Financial Disclosures:</u> Staff were reminded of the need to file updated forms by May 15.	
8. <u>Central America:</u> It was noted that recent Newsweek poll shows an improvement in attitudes toward the Administration's position over the last year.	
9. <u>Joint Economic Committee:</u> Stockman will be testifying before the JEC this week on the subject of fairness. Also, a new addition of our "Fairness Booklet" will be out this week.	Wright Harper

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-3-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> NSC meeting has been cancelled. Also, a WH photo will be taken during the Korean FM's visit. Today's meeting with the GOP leadership will discuss the MX, Central America, and the budget; Baker and Lott will take press questions afterward.	Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Photo op will be held during meeting with Handicapped American of the Year.	Speakes
3. <u>Catholic Bishops' Letter:</u> The WH will have no comment until a final letter has been approved.	Clark Gergen
4. <u>Budget:</u> Senate Republicans will meet today to determine if there is an agreement. The WH will wait to see if a consensus GOP version emerges before comment.	Duberstein Speakes
5. <u>Freeze Resolution:</u> This will be considered on the House floor tomorrow and Thursday. No decision has yet been made on which diluting amendment will be voted on.	Duberstein
6. <u>Central America:</u> A mark-up will be held today on the Boland-Zablocki bill, which committee Republicans solidly oppose. We are working to postpone mark-up on a similar measure in the Senate Intelligence Committee.	Duberstein
7. <u>Older Americans Month:</u> This proclamation has been held for signing this week in Phoenix.	Darman
8. <u>MX:</u> During today's leadership meeting, the letter received from Nunn, Percy and Cohen will be discussed; they are requesting a re-statement of the President's commitment to pursue all recommendations of the Scowcroft commission.	Duberstein Clark
9. <u>Marketing Orders:</u> Secretary Block has developed a compromise which may be acceptable to those congressmen concerned about this subject.	Fuller
10. <u>Trade Reorganization:</u> Guidance on this is that there will be further consultations with the Hill before final decisions are made. Baldrige is coordinating closely with Brock and Senator Roth.	Fuller
11. <u>USDA Food Programs:</u> It was noted that Secretary Block has written a rebuttal to a recent CBS story that was critical of Administration policy in this area.	
12. <u>Story re Hospice Aid Cuts:</u> Fuller will check into the facts regarding this news story. Current information is that policy changes have been suggested at some level in HHS, though these have not yet reached Secretary Heckler.	Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-10-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> The teleconference will be covered by the press; the President will be briefed in advance on the Export Trading Company Act. It was noted that a brief discussion will be held with the President prior to the 9:30 NSC meeting. Also, the congressional meeting at 4:00 will be with a bipartisan group from the House Armed Services Committee.	Gergen Clark Duberstein
2. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> The Senate will continue consideration of the budget, with a resolution possible by tomorrow night. A meeting will be held again today in an attempt to reach a consensus among GOP senators.	Duberstein
In the House, we hope to demonstrate veto strength on the subject of housing bailout legislation.	
On defense matters, the Senate Appropriations Committee will vote this week on the MX, and Addabbo's subcommittee will be voting on the Scowcroft recommendations. Also, a mark-up will be held on the Salvadoran aid request in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; the VP will meet with GOP senators in advance of the vote.	
Ruckelshaus will likely be confirmed today, though six hours of debate may be held regarding the Administration's environmental record.	
3. <u>Cabinet:</u> Will meet with the President on Thursday to discuss food stamp reform,, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, Synfuels, and the effects of the decline in oil prices.	Fuller
4. <u>Education:</u> It was emphasized that we need to highlight the President's leadership on the subject of educational excellence. We should attempt to package our various education initiatives, and also focus on efforts to implement the Commission's proposals. The President's speech at Seton Hall may be devoted to this subject.	Gergen Fuller
5. <u>Nicaraguan Sugar Imports:</u> Both a press statement and a proclamation will be ready for release today.	Darman Fielding
6. <u>Southwest Border States Working Group:</u> An initial meeting on formation of this group will be held this afternoon. It will be chaired by Bob Dederick, Undersecretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.	Fuller
7. <u>Long-term Grain Agreement:</u> It was suggested that a bill by Sen-senbrenner be examined for its effect on grain and other commodity agreements.	Wright Harper Clark

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-11-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Photo ops will be held during Small Business Week event, Little League event, and Secretary Shultz's visit. Wire photos only will be allowed during Naishitt lunch, and a WH photo will be taken during meeting with Cardinal Krol.	Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Photo ops will be held during meeting with PM Price, and during meeting with Paul Nitze.	Speakes
3. <u>MX:</u> A Legislative Strategy meeting will be held today at 10:00. Addabbo's subcommittee will vote on the issue this afternoon. A meeting will be held this morning to discuss the committee vote and the timing of Presidential letter to be sent to the Hill. Also, a decision will be made regarding a Monday meeting proposed by OPL.	Darman Duberstein Clark Deaver Whittlesey
4. <u>Coal Leasing:</u> It was noted that Interior has done a background paper which should assist in answering questions on this.	Fuller Speakes
5. <u>Budget:</u> Two key votes will be held today in the Senate.	
6. <u>RNC Women's Conference:</u> This event is scheduled for May 21 in Indianapolis. Since it will be covered by the press, efforts should be made to secure high-level participation by Administration women, including Secretary Heckler. Also, Frank Fahrenkopf will be asked to brief appropriate WH staff on details of the conference.	Rollins Whittlesey
7. <u>ERA:</u> It was mentioned that Senator Hatch may be planning hearings on this issue.	Duberstein
8. <u>Space Shuttle:</u> Discussions are being held with NASA re possible events in connection with next month's mission.	Fuller
9. <u>Guy Fiske:</u> Comments on his resignation should be confined to the exchange of letters.	Speakes
10. <u>Fair Housing Legislation:</u> It was noted that a bill will soon be ready for transmission to Congress.	Harper
11. <u>Housing Authorization Bill:</u> This bill, which costs \$23.6B, will soon reach the House floor. We expect to be able to show strong veto strength at that time.	Duberstein
12. <u>Debt Ceiling:</u> This will come up tomorrow. OMB and Treasury agree on raising the ceiling by \$100B before May 26. Also, there has been discussion on adding the Federal Financing Bank to the budget; we would probably not oppose this. At the same time, we will look further into the idea of drafting an Administration proposal for a capital budget.	Wright Darman Duberstein
13. <u>Infanticide:</u> New regulations on this will soon be published.	Fuller Harper
14. <u>Education:</u> Emphasis will be given to packaging our various initiatives, and to other actions which will follow-up on the recent Commission report.	Deaver

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-12-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : Photo ops will be held during meetings with PM Price and Nitze. After the latter, Nitze may brief the press.	Speakes Clark
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : A photo op may be held during meeting with Kirkland. The VP will be asked to check with Kirkland re whether he will make a statement to the press favoring the MX.	Speakes Murphy
3. <u>Cabinet</u> : Meeting today will discuss SPR, food stamp reforms, and use of unemployment benefits for employment and training.	Fuller
4. <u>Senate/House Dinner</u> : Speech for this event has gone in to the President; staff comments are due by noon.	Darman Gergen
5. <u>Saturday Radio Speech</u> : A draft speech on the subject of small business will soon go in to the President.	Gergen
6. <u>MX</u> : A mark-up on this is set for 3:30 today in the Senate Appropriations Committee; timing on transmittal and release of a Presidential letter will be discussed. It was stressed that it will still be very difficult to prevail on this issue.	Duberstein Clark
7. <u>Budget</u> : Senate consideration of this is bogged down in procedural difficulties; there is a possibility that no budget resolution will be passed.	Duberstein
8. <u>El Salvador</u> : Yesterday's vote in the House Foreign Affairs Committee is viewed as a step in the right direction.	Duberstein
9. <u>Mortgage Bailout</u> : This passed the House yesterday, though we showed veto strength on the vote. The Senate is not expected to act quickly on this.	Duberstein
10. <u>Debt Ceiling</u> : The House Ways and Means Committee will hold a mark-up on this today.	Duberstein
11. <u>Withholding</u> : Ways and Means will soon report repeal legislation to the House floor without recommendation.	Duberstein
12. <u>RNC Women's Conference</u> : This has been postponed till June 3-4.	Rollins
13. <u>ERA</u> : Pam Turner and Faith Whittlesey will be in touch with Senator Hatch on this.	Duberstein Whittlesey
14. <u>Retail Sales</u> : Figures came out yesterday and were up 1.6%, a healthy increase.	
15. <u>Coal Leasing</u> : Secretary Watt is testifying on this today.	Fuller
16. <u>Education</u> : Secretary Bell has scheduled several speeches on the recent Commission report.	Fuller Deaver

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17. <u>Mondale</u> : It was noted that he has endorsed the Bradley-Gephardt "flat tax" proposal.	
18. <u>Legislative Calendar</u> : The Senate Finance Committee is tentatively set to begin mark-up on both CBI and enterprise zones. Also, a mark-up is likely next Tuesday on tuition tax credits.	Duberstein

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| 1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : A photo op will be held during Kirkland meeting, though a decision will still have to be made on whether this is done in the Oval Office. Also, a WH photo will be taken during the meeting with Father Blum. | Speakes |
| 2. <u>Saturday Radio Talk</u> : A draft has already been circulated and has gone in to the President. The topic is small business. | Gergen
Darman |
| 3. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Industrial production is up 2.1% and the producer price index declined 0.1%. Feldstein will brief on these figures at 9:30, and the President may also comment. | Gergen
Feldstein |
| 4. <u>Budget</u> : All budget resolutions have been recommitted to the Budget Committee, where they will be debated next Tuesday. A new resolution could be on the floor by Wednesday. | Duberstein |
| 5. <u>MX</u> : Yesterday's vote in the Senate Appropriations Committee was very positive, though there are significant hurdles still ahead. | Duberstein |
| 6. <u>Central American Aid Request</u> : While we are concerned about some of the riders being attached in committee, the key thing at this point is that the dollar figures are reasonable. | Duberstein
Clark |
| 7. <u>FEC Ruling on PAC Contributions</u> : The impact of this ruling will be examined. | Williamson |
| 8. <u>Bankruptcy</u> : A strategy will be developed for passage of this legislation in the House. | Duberstein
Fielding |
| 9. <u>CBI</u> : This legislation passed 14-2 in the Senate Finance Committee, though it will not be reported out until a vehicle is available. Rostenkowski is planning on hearings in the House around June 1. | Duberstein |
| 10. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : A mark-up has been tentatively set for next Tuesday in the Senate Finance Committee. | Duberstein |
| 11. <u>Withholding</u> : Guidance is that we continue to oppose repeal. This bill will be on the House floor next Tuesday, and will then have to go back to the Senate. | Duberstein
Speakes |
| 12. <u>Ruckelshaus</u> : Debate on his nomination will begin Monday, with a vote on Tuesday. | Duberstein |
| 13. <u>Post Story re Black Voters</u> : Guidance is that it is ridiculous to say we are writing off black voters in 1984. | Speakes |
| 14. <u>FmHA Loan Guarantees</u> : OMB and HUD have agreed that the loan level will be raised from \$45B to \$50B. This fact will be mentioned in the President's Monday speech to the Home Builders. Our position on bailout legislation will be mentioned only in the context of the budget and its effect on interest rates. | Wright
Gergen |

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15. OCS Revenue Sharing: An options paper on this has been circulated, though it will be discussed in a meeting with the President before a decision is made. Fuller
16. Kemp Conference: This is being held today, though Shultz will not attend. Guidance is to handle this in a low-key manner. Speakes
17. Middle East: It was noted that several speech forums are coming up in which this might be discussed. Gergen

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-16-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : Speech to Home Builders and remarks to CEOs will both be covered by the press. WH photos will be taken during meeting with Prince Hassan and during von Damm's swearing in.	Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : The possibility will be discussed of a photo op during the GOP leadership meeting.	Duberstein
3. <u>MX</u> : Several meetings will be held this week on the MX. The Senate will vote on this after it concludes debate on the budget. Also, a close vote is expected tomorrow in the House Appropriations Committee.	Duberstein
4. <u>Legislative Calendar</u> : The House will consider repeal of withholding after a vote to suspend the rules, and the Senate is expected to vote tomorrow on confirmation of Ruckelshaus.	Duberstein
5. <u>Budget</u> : It should be stressed that the President has been involved throughout the budget process; we should knock down any suggestion that he is standing aloof. Suggestion was made that Howard Baker might say something on this subject.	Duberstein Speakes
6. <u>Cabinet</u> : Meeting will be held with the President on Wednesday to discuss the budget, Property Review Board, and the PIK program. CCLP will meet with the President on Thursday to discuss toxic torts, the intercourt tribunal proposal, and fair housing.	Fuller
7. <u>Debt Ceiling</u> : The Ways and Means Committee marked-up a 90-day extension last Thursday; it should reach the House floor this week.	Duberstein
8. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Housing starts and CPI will be out this week.	Feldstein
9. <u>Immigration</u> : This legislation will be taken up today on the Senate floor.	Duberstein
10. <u>Education</u> : We continue to concentrate on follow-up to the Commission report. A report on progress may be included in the Seton Hall speech.	Deaver Darman
11. <u>Black Appointees</u> : A suggestion was made that they be brought in as a group to meet with the President. We would reiterate the message that we are not writing off the black vote, and would seek their cooperation in increasing the number of black appointees.	Harper Herrington

"SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-17-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> A photo op will be held during the 9:30 congressional meeting; at that time, the President will make a short statement re signing of the Middle East accord. Also, the arts and humanities luncheon will be covered by the press.	Gergen Speakes Clark Duberstein
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> The swearing-in of Ruckelshaus will be covered by the press. Also, a photo op will be held during signing of the Sakharov resolution.	Speakes
3. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> Legislation to repeal withholding will come up today on the House floor, and is expected to pass after a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules. The House Appropriations Committee will vote at 1:00 today on the MX, and both Weinberger and Adelman will testify today on arms control.	Duberstein
In the Senate, a mark-up will be held on the budget resolution, and the Finance Committee will take up the debt ceiling, tuition tax credits, and enterprise zones.	Duberstein
4. <u>Aid to Central America:</u> It was mentioned that the State Department has asked for additional help on this from WH Legislative Affairs.	Duberstein
5. <u>Long-Term Grain Agreement:</u> USDA is scheduled to announce negotiations today on a new long-term grain agreement. Comments on this should be kept at USDA, though Gergen will check on the text of the planned announcement.	Gergen Clark
6. <u>Housing Starts:</u> Figures for April will be out this afternoon.	Feldstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-18-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Photo ops will be held during signing of Sakharov resolution and Ruckelshaus swearing in. It was also noted that today's congressional meeting will deal with House consideration of the MX.	Speakes Duberstein
2. <u>Cabinet:</u> Meeting at 11:00 today will include updates on the budget and the PIK program.	Fuller
3. <u>Press Conference:</u> Reaction to last night's press conference has been quite good.	
4. <u>Middle East:</u> Guidance on Habib will be provided this morning. Guidance on F-16s is that we will begin talking to Congress on the subject.	Speakes Allin
5. <u>Nicaraguan Seizure of American Yachts:</u> Information at this point is still sketchy.	Clark
6. <u>Health Care for the Unemployed:</u> The House Commerce Committee has been marking-up a bill. The Administration has forwarded principles, but no legislation. The basic difference is over funding, since we prefer a "pay as you go" provision.	Duberstein
7. <u>Debt Ceiling:</u> A 120-day extension will be considered today in the House, though it is not expected to pass. We feel it necessary to continue supporting a 120-day extension as opposed to a series of 30-day extensions.	Duberstein
8. <u>MX:</u> This will likely come up on the House floor Monday, and may also come up on the Senate floor early next week. Full cooperation from all WH offices will be needed.	Duberstein
9. <u>FY '83 Supplemental Appropriations Bill:</u> At this point, OMB has little disagreement on the dollar figures, though we have serious problems with language barring certain administrative actions (including some proposed by Don Devine).	Wright
10. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> It is expected that Rita Lavelle will be cited today for contempt of Congress. It was also noted that immigration is on the Senate floor today, tuition tax credits is being marked-up today, and that enterprise zones was approved yesterday by the Senate Finance Committee.	Duberstein
11. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> It was mentioned that some briefing time should be set aside before the President's interview with Helen Thomas.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-19-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : There will be no photo op today.	
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : President will travel to Miami. His speech to the Cuban-American Foundation is now being finalized.	Gergen
3. <u>Saturday Radio Speech</u> : Will be taped on Friday; subject is Armed Forces Day.	Gergen
4. <u>Seton Hall Speech</u> : This is in circulation, and will go in to the President today.	Gergen Darman
5. <u>ABC/Washington Post Poll</u> : Latest numbers are very encouraging. However, we should not comment on the "head-to-head" portions of this poll or the recent Gallup survey.	Speakes
6. <u>Immigration</u> : This passed the Senate yesterday. Comments on details should be left with DOJ. The President should be briefed on the legislation before the Helen Thomas interview.	Duberstein Speakes Gergen
7. <u>Budget</u> : This will again be taken up on the Senate floor today at 4:00 p.m., and should be concluded by this evening. The resolution is essentially the same as that offered last week by the leadership, though defense has been dropped to 7.1% growth. Guidance is that we are reserving judgement until we see what happens on the floor.	Duberstein Speakes
8. <u>MX</u> : It was noted that a favorable rule was approved by the House Rules Committee; there will be an up or down vote with no amendments. A vote is expected on Tuesday in the House, and on Tuesday or Wednesday in the Senate.	Duberstein
9. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : This will be taken up today in the Senate Finance Committee. It was mentioned that refundability will not be included in the Committee version, though it will probably be offered as a floor amendment. Also, an amendment will be offered to strengthen the anti-discrimination provision.	Duberstein
10. <u>Debt Ceiling</u> : A 120-day extension was approved yesterday by the House. It will now go to the Senate.	Duberstein
11. <u>CCLP</u> : Will meet with the President today to discuss toxic torts, intercircuit tribunal, and fair housing. The fair housing issue will simply involve a briefing since there is no disagreement within the Administration; an announcement will be made at noon by Secretary Pierce following a brief meeting with the President at 11:45.	Fuller
12. <u>Civil Rights</u> : It was noted that DOJ has filed suit against the Milwaukee Police Department for discrimination. Fuller will check on the facts of the case with a view toward possible use of this case as an example of the Administration's enforcement of civil rights laws.	Fuller Gergen

ITEMS	ACTION
13. <u>F-16s</u> : The State Department will finish their Hill consultations today; notification letters will be sent tomorrow. A suggestion was made that Whittlesey might give some advance notice of this decision to Jewish leaders.	Clark Duberstein Whittlesey
14. <u>Hospices</u> : Secretary Heckler is scheduled to testify today regarding proposed HHS regulations on this. Joe Wright will check on the testimony, and will then discuss it with Dave Gergen.	Wright Gergen

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-20-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Budget</u> : A statement will be drafted for the President to make before departing today. It will reiterate his warning that he would veto spending bills that are out of line, and that he will also oppose raising taxes.	Gergen Darman Dubenstein
2. <u>F-16s</u> : Consultations with the Hill have been concluded, and notification letters will be sent at 11:00 today. Secretary Shultz will also meet today with 150 Jewish leaders, and will mention this decision.	Dubenstein Clark
3. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : Though a final committee vote was not held yesterday, several crippling amendments were overcome. Concurrent efforts will be made with Rostenkowski on this issue.	Dubenstein
4. <u>Saturday Radio Speech</u> : This will discuss Armed Forces Day, and will be taped this afternoon on return from Miami.	Gergen
5. <u>Johnstown, Pennsylvania</u> : The President will be asked to call the GOP mayor of this city, which has the highest unemployment rate in the nation. The call is connected with Secretary Pierce's announcement of a CDBG grant for Johnstown.	Williamson
6. <u>Miami Trip</u> : It was mentioned that the city manager of Miami recently gave a speech attacking the President. This will be checked.	Williamson
7. <u>Williamsburg Summit</u> : Secretary Shultz will meet today at the WH with a group of columnists to discuss the Summit.	Gergen
8. <u>MX</u> : Discussion of this will begin on the Senate floor today, with a vote by Wednesday. The House will probably vote on this Tuesday.	Dubenstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-23-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Meeting with Secretary Shultz is part of the normal NSC briefing. Photo ops will be held during meetings with high school valedictorians and Outstanding Exporters.	Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Henry Kissinger is expected to comment on the MX after his lunch with the President. Also, a photo op may be held during the 11:30 meeting on Confidence Building Measures.	Speakes
3. <u>Cabinet:</u> Will meet tomorrow at 3:30 on women's issues.	Fuller
4. <u>MX:</u> This is tentatively set for a vote on the House floor tomorrow, and in the Senate on Wednesday. The votes are expected to be close, and cooperation is needed on all requested calls.	Duberstein
5. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> Senate Finance will probably mark-up tuition tax credits today. Withholding may also be taken up, with a possibility that CBI may be attached. A conference on the budget may convene by Wednesday, the defense authorization bill may be taken up this week, and Radio Marti will soon be coming out of committee.	Duberstein
6. <u>Economic Figures:</u> CPI will be out tomorrow, and will probably be affected by the rise in gas prices.	Feldstein
7. <u>Nicaragua:</u> Guidance is being formulated re <u>New York Times</u> story quoting Casey and Enders.	Clark
8. <u>Poland:</u> State Department guidance is that sanctions are not being eased, and that we are simply discussing the rescheduling of debt.	Speakes
9. <u>Housing Bailout for Veterans:</u> A bill which calls for this is now on the House suspension calendar. The Administration will argue for taking it off suspension.	Wright
10. <u>Civil Rights Commission:</u> Jill Ruckelshaus is not being asked to step down from the Commission, though we are replacing three Democrats appointed by President Carter. Those people we will nominate are all Democrats who are well qualified for the panel.	Herrington
11. <u>Infanticide:</u> The working group on this has recommended a revised rule, which has been circulated for comment.	Darman Fuller Harper
12. <u>Financial Disclosure Statements:</u> Will be subject to release shortly. Cooperation is requested in providing any necessary clarifications prior to that time.	Fielding

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-25-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : The Summit preparation lunch has been cancelled.	Deaver
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : 15 minutes will be added to the pre-interview briefing, which will now begin at 9:45. Also, a photo op will be held during meeting with PM Fanfani.	Deaver Speakes
3. <u>MX</u> : The Senate is expected to vote on this in the afternoon. We are characterizing the vote as being close.	Duberstein
4. <u>Bob Jones Case</u> : It is felt that there is no need for further comment from the WH.	Speakes
5. <u>Civil Rights Commission</u> : Our new appointments are ready for announcement today. All four nominees are in town for a "Mortar Board" with OPD staff and others at 10:00.	Herrington Harper
6. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : This was approved yesterday by the Senate Finance Committee. We are working with Senator Dole to get it considered on the floor as soon as possible. The possibility of attaching this measure to the withholding repeal was also discussed.	Duberstein
7. <u>Hospices</u> : HHS will offer testimony on this subject today in the House.	Moran Fuller
8. <u>Debt Ceiling</u> : We are continuing efforts to secure a 120-day extension despite lack of support from Senate Democrats.	Duberstein
9. <u>Brucellosis</u> : Darman will circulate information forwarded by USDA on this.	Darman Fuller
10. <u>Supplemental Appropriations Bill</u> : Will be considered on the House floor today. Rep. Conte will offer an amendment to remove restrictions on OPM's personnel reforms provided the Administration sends a clear veto signal. Such a signal will be sent.	Moran Duberstein
11. <u>Kentucky Gubernatorial Primary</u> : It appears that Lt. Governor Martha Collins will win the Democratic nomination, and will face Republican Jim Bunning in the general election.	Rollins
12. <u>Trade Reorganization</u> : It has been suggested that we announce our plan for a Department of Trade and Industry prior to the start of the Economic Summit. A fact sheet on the proposal will be circulated before a final decision is made.	Fuller
13. <u>Health Insurance for the Unemployed</u> : It was noted that a plan costing \$6.8B has passed a House committee. We will continue to oppose this particular measure.	Duberstein
14. <u>Merit Pay for Teachers</u> : It was decided that we will respond in some way to NEA's criticism of the President's position on this issue.	Deaver

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-24-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : A photo op will be held during congressional meeting on Confidence Building Measures; afterward, the President will make a statement in the Rose Garden. A photo op will also be held during the National Medals of Science event, and the press will cover the photo session with the N.Y. Islanders. After Henry Kissinger's lunch with the President, he is expected to speak with the press about the MX.	Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : The day will be devoted primarily to Summit preparation.	Deaver Clark
3. <u>MX</u> : Guidance is that today's vote in the House is expected to be very close.	Speakes Duberstein
4. <u>Civil Rights Commission</u> : Guidance is that there were never any plans to make these recess appointments. All three appointees will be Democrats. If asked, we can mention that we would expect their views on busing and similar issues to coincide with those of the President.	Speakes Herrington
5. <u>Consumer Price Index</u> : Figure for April is up 0.6%, an annualized rate of over 7%. Excluding energy, where costs rose more quickly, the CPI was up at an annualized rate of 4.6%. A statement by Feldstein may be released in order to clarify the reasons for the increase.	Feldstein Gergen
6. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : This will be marked-up today in the Senate Finance Committee.	Duberstein
7. <u>OPM Personnel Reforms</u> : OMB is sending a letter to the House leadership opposing language that would bar OPM from initiating merit-based personnel reforms.	Moran
8. <u>Debt Ceiling</u> : A mark-up on this will soon begin in the Senate Finance Committee. We prefer a "clean" bill.	Duberstein
9. <u>Richard Stone Nomination</u> : The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected to report this nomination today.	Duberstein
10. <u>Arms Control</u> : Important testimony is being offered in the House Foreign Affairs Committee today by Secretary Weinberger and Kenneth Adelman.	Duberstein
11. <u>School Prayer</u> : At this point, we are having problems getting our proposed amendment out of Senator Hatch's subcommittee. Instead, the subcommittee seems to prefer a silent prayer/equal access approach. We will renew efforts to obtain approval for our version through contacts with Thurmond, Hatch and others.	Duberstein Atwater Whittlesey

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-26-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : Meeting with Fanfani and departure will be photo ops.	Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : Photo ops will be held during Nakasone meeting and the arrival statement in Williamsburg.	Speakes
3. <u>Saturday Radio Speech</u> : This will discuss the Economic Summit and will be taped today.	Gergen
4. <u>El Salvador</u> : Regarding the murder of a U.S. advisor, more details will be obtained from DOD this morning. Guidance is that the President was notified promptly after details of the murder were confirmed.	Clark Speakes Allin
5. <u>MX</u> : The House will again vote on the MX resolution today. We expect to win the vote.	Duberstein
6. <u>Civil Rights Commission</u> : Duberstein will speak with Senator Thurmond regarding the need to move quickly on our nominations.	Duberstein
7. <u>Withholding Repeal</u> : The Senate Finance Committee attached several amendments to this bill, including CBI. Efforts to attach tuition tax credits did not have sufficient support in committee, though we can try again on the floor. The withholding repeal will probably not come up again until June.	Duberstein
8. <u>Debt Ceiling</u> : Both the House and Senate have approved identical 120-day extensions (through the end of the fiscal year on September 30).	Duberstein
9. <u>Education</u> : A letter to NEA on merit pay for teachers has been drafted, and could go out today.	Fuller
10. <u>School Prayer</u> : It was noted that this will not be marked-up today.	Duberstein
11. <u>Supplemental Appropriations Committee</u> : OMB will work to head off amendments that would prohibit OPM from implementing its personnel reforms.	Moran
12. <u>Foundation for Advancement of Military Medicine</u> : This measure passed Congress overwhelmingly, though DOJ feels it has constitutional problems that warrant considering a veto. Fuller, Fielding and Moran will attempt to work out this matter.	Fuller Fielding Moran
13. <u>Brucellosis</u> : USDA has published a statement in the <u>Register</u> that a quarantine will be imposed on Texas unless the Legislature acts by June 1. Secretary Block was to talk with Governor White to assure him that the Administration is not bluffing.	Fuller Williamson

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ITEMS	ACTION
14. <u>Farm Target Prices</u> : Yesterday the House postponed mark-up on this issue.	Duberstein
15. <u>Space Shuttle</u> : Launch is set for June 18, with the first female U.S. astronaut on board. Senior staff wishing to attend the launch should contact Craig Fuller's office.	Fuller
16. <u>Trade Reorganization</u> : Announcement re a proposed Department of Trade and Industry will not be made until next week. In the meantime, consultations with the Hill will continue.	Fuller Duberstein
17. <u>Hospices</u> : Fuller and Moran will discuss ways of quickly clarifying the Administration position.	Fuller Moran

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-27-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Joe Holmes</u> : It was noted that Joe Holmes passed away last night, and a moment of silence was held in his memory. A Presidential statement is being prepared, and Ed Hickey will pass on any information on funeral arrangements.	Jenkins Hickey
2. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : Photo ops will be held during the Nakasone meeting and departure for Williamsburg. Also, it was decided to hold any announcement of Dick Stone's plans until next Tuesday.	Speakes Clark
3. <u>El Salvador</u> : There has been no change in guidance regarding the murder of a U.S. advisor.	Speakes
4. <u>School Prayer</u> : It was suggested that Senator Hatch be invited to the WH to attempt to resolve different views on this issue.	Meese Duberstein
5. <u>Social Security Disability</u> : DOD and PSI are attempting to assist Roy Benavidez, who was awarded the Medal of Honor by the President, and who is being cut from the Social Security disability rolls. On the general problem, it was noted that the process of removing certain people from the rolls was begun by Carter, though we accelerated the process. It was decided that the WH should take a second look at this policy, and will consider revisions proposed by HHS.	Harper Fuller
6. <u>Textiles</u> : Fuller will handle follow-up on issues raised by the textile industry in a recent meeting.	Fuller
7. <u>Presidential Letter to NEA</u> : It was decided that the American Federation of Teachers will be sent a copy of the President's letter.	Darman Fuller
8. <u>Brucellosis</u> : Fuller will remain in touch with USDA regarding the possibility of a brucellosis quarantine being imposed on Texas.	Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-6-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : Award of Lifesaving Medal and spelling bee event will be today's photo ops.	Speakes
2. <u>Cabinet Activity</u> : Cabinet will meet with the President on Wednesday at 2:00 to discuss ICC, health and safety of federal employees, and other subjects.	Fuller
3. <u>Legislative Calendar</u> : The Senate will consider IMF authorization and the FY '83 supplemental this week. The House will consider a series of appropriations bills and covert activity in Nicaragua; it will also hold a hearing on CBI and mark-up domestic content legislation. On Wednesday, the conference committee on the budget is expected to convene. Also, the Democratic caucus will discuss capping the tax cut at \$700.	Duberstein
4. <u>Social Security Disability</u> : HHS will probably hold a press conference tomorrow to announce our reform proposals. Congressional hearings will begin Thursday on this subject.	Fuller Gergen
5. <u>Civil Rights Commission</u> : Attention was drawn to an article by Shanker in the <u>New York Times</u> which was felt to be generally positive on this subject.	
6. <u>Ambassador Habib</u> : It was mentioned that there is no truth to news reports that Habib will be stepping down. His return to the U.S. is simply for consultations.	Speakes
7. <u>Summit</u> : Regarding speculation about a possible Reagan-Andropov summit, it was stressed that staff should not comment on the subject.	
It was also mentioned that recent news articles about disagreements between NSC and the State Department are not helpful, and staff were asked to cooperate in refuting such rumors.	
8. <u>Arms Control</u> : NSC meeting on START will be held tomorrow. Assistance from the Communications office will be required in order to plan for post-meeting press questions.	Clark Gergen
9. <u>Budget</u> : It was mentioned that Congressman Jim Jones had stated that the President was calling for a \$280B tax increase. However, we should make clear that our increase is contingent on not achieving the necessary level of spending cuts.	Speakes

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-7-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> A meeting with the President will be held at 9:15 to discuss the supplemental appropriations bill. With regard to the NSC meeting, it was noted that no decision will be made today on START. Also, the meeting with Max Fischer will probably go ahead as originally planned.	Speakes Whittlesey
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> A photo op will be held during the meeting with the Philadelphia 76ers.	Speakes
3. <u>Tax Cut:</u> The Democratic Caucus meets today to discuss capping the tax cut at \$700. Some GOP House members will argue against the idea today on the floor. It was also suggested that we make clear that the Democratic proposal is really a tax increase, and should be termed as such.	Dubenstein
4. <u>Social Security Disability:</u> Reform proposals have been approved, and will be announced by HHS at 2:00 today.	Fuller
5. <u>PIK Program:</u> It was mentioned that this program is requiring unexpected outlays for wheat purchases. Questions should be referred to USDA.	Wright Speakes
6. <u>Nicaragua:</u> Regarding the expulsion of three U.S. diplomats, we are still considering our response. A statement should be ready before today's press briefing.	Clark Allin

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-8-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Arms control statement meeting with Philadelphia 76ers, and lunch with education leaders will be photo ops. Also, a photo will be taken during the 9:30 meeting with Lebanese FM.	Speakes
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Regarding the education event in Minneapolis, the President will make brief remarks and will then engage in a discussion.	Fuller
3. <u>Cabinet Meeting:</u> Today's meeting will deal with federal employees', health and safety, and federal cash management practices.	Fuller
4. <u>Supplemental:</u> This will be considered today in the Senate.	Duberstein
5. <u>PIK Program:</u> Secretary Block will be in the WH today for a discussion of this subject. It is expected that USDA will later issue a statement.	Fuller
6. <u>Radio Marti:</u> This will be marked-up today in the House, and we expect a positive outcome. Senate mark-up has been postponed due to today's leadership meeting.	Duberstein
7. <u>American Association of University Women:</u> It was pointed out that the President has not turned down the organization's invitation, though there are problems with the time of the event which may make it difficult for the President to speak.	
8. <u>Tax Cut:</u> It was mentioned that the Democratic Caucus did not take a position on O'Neill's suggestion for capping the tax cut at \$700.	Duberstein
9. <u>President's Roundtable on Capital Formation:</u> A meeting will be held with this group on Friday. The group itself is a USIA project.	Harper
10. <u>FHA:</u> It was noted that the FHA mortgage rate rose by 1/2%.	
11. <u>School Prayer:</u> We have still not received an answer from Senator Hatch regarding the letter we sent him.	Duberstein
12. <u>Education:</u> Today's lunch will be for purposes of discussing merit pay and other issues with the AFT. A later meeting with NEA representatives may also be held.	Fuller
13. <u>Social Security Disability:</u> It appears that HHS efforts to explain our reform proposals are going well.	
14. <u>Textiles:</u> As follow-up to a meeting with industry representatives, it has been decided that we will bring someone from Commerce into the WH for 30-60 days in order to develop a plan for dealing with the growth in textile imports.	Fuller

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-9-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : A White House photo will be taken during tomorrow's lunch with The Roundtable.	Speakes
2. <u>Legislative Calendar</u> : It was mentioned that the IMF authorization has passed the Senate, and that Radio Marti has been reported by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Also, Hatch plans to mark-up school prayer today, and he will be asked to report out both versions.	Duberstein
3. <u>Supplemental</u> : Hatfield reportedly will not delete money from this on the Senate floor, but feels he can hold the line and then cut in conference committee. We are still sending a veto signal, though we should keep a low public profile for now.	Duberstein
4. <u>Budget</u> : Guidance continues to be that it is hard to see how the conference can produce an acceptable result given the two versions with which it is dealing. We will continue to seek responsible budgetary levels through the appropriations process and, if necessary, through use of the veto.	Duberstein Speakes
5. <u>ICC Deregulation</u> : It was suggested that various White House offices should look closely at the current proposal on this. The central question involves the speed of continued deregulation efforts.	Rollins Cicconi
6. <u>Acid Rain</u> : The importance of this issue was re-emphasized in the wake of a new government study.	
7. <u>British Elections</u> : We should know the results by mid-afternoon. A paper will be ready by late morning re suggested timing and content of a statement.	Clark
8. <u>Minneapolis Trip</u> : It was mentioned that Walter Mondale will also be in Minnesota today delivering a speech which is critical of our education program. Secretary Bell will be prepared to respond.	Gergen Fuller
9. <u>US Conference of Mayors</u> : Will meet next week in Denver. Several Cabinet members will attend, as well as appropriate White House staff.	Verstandig
10. <u>Presidential Travel</u> : It was stressed that no decision has yet been made on foreign travel.	Clark

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-10-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : Call to Thatcher will be made this morning. Also, a White House photo will be taken during the Roundtable lunch.	Clark Speakes
2. <u>Saturday Radio Talk</u> : The President will discuss Interior Department policies on wilderness areas and coal leasing.	Gergen
3. <u>Economic Figures</u> : The Producer Price Index is up 0.3%, and retail sales are up 2.1%.	Feldstein
4. <u>School Prayer</u> : Both proposals were reported out by Hatch's Subcommittee. We are now assessing sentiment in the full Judiciary Committee, where a vote is scheduled in two weeks.	Dubenstein
5. <u>Supplemental</u> : A series of amendments are now being considered. The bill itself will probably be passed next Tuesday.	Dubenstein
6. <u>Radio Marti</u> : This passed the House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday.	Dubenstein
7. <u>MX</u> : O'Neill has decided to postpone the MX portion of the defense authorization bill until after the July 4 recess.	Dubenstein
8. <u>Central America</u> : Regarding reports on planning for six airfields in Honduras, guidance is that the Administration currently has no plans for such airfields.	Speakes Allin
9. <u>Scowcroft Commission</u> : An executive order extending the life of the Commission will be signed shortly.	Darman Clark

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-13-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Photo ops will be held with PM Hawke at 11:30 and 1:30. Guidance re the congressional meeting is that it will be a broad discussion with members of the House Foreign Operations Committee. Also, WH photos will be taken during the Baltic Americans reception.	Speakes
2. <u>Cabinet:</u> Meeting today at 2:00 will discuss food stamp regulatory reform.	Fuller
3. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Photo op will be held during the Flag Day event. Also, the GOP leadership meeting has been cancelled; two separate congressional meetings will be held in its place.	Speakes
4. <u>Foreign Assistance:</u> Regarding aid to Israel, the Administration's position is that we will not oppose an increase of up to \$200M provided the overall foreign assistance total is raised accordingly. However, Congress is adding amounts well over \$200M. The issue will be discussed with the President today at 9:30.	Clark Duberstein Wright
5. <u>Education:</u> It was mentioned that the President has not yet seen a draft of the speech to be delivered in Albuquerque.	Gergen Darman
Regarding the President's remarks in Minneapolis, the transcript supports the fact that the President laid out the bulk of our education program. However, it should also be pointed out that the purpose of current trips is to listen. Fuller will work with OMB and Education to make sure that figures previously provided to the President on education spending are correct.	Fuller Speakes
6. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> The supplemental will be considered on the Senate floor, followed by withholding. The budget is still in conference committee. Secretary Regan will testify on taxes tomorrow in Ways and Means; Fuller will double-check on planned testimony. Also, it was noted that Adelman will testify five times this week on our new START proposals.	Duberstein
7. <u>Cable TV Deregulation:</u> This has been introduced in the Senate, and will probably pass. DOC supports the bill. OMB does not oppose it, but would like some adjustments. This will be discussed at 8:30, with a signal to the Hill by noon.	Meese Wright
8. <u>Infanticide:</u> A meeting will be held at 10:15 today to discuss new proposed regulations.	Fuller
9. <u>U.S. Conference of Mayors:</u> Facts will be gathered for guidance purposes re various resolutions passed by the Conference, including those on AIDS and infrastructure repair.	Fuller Darman

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-14-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Flag Day event will be a photo op.	Speakes
2. <u>El Salvador:</u> Regarding Rep. Long's comments, guidance remains the same, i.e., that we favor a dialogue leading to elections. Clark and Secretary Shultz will meet to discuss next steps to be undertaken by Ambassador Stone.	Speakes Clark
3. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> Consideration of the defense authorization bill begins today on the House floor. Also, Secretary Regan will testify today on taxes before the Ways and Means Committee.	Duberstein
4. <u>Education:</u> It was emphasized that we should not become bogged down in a dispute over facts and figures. The key issue is the decline in educational quality despite major spending increases over the years. With regard to today's trip, Gary Jones will be aboard the press plane to answer questions on our program.	Speakes Fuller
5. <u>Timber:</u> Fuller will check on the status of the Administration decision on timber contracts in the Northwest.	Fuller
6. <u>LULAC:</u> It was suggested that we arrange for an Administration spokesman to appear at the LULAC National Convention on July 1.	Gergen
7. <u>Budget Review Board:</u> A modification has been approved in the EPA budget request. Senator Garn will be informed this morning. However, we will not publicize the decision since our increase is only half as large as that proposed in the House. The facts will be conveyed to Larry Speakes.	Darman Duberstein Speakes
8. <u>U.S. Conference of Mayors:</u> While hunger has been made an issue by some publications, it has not been a major issue at the Conference. Instead, most discussion has centered on the tax cut.	Neal
9. <u>Civil Rights Commission:</u> Figures on minority appointments cited in recent Commission report will be checked.	Fuller
Regarding a recent letter from Jesse Jackson about our nominations to the Commission, a response has been drafted. However, it will be signed by someone other than the President.	Darman Fielding
10. <u>Drug Interdiction:</u> A copy of a critical report by the GAO is being obtained. Also, it was noted that the Vice President will deliver a speech this Friday on the general subject. Regarding today's <u>Post</u> story, guidance is that we are using all available resources to combat the drug traffic; no further comment is necessary.	Murphy Speakes
11. <u>Space Shuttle:</u> The plane trip to the launch is now full. However, Fuller's office is coordinating a similar plane trip to the landing of the shuttle.	Fuller
12. <u>Budget:</u> The conference committee is making some progress in its negotiations, though they have not yet taken up the military portions of the budget.	Wright Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-15-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : The President returns today at 4:35.	
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule</u> : A photo op will be held during the presentation of medals to Presidential scholars.	Speakes
3. <u>Cabinet</u> : A decision has not yet been made on whether tomorrow's Cabinet time will be used.	Fuller
4. <u>Defense Authorization Bill</u> : The major amendment debated today in the House will concern binary weapons.	Duberstein
5. <u>Supplemental</u> : This is still being debated in the Senate.	Duberstein
6. <u>Civil Rights Commission</u> : Regarding report criticizing our stance on the <u>Grove City</u> case, guidance is that questions should be referred to DOJ since it is pending litigation.	Allin
7. <u>DOJ Affirmative Action Plan</u> : Dunlop will talk with Schmults re news report that EEOC has rejected a DOJ plan on handicapped hiring, and that plans on veterans and minorities have still not been forwarded. The issue should be taken care of as soon as possible.	Dunlop
8. <u>Industrial Production</u> : Figures for May are up 1.1%.	Feldstein
9. <u>Insurance Discrimination</u> : This legislation is still pending in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Administration has not yet taken a position on it, though the bill is expected to pass.	Duberstein
10. <u>Target Price Freeze</u> : This is being considered by the Senate Agriculture Committee. Several calls to members have been requested.	Duberstein
11. <u>U.S. Conference of Mayors</u> : It was noted that a group of mayors will probably fight efforts to limit the tax cut when the issue is debated. Regarding previous reports on inefficiencies in the distribution of surplus foods, USDA plans to clarify procedures and conduct briefings for the mayors.	Verstandig
12. <u>IMF Authorization Bill</u> : This is included as a provision in the Senate's supplemental appropriations bill, though it is not in the House version. Rep. Long and Rep. St. Germain are suggesting different means for considering the issue.	Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-16-83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> A photo op will be held during Presidential Scholars event on the South Lawn. Also, a decision will be made re press coverage during Atlantic Salmon and United Negro College Fund events.	Speakes Gergen
2. <u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Knights of Columbus event will be a photo op.	Speakes
3. <u>Saturday Radio Speech:</u> A draft is now circulating tying the shuttle launch in with education.	Gergen Darman
4. <u>Supreme Court Decisions on Abortion:</u> Harper will convene a meeting to discuss a possible WH response.	Harper
5. <u>Defense Authorization Bill:</u> Though funding for chemical weapons production was defeated in the House, the vote was much closer than last year.	Duberstein
6. <u>DOJ Affirmative Action Plans:</u> Fuller will check with Justice on their plans to promptly resolve this matter.	Fuller
7. <u>U.S. Conference of Mayors:</u> Though a resolution was approved to roll-back the tax cuts, the vote was only 53-44. The President may be asked to place a few calls to thank our supporters within the organization. Verstandig is working with USDA on follow-up actions regarding distribution of surplus food in the cities (this was a point of criticism during the Conference).	Verstandig
8. <u>Housing Starts:</u> The figure for May will be out at 2:30 today, and will be up sharply over April.	Feldstein
9. <u>Budget Conference:</u> The committee is trying to wind up work late today. A contingency fund for domestic spending is a key point of contention.	Duberstein
10. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> The Senate will finish work today on the supplemental, and will then take up withholding. The defense authorization bill is still being considered on the House floor.	Duberstein
11. <u>Textiles:</u> It has been agreed that an official from Commerce will be detailed to the WH to formulate a plan for more effective enforcement of existing textile agreements. Fuller will see to it that Thurmond, Helms and Campbell are all notified today of our action.	Fuller
12. <u>Tax Cut:</u> Ways and Means meets today, and will probably report out a bill to cap the tax cut. The committee vote is expected to be close, and it is expected that we will be able to wage a strong fight on the House floor. Darman will coordinate efforts on this measure by the outreach offices.	Duberstein Darman

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13. <u>Subpoena of Interior Department Documents:</u> Fielding has been in touch with Interior regarding the subpoena by a House subcommittee.	Fielding
14. <u>WH Detailees:</u> It was mentioned that the House may subpoena information on WHO use of detailees. Accordingly, senior staff were asked to be cautious in adding detailees to their staffs, especially in light of the President's pledge to reduce the size of the WH staff.	Darman Rogers
15. <u>Child Support Enforcement:</u> The President has not yet made a decision on this issue. Testimony to be delivered on the Hill does not mention an Administration position, though if asked we will state that our views will soon be announced.	Duberstein Fuller
16. <u>Death Benefits for Firefighters:</u> It was mentioned that this issue is again surfacing in Congress. For now, we will maintain the same position of neutrality we took last year.	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-17-83)

ITEM		ACTIONS
1.	<u>Today's Schedule:</u> Photo ops will be held during President Magana's visit. Also, photos will be taken during the Knights of Columbus event for use by the Catholic press.	Speakes
2.	<u>Saturday Radio Speech:</u> This has gone in to the President.	Gergen Darman
3.	<u>Withholding:</u> A modified repeal was passed by the Senate, with CBI and enterprise zones attached; no date has yet been set for a conference. Gergen will consider some means of highlighting our achievement in getting CBI and enterprise zones passed (though the former has an objectionable provision which we will try to remove in conference).	Duberstein Gergen
4.	<u>Budget Conference:</u> Work may be concluded this weekend, with the resolution being considered on the House floor Wednesday and the Senate floor Thursday.	Duberstein
	Regarding Secretary Weinberger's letter to Senator Tower, he has a right to suggest that the Armed Services Committee not be bound by the level of defense spending in the budget resolution. Committees are authorized to waive such levels when they feel it is warranted.	
5.	<u>Tax Cut:</u> Ways and Means has reported out a cap on the tax cut by a vote of 18-15; the bill will be taken up Thursday on the House floor. We should point out that this is, in effect, a tax increase, and that it disproportionately impacts the middle class and families with working spouses.	Duberstein Gergen
6.	<u>Drug Interdiction:</u> The Vice-President will deliver a speech today at 12:15 announcing a series of steps on this. Guidance has been forwarded to Speakes.	Murphy Speakes
7.	<u>Bankruptcy:</u> Trent Lott is pushing a compromise in the House to which we have no objection. Speed is considered especially important on this issue.	Duberstien Fielding

8. Crime Package: Justice has the action on this, and is pushing to get it scheduled in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Duberstein
9. Civil Rights Commission: Confirmation hearings on our three nominees have been set for June 30. Duberstein
10. Compensation for Japanese-Americans: A commission has recommended to Congress that Nisei interned during World War II be compensated a total of \$1.5 billion. Guidance is that we have just received the report, and will take it under review. It can be pointed out though, that the commission officially reports to Congress, not to the executive. OMB and OPD will review the commission's recommendation. Speakes
Harper
Wright
11. Legislation Allowing Leaseback Arrangement: Senator Helms added a provision to a technical amendments bill that would allow a leaseback arrangement by a North Carolina school. OMB, Treasury, and CCEA have recommended a veto. However, another option is to sign the bill while objecting to the provision and stating our intention of seeking legislation to address the over-all problem. Since a decision must be made today, both options will be discussed this morning with the President. Meese
Baker
Darman
12. Timber Contracts: This issue will be discussed next week in a Cabinet Council meeting. Efforts will be made to see that a CEA report is ready by then. Feldstein
Dunlop

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-20-83)

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1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> A WH photo will be taken during meeting with Habib at 9:30; a full photo op will be held during meeting with Ambassador Stone at 9:45.	Speakes
2. <u>Cabinet Activity:</u> CCMA will meet with the President at 1:00 today on Reform 88, federal field structure, and work space management. Cabinet Council meeting with the President will also be held tomorrow (on synfuels and the 1984 PIK program) and Friday (on economic outlook and housing).	Dunlop
3. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> The House will be considering the military construction bill and the DOT authorization; on Thursday, efforts to cap the tax cut will be taken up on the floor; and Ways and Means has tentatively scheduled a mark-up on CBI for tomorrow. Also, it was noted that the budget conference must conclude work by 9:00 tonight.	Duberstein
4. <u>Economic Figures:</u> Personal income figures will be released today, the 2nd quarter "flash" GNP will be out tomorrow, and CPI will be released Wednesday. Gergen will consider a communications strategy regarding these figures, which we expect to be favorable.	Feldstein Gergen
5. <u>Social Security Disability:</u> It was mentioned that Roy Benavidez will testify on this today in a hearing sponsored by the Committee on Aging.	Duberstein Harper
6. <u>Pornography:</u> The Working Group on Pornography will hold a briefing today at 3:00 on this problem, with particular emphasis on child pornography.	Dunlop
7. <u>News Story re Ambassador Stone:</u> It was mentioned that anonymous quotes in a <u>Washington Times</u> story today not only create problems with the State Department, but also provoke unwarranted questions from the press.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (6-21-83)

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1. Presentation by CIA Director Bill Casey: Director Casey made a presentation on the potential harm resulting from unauthorized disclosure of classified information. It was agreed that when WH staff receive word that a news story is being prepared that includes potentially harmful disclosure of intelligence information, the CIA External Affairs Office will be notified through Mort Allin or Bob Sims. It was also noted that WH staff with access to classified information are subject to polygraph examination.
2. Today's Schedule: The 4:15 meeting on personnel matters has been postponed. The meeting with PM Gonzalez and the departure will be photo ops. A photo op will also be held during the Boston Marathon Wheelchair Race event, and a WH photo will be taken during the 4:30 meeting with West Berlin Mayor Weiszacker. Speakes
Allin
3. Budget Resolution: Guidance will be provided to Speakes regarding the conference report approved last night. Darman
Duberstein
4. Cabinet: Meeting today at 2:00 will discuss synfuels and the 1984 PIK program. Fuller
5. GOP Leadership Meeting: Meeting at 9:00 today will discuss the budget, tax cap proposals, and the supplemental. Duberstein
6. GNP: Figures will be out today at 10:00. The 2nd quarter "flash" figure is up 6.6%, and the 1st quarter revision is up from 2.5% to 2.6%. Secretary Baldrige is testifying on the figures today before the Joint Economic Committee. Feldstein
7. Social Security Disability: Renewed efforts should be made in pushing the legislative reforms drafted by HHS. However, many on the Hill view our proposals as insufficient. Duberstein
8. Specialty Steel: A meeting of the Trade Policy Committee will be held at 3:30 today on this issue. Harper
Fuller
9. Advisory Committee on Women's Business Ownership: It has been agreed that the President will announce his intention to create this committee during his speech to the NFIB. While the executive order can be signed shortly, no nominees will need to be announced until later. Darman
Gergen
Herrington