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SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10/3/83)

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<u>Today's Schedule:</u> Photo ops will be held during swearing in of Ortega, visit of President Pereira, Minority Business Week ceremony, and reception for Supreme Court Justices. Tonight's speech to the Heritage Foundation will also be covered. In addition, it was noted that the 3:15 congressional meeting will discuss arms control, particularly build-down proposals.	Speakes Duberstein
2.	<u>Tomorrow's Schedule:</u> Plan is for the President to make remarks on arms control tomorrow after his meeting with Ambassador Rowny.	Gergen Clark
3.	<u>Cabinet Activity:</u> A Cabinet meeting with the President is scheduled for Thursday. Also, CCCT will meet this afternoon without the President to discuss the telephone rate situation.	
4.	<u>Legislative Calendar:</u> The Senate will take up legislation today that would make Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday; guidance re our position is that we will sign the bill if it is passed. The Senate will also consider the Labor-HHS and State-Justice Appropriations Bills. Mark-up on our Civil Rights nominees will be held Thursday; legislation reauthorizing the Commission is still pending.	Duberstein Speakes
	This week, the House will take up the supplemental, and will try to resolve differences in conference on FSC extension. The Export Administration Act will be debated on Wednesday; a legislative strategy meeting will be held to discuss our position and the prospects for change in the Senate version.	Duberstein Darman
5.	<u>Economic Figures:</u> New unemployment figures will be released on Friday.	Feldstein
6.	<u>Agency Budgets:</u> It was mentioned that, despite a presidential memo, DOD reportedly engaged in a flurry of "end of fiscal year spending." Guidance is that we are looking into this.	Clark Wright
7.	<u>Handicapped:</u> It was noted that this has been proclaimed "Hire the Handicapped Week"; Mrs. Bush will be presenting awards this week at DOC.	Whittlesey
8.	<u>Organized Crime Commission:</u> Questions regarding the executive director's resignation should be referred to DOJ.	Speakes

STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10/6/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Young American medals and Congressional barbecue will be photo ops.	Speakes
2. <u>IMF Letter:</u> Guidance is that Treasury is still discussing this matter with the Hill.	Duberstein
3. <u>Immigration:</u> Guidance regarding O'Neill's statements remains the same.	Speakes
4. <u>Death of Cardinal Cooke:</u> A Presidential statement will be released today. We will check on details of the funeral, and will arrange for a small delegation to represent the President.	Speakes Cicconi
5. <u>El Salvador:</u> Guidance regarding aid request is that we expected the Senate to extend present restrictions for one year; we should not yet comment regarding action of the House subcommittee.	Speakes Duberstein
6. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> The Conference Committee on FCC extension will probably conclude work today; a Legislative Strategy meeting may be held this morning on the subject. It was also noted that we still need to secure Senate passage of a 14-day extension of the Export Administration Act. The Congress will recess at the end of the day, and will return on October 17.	Duberstein
7. <u>Sherman Unger:</u> Guidance is that we continue to support his nomination.	Speakes Fielding
8. <u>Deficit:</u> Questions should be referred to Treasury regarding Secretary Regan's projection of a \$100 billion deficit in FY 1985.	Speakes
9. <u>Civil Rights Nominees:</u> This vote has been postponed subject to the call of the chair. The issue will probably not be taken up until after the recess.	Duberstein
10. <u>Kentucky Speech:</u> It was mentioned that the current draft discusses the economy, with special emphasis on the deficit.	Gergen

STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10/7/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Unemployment</u> : Total unemployment dropped in September from 9.4% to 9.1%; civilian unemployment dropped from 9.5% to 9.3%. The total number of people employed in the U.S. rose by 382,000, to reach a new record total of 101.9 million. These figures have been inserted in the President's speech to be delivered this morning.	Feldstein
2. <u>Export Administration Act</u> : The Senate remained in session today to consider a 14-day extension of this Act.	Duberstein
3. <u>Arming of Enforcement Agents</u> : OMB is continuing to monitor requests by various agencies, including EPA, to authorize carrying of fire arms by their enforcement agents.	Wright
4. <u>Drug Enforcement Program</u> : Regarding legislation that would create a "drug czar," the Justice Department has formulated options which might satisfy certain members of Congress. These options will be discussed in a CCLP meeting.	Fuller
5. <u>Commission on Central America</u> : An executive order has been prepared extending until February the time for the commission to submit its report. The intention was to sign this order before the commission leaves for Central America. However, the order will be put on hold until after Judge Clark confers today with Henry Kissinger.	Clark Darman
6. <u>Secretary Watt</u> : Guidance is unchanged regarding resignation rumors. No list of possible successors has been drawn up, and Watt has neither offered nor been asked to resign.	Speakes

STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10/11/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> A photo op will be held during today's meeting with Foreign Minister Wu of the PRC. WH photos will be taken during brief meetings with Bill Wilson and with Secretary Weinberger (who is heading a delegation to South Korea). Also, it was noted that there will be no press conference this week.	Speakes
2. <u>Defense Budget:</u> Regarding Post article on differences between Thayer and Lehman, questions should be referred to DOD.	Speakes
3. <u>Cabinet Activity:</u> A Cabinet meeting will be held on Thursday, though the agenda is still undetermined.	Fuller
4. <u>FSC Extension:</u> This bill, which both OMB and DOL support, has been circulated for staff comment. If possible, it will be signed today.	Darman
5. <u>Civil Rights Commission:</u> It was mentioned that the Commission will issue a report criticizing the impact of our budget policies on civil rights enforcement.	
6. <u>Immigration:</u> Guidance is that we continue to support the Senate-passed version of this legislation, and hope that the House will vote on it. Regarding our objections to the House bill, these have already been laid out by the Attorney General in a letter to Rodino.	Speakes

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10/12/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> The President's lunch at the Italian Embassy will be covered by the press.	Speakes

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10/18/83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : A photo op will be held during lunch with specialized press.	Speakes
2. <u>News Conference</u> : An announcement will be made this morning that a news conference will be held Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. Briefing time has been set aside for this afternoon and tomorrow.	Gergen Speakes
3. <u>Iran-Iraq</u> : NSC will provide press guidance regarding comments by Secretary Shultz.	McFarlane
4. <u>Lebanon</u> : NSC will draft a statement for possible use with regard to recent sniping attacks on U.S. Marines.	McFarlane
5. <u>Martin Luther King</u> : Legislation to create a King holiday will be taken up on the Senate floor today, with a vote likely by tomorrow. In related action, the Department of Justice has filed in opposition to Senator Helms' attempt to break the seal on FBI's files regarding Dr. King.	Duberstein Fielding
6. <u>Civil Rights Commission</u> : We have discussed the status of our nominations with Senator Dole, and will try and reach an agreement today. Committee vote is scheduled for Thursday.	Meese Duberstein
7. <u>Legislative Calendar</u> : The Export Administration bill will be taken up on the House floor today, and work is expected to conclude on the FSC conference report; the latter is an 18-month extension, and is only \$38 million over our request. Also, it was noted that Judge Clark is beginning his courtesy calls in connection with his confirmation.	Duberstein
8. <u>Intelligence Authorization Bill</u> : State and CIA are working on this in the House, and are trying to arrange an alternative to Boland/Zablocki. A Legislative Strategy meeting may be set up prior to Senate consideration of the issue on Friday.	Duberstein McFarlane
9. <u>Debt Ceiling</u> : A brief session will be held to review our position on this issue prior to meetings on the Hill today.	Darman Duberstein
10. <u>Natural Gas</u> : This legislation will probably be considered in the Senate within a week.	Duberstein
11. <u>Enterprise Zones</u> : We should be given a date this week for a hearing before the Ways and Means Committee on this issue.	Duberstein

STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10/19/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Secretary Shultz will meet briefly with the President at 9:45. Photo ops will be held during math and science awards, and visit to Air and Space Museum.	Speakes
2. <u>News Conference:</u> The President will hear a two-hour briefing prior to this evening's news conference. The first hour will cover foreign affairs, and the second domestic issues.	Gergen
3. <u>Martin Luther King Holiday:</u> This bill is expected to pass the Senate today, with a vote by 4:00.	Duberstein
4. <u>Civil Rights Nominations:</u> There has been no change in the situation, though something might develop today. The committee vote is scheduled for tomorrow.	Meese Duberstein
5. <u>FCC Syndication Rule:</u> The President will be briefed on this issue before tonight's news conference.	Fielding Duberstein
6. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> Work on the Export Administration Act should be concluded on the House floor today. The House is then expected to take up Boland-Zablocki; a Legislative Strategy meeting will be held on this today.	Duberstein
7. <u>Texas Drought:</u> OMB and USDA will coordinate in developing guidance for the press conference on the issue of whether surplus federal grain should be given to west Texas ranchers.	Wright Fuller
8. <u>FSC Extension:</u> The conference has reached a tentative agreement for an 18-month extension at \$4.6 billion; formal agreement is likely today.	Wright
9. <u>Visit to Air and Space Museum:</u> It was suggested that senior staff planning to attend should arrange for transportation separate from the motorcade.	
10. <u>Saturday Radio Speech:</u> No topic has yet been decided on; ideas should be submitted to Dave Gergen.	Gergen
11. <u>Dee Jepsen:</u> It was mentioned that Dee Jepsen will be leaving the WH Friday to work in her husband's re-election campaign.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10/20/83)

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<u>Today's Schedule:</u> Photo ops will be held during meeting with Prime Minister Craxi, and during departure. A photo will be taken with the U.S. Ski Team, and a White House photo will be taken during the medal presentation to Richard Helms.	Speakes
2.	<u>News Conference:</u> Staff should avoid explaining or expanding on the President's remarks last night.	
3.	<u>United Nations:</u> The <u>Washington Times</u> article speculating that Jim Baker might replace Ambassador Kirkpatrick is completely erroneous. It was also noted that O'Leary never spoke to Baker about the story.	Speakes
4.	<u>CCCT:</u> Today's meeting with the President will discuss two issues: Alaskan oil export and the FCC Syndication Rule. The former will involve a briefing on the obstacles we would confront in any attempt to lift the export ban; the latter is to discuss legislation that would delay for five years any change in the present rule.	Fuller
5.	<u>Lebanon:</u> A reconciliation conference is expected to convene this weekend in Geneva.	McFarlane
6.	<u>Grenada:</u> Discussions are underway regarding the current situation. At present there are 1,000 to 1,500 Americans in Grenada.	McFarlane
7.	<u>Saturday Radio Speech:</u> NSC is working with Dave Gergen on a draft.	Gergen
8.	<u>Boland-Zablocki:</u> We expect the House vote on this issue today to be very difficult. Our judgment, however, is that the Senate is in reasonably good shape, and this conclusion is supported by a recent Senate committee vote.	Duberstein
9.	<u>Legislative Calendar:</u> The House will hold a full committee markup on the Defense Appropriations Bill; the Labor/HHS Appropriations compromise is also up for House approval. Congress will again try to reach final agreement on FSC extension, and it was noted that Clinch River is now included in a Senate appropriations bill.	Duberstein
10.	<u>Export Administration Act:</u> Work on this has almost been concluded on the House floor, and we are close to agreement in the Senate.	Duberstein
11.	<u>GNP:</u> The third quarter figure shows a 7.9% annual growth rate. The "flash" figure was 7.0%. We are now at 6.7% GNP growth for the year, which is well above our forecast of 5.5%.	Feldstein

12. Martin Luther King Holiday: The question of how to handle Duberstein the signing of this legislation will be discussed after the Senior Staff meeting today.

WHITE HOUSE SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (10/25/83)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Grenada:</u> The Senior Staff received a quick overview of the situation with regard to Grenada. The President will meet with Congressional leaders and will then make a public statement at 9:00 a.m. A meeting to brief the Cabinet has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m.	McFarlane Duberstein Fuller
2. <u>Civil Rights Commission:</u> It was mentioned that the President has decided to remove the three holdover commissioners for whom he has already nominated replacements. A statement announcing this decision will be released this morning.	Speakes Duberstein

WHITE HOUSE SENIOR STAFF ACTION ITEMS (10/26/83)

ITEMS

ACTION

1. Grenada: Guidance will be prepared to answer anticipated questions regarding the legal basis for U.S. action. Also, it was noted that poll data shows a high degree of public support for the President's decision. McFarlane
Fielding
Speakes
2. Presidential Speech: A draft of the speech on Lebanon and Grenada will be ready by noon today. Gergen
3. Vice President: Last night the White House confirmed that the Vice President had gone to Beirut. The Vice President will return to Washington late tonight, and will substitute for the President at a political dinner in Texas tomorrow. Murphy
4. Civil Rights Commission: It was mentioned that Senators Specter and Biden are seeking to revive the commission as an arm of Congress. While their amendment has been pulled down, they received a commitment that it could be introduced on some other piece of legislation in the future. Duberstein
5. Oregon Land Conveyance: It was noted that the paper prepared by OMB on this legislation had a number of serious omissions which lead to the embarrassment yesterday of a veto override. It was stressed that the OMB memos should provide a fair restatement of the various views and arguments with regard to particular bills in order that the President can be aware of the key information before making his decision. Wright
6. Legislative Calendar: The supplemental appropriations bill will be taken up on the Senate floor today, and the lead item for debate is Clinch River; a veto of the overall bill is possible under certain circumstances. (In addition, it was noted that the Water Resources bill will probably not be added to the supplemental.) The Defense appropriations bill will be considered today on the House floor, with a major test vote possible on MX late this afternoon. Duberstein
7. Tuition Tax Credits: The support coalition on this issue is coming in for a meeting tomorrow. A status report on the Congressional situation will be needed for the meeting. Whittlesey
Duberstein
8. Republican Jewish Coalition: About 200 members of this group will be here today for a series of briefings. We will stress the need for help from the Jewish community during Congressional consideration of the Beirut situation. Whittlesey
9. Deficit: The final FY 1983 deficit is \$195 billion. This figure will be released today by Secretary Regan. Feldstein

WHITE HOUSE SENIOR STAFF ACTION ITEMS (10/27/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> The President will meet with Prime Minister Compton of St. Lucia at 1:30 today; a White House photo will be taken. There will be no photo op today.	McFarlane Speakes
2. <u>Presidential Speech:</u> A draft of the speech on Lebanon and Grenada has gone in to the President. It will be delivered at 8:00 p.m. this evening.	Gergen
3. <u>Grenada:</u> Film footage of troop landings, and other information, will be released during the day. It was noted that we expect to find evidence of some atrocities once the prison is secured. Some reporters will be allowed into Grenada today. Also, an effort will be made to brief ethnic groups and others regarding the situation in Grenada.	McFarlane Gergen Whittlesey
4. <u>Beirut:</u> It was mentioned that news reports of an increase in the number of Marines classified as "missing" are erroneous.	Speakes
5. <u>Tuition Tax Credits:</u> We are still working to attach this to the math and science bill, though Senator Dole has still not agreed to such a move (despite earlier commitments to attach the proposal to some piece of legislation). This point will be made during today's meeting with the Tuition Tax Credits coalition.	Duberstein Whittlesey
6. <u>Drug Czar Proposal:</u> An amendment to create this position was attached to the supplemental. However, we feel there is a chance of removing the provision in conference.	Duberstein
7. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> The House has put aside action on the Defense appropriations bill until next Tuesday. They will instead consider the Treasury appropriations bill, and possibly the Export Administration Act. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will be briefed today on Grenada by Ken Dam.	Duberstein
8. <u>Black Colleges:</u> We have secured through administrative means the funds necessary to convert a building for use by a Philadelphia black college. It was noted that Senator Specter has nevertheless attached an amendment to the supplemental for the same purpose.	Wright Fuller
9. <u>Civil Rights Commission:</u> A law suit has been filed by two commissioners to block their removal. A court hearing on a temporary restraining order will continue today.	Fielding

10. Clinch River: Though it appears that the project may Duberstein have been killed by yesterday's vote, Howard Baker may make one last attempt to save it.

WHITE HOUSE SENIOR STAFF ACTION ITEMS (10/28/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Presidential Speech</u> : Congressional reaction has been very good, and the polls indicate a positive public reaction. Follow-up briefings will be set up by Public Liaison in coordination with the NSC.	Whittlesey
2. <u>Dole's Deficit Reduction Proposal</u> : Guidance on this subject will be developed after today's Senior Staff meeting.	Speakes
3. <u>Saturday Radio Speech</u> : A draft has already gone in to the President; the subject is arms reduction.	Gergen
4. <u>Grenada</u> : There is still some Cuban resistance on the island, though the news is, for the most part, still good. The press is now in Grenada.	McFarlane
5. <u>Debt Limit</u> : An amendment by Senator Armstrong was adopted, 70 to 15, that in effect extends the limit for only 60 days. Reportedly, Senator Dole is considering a 15-day extension to exert pressure for deficit reduction.	Duberstein Wright
6. <u>Legislative Calendar</u> : The House will debate domestic content legislation today, though no votes are expected. Yesterday the House passed the Export Administration Act which now goes to conference. The Senate yesterday passed the supplemental appropriations bill.	Duberstein
7. <u>Veterans Day</u> : We will try to do a radio speech on this subject the Saturday prior to Veterans Day.	Gergen
8. <u>Lebanon-Grenada</u> : A Legislative Strategy meeting will be held today regarding Congressional efforts to cut off funds and invoke the War Powers Act in these situations.	Darman Duberstein
9. <u>Leading Indicators</u> : The September figure is up 0.9%. Also, the August figure was revised to reflect an increase rather than a decline.	Feldstein
10. <u>FTC Reauthorization Bill</u> : It was noted that attempts are being made to include an antitrust exemption for lawyers in this legislation.	Wright
11. <u>Pre-Publication Review</u> : Senator Mathias has added an amendment to a State Department authorization bill which requires a delay in implementing this rule. Bob Kimmitt will negotiate with Mathias regarding possible administrative actions which might satisfy him in lieu of an amendment.	McFarlane Wright

12. A-122: The new proposal is ready for release, though it may not be published until next week. Business groups will be briefed on specifics of the proposed rule at that time.

Wright
Whittlesey

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS

(11/03/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> The President will read a statement regarding the Mideast envoy today in the briefing room at 9:45. Wire service photos will be taken during signing of the Diabetes Month proclamation.	Speakes
2. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> In the Senate, a cloture vote will be held on natural gas deregulation; after that, the Senate will likely consider either the Intelligence authorization bill or the Defense appropriations bill. The House will vote on domestic content legislation and though the bill will pass, we expect to show veto strength. Yesterday the House approved the DOD appropriations bill, and defeated a move to cut off funds for U.S. troops in Lebanon. Also, hearings on Judge Clark's nomination have concluded, and we expect to work out an early confirmation date by next week.	Duberstein
3. <u>PIK Program:</u> Fuller will follow-up with USDA regarding the GAO report on possible illegal payment levels in the PIK program.	Fuller
4. <u>Cabinet Activity:</u> CCEA will meet at 8:45 today to discuss the renewable energy tax credit and the question of whether it should be extended beyond the present expiration date.	Fuller
5. <u>West Texas Drought:</u> USDA continues to state that surplus grain cannot legally be released to west Texas ranchers except under specific conditions which have not been met. Texas has filed suit to compel release of the grain, and it was suggested that the Justice Department might advise the WH regarding proper interpretation of the laws in question.	Fielding Fuller
6. <u>Grenada:</u> Gergen and Sims will discuss steps regarding the Grenada situation which could be announced from the WH.	Gergen Sims
7. <u>General Revenue Sharing:</u> This issue is now in conference. Our position remains that we would veto an amount above \$4.6 billion.	Wright
8. <u>Private Sector Survey on Cost Control:</u> It was noted that Congressional hearings will be held regarding this group's suggestion for budget savings. Wright will check on what type of testimony will be offered.	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS

(11/07, 83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : Photo op will be held during the event involving U.S. medical students from Grenada. Also, wire service photos will be taken during the Philadelphia Urban Education Foundation announcement.	Speakes
2. <u>Andropov</u> : Guidance is that we do not normally comment on the health of foreign leaders.	Speakes
3. <u>Legislative Calendar</u> : The Senate will take up the defense appropriations bill today, and will likely finish by tomorrow after considering amendments on MX, chemical weapons, etc. The Senate will then consider Civil Rights Commission reauthorization. Judge Clark's nomination will go to markup Wednesday. The House will likely consider dairy legislation, telephone rate bill, and the State-Commerce appropriations bill.	Duberstein
4. <u>Continuing Resolution</u> : In return for allowing an amendment to raise foreign assistance funds, the House rule also allows amendments that add a total of \$2.5 billion for education and housing. We will send a strong veto signal on this, and will try to have it dropped in conference.	Duberstein
5. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : The coalition met with Sen. Dole last week and pressed for a decision on which bill to use as a vehicle. A meeting will be held later today to discuss strategy on this.	Duberstein Darman
6. <u>Energy Tax Credits</u> : The Administration has not yet taken a position on whether to renew this program. It was decided, however, that there is no need to take action at this time.	Fuller
7. <u>Telephone Rate Legislation</u> : The issue of whether to formally oppose the Wirth bill will be presented to the President. The Senate bill, which is quite different, will not be considered before January; thus there may be some opportunity to make it more acceptable.	Fuller Duberstein
8. <u>Grenada</u> : Report is that the visit of the bipartisan congressional delegation has gone well.	Duberstein
9. <u>Senior Staff</u> : The next senior staff meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15. During the Far East trip, Ken Duberstein will be available for matters requiring immediate decision or guidance. Regular channels for paper flow should be followed.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11/16/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Photo op will be held during the 1:00 briefing on enterprise zones. We will also attempt to have Pierce, Regan, and Baldridge all testify at tomorrow's committee hearing on this subject.	Speakes Fuller
2. <u>CCCT:</u> A meeting with the President will be held at 10:00 today to decide on the lead agency for handling regulation and promotion of reusable launch vehicles.	Fuller
3. <u>Saturday Radio Speech:</u> The President has drafted a speech regarding Jim Watt which will be circulated today. If problems with Judge Clark's nomination are not resolved, however, we should be prepared to go with a draft. It was also noted that a taped message on religious liberty will be broadcast on Thanksgiving Day, and the following Saturday the President will discuss family values.	Gergen
4. <u>Tuition Tax Credits:</u> The Senate will vote around 1:00 pm today on a motion to table tuition tax credits. We are working hard on this vote and feel we may have a chance of defeating the motion.	Duberstein
5. <u>Legislative Calendar:</u> Howard Baker will try to move the Clark nomination through despite a resolution offered by Sen. Bennett Johnston which could delay the vote. The Senate Finance Committee will attempt a mark-up on Sen. Dole's deficit reduction program; a mark-up will also be held today on our Legal Services nominees if we can muster a quorum. In the House, the Rules Committee will discuss the tax package reported by Ways and Means.	Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11/17/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : A photo-op will be held during swearing in of new CFTC Chairman. Also, wire photos will be taken during meeting with head of Catholic Bishops Conference.	Speakes
2. <u>CCHR</u> : Today's meeting with the President at 2:00 will discuss The Family.	Fuller
3. <u>Enterprise Zones</u> : Regan, Pierce, and Baldrige will all testify at today's hearing, which is scheduled for 10:00. A letter from the President will be prepared which can be read at the hearing.	Verstandig Fuller
4. <u>Debt Limit</u> : An increase passed the Senate this morning which would last until mid February. We expect that a compromise will be worked out with the House-passed version before Congress adjourns tomorrow.	Duberstein
5. <u>IMF-Housing Legislation</u> : This will be attached to the Supplemental conference report which will be taken up this morning in the Senate. Guidance is that we strongly favor addition of the IMF measure.	Duberstein
6. <u>Legal Services</u> : We will attempt to get a quorum again today in order to confirm our nominees.	Duberstein
7. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : As follow-up to yesterday's unsuccessful vote, we should plan to bring the coalition back to the WH to plan for another try next year.	Whittlesey
8. <u>FY85 Budget</u> : Guidance is that the departments and agencies are working on further spending cuts in their budget submissions. Passbacks for small agencies are underway, and those for large agencies will begin next week.	Speakes Wright
9. <u>Arms Control</u> : NSC is working, in coordination with our allies, on contingent statements in case the Soviets walk out of the talks today in Geneva.	McFarlane
10. <u>Reconciliation Package</u> : This will likely be taken up by the Senate today after a vote on the Supplemental.	Wright Duberstein
11. <u>Saturday Radio Speech</u> : In all likelihood, Judge Clark will be confirmed tomorrow as Secretary of Interior. Thus, we can proceed with the speech prepared by the President on Jim Watt.	Gergen
12. <u>Dairy Legislation</u> : Guidance on conference report is that we continue to be opposed. This position has already been conveyed by Legislative Affairs. Our opposition is due to both cost and policy objections regarding paying dairy farmers not to produce.	Duberstein Speakes

13. Space Launch Vehicles: The President has decided that Fuller DOT should have lead agency responsibility for this issue.
14. Surgeon General: A report will be released today which links smoking to heart disease.

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11/18/83)

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<u>Today's Schedule:</u> A WH photo will be taken with leaders of NAAG.	Speakes
2.	<u>Saturday Radio Speech:</u> A draft discussing Jim Watt's achievements at Interior has gone in to the President. This topic is contingent on Judge Clark being confirmed today by the Senate.	Gergen
3.	<u>Legislative Calendar:</u> A debt limit extension which will last until mid April passed the Senate and will be taken up today in the House. Revenue sharing, reconciliation, State Department authorization, and Judge Clark's nomination will all be voted on today. The Defense Appropriations conference report will also be voted on today (the compromise includes money for covert activities in Central America, but does not include funds for binary weapons). A close vote is expected in the House today on the IMF conference report.	Duberstein
4.	<u>Baby Doe Case:</u> Question of whether to appeal the district judge's ruling rests with the Justice Department.	Fielding
5.	<u>Natural Gas:</u> A compromise deregulation bill was supposedly worked out late last night, and is being reviewed carefully by DOE.	Fuller Duberstein
6.	<u>Enterprise Zones:</u> Yesterday's testimony by three Cabinet officers had the desired effect in demonstrating the seriousness of the President's commitment. After the hearing, twenty additional co-sponsors signed the House legislation.	Duberstein Verstandig
7.	<u>"The Day After":</u> Secretary Shultz will be interviewed after this film, and a panel discussion will follow the interview. Op-ed pieces have been prepared for distribution following the film. It was emphasized that we should not attack the network for showing the film, nor should we attack the film itself. We agree with the premise that nuclear war is horrible; the key question for debate is how to prevent it. Guidance regarding a particular news report is that the President has seen the film, but did not suggest that changes be made in it.	Gergen
8.	<u>Veterans Jobs Bill:</u> Although Sen. Simpson has requested a signing ceremony for this legislation, it is not considered advisable to hold such an event here at the WH. Alternative signing events can be explored.	Duberstein Whittlesey
9.	<u>Revenue Sharing:</u> A signing ceremony will probably be scheduled for this bill.	Duberstein

10. Dairy Legislation: It was noted that this bill includes a tobacco provision, along with other provisions of importance to particular states. After Congress adjourns, a meeting will be held to allow legislators to give their views before the President makes a decision on whether to sign this bill. Duberstein
11. Grove City/Title IX: A resolution was passed by the House, 414-8, opposing our "program specific" interpretation of Title IX.

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11/21/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Photo ops will be held during meetings with Nimeiri and Kyprianou, and also during presentation of Thanksgiving turkey.	Speakes
2. <u>"The Day After":</u> It was felt that Administration officials who appeared following the film did a good job of properly framing the issue.	
3. <u>Legislative Activities:</u> The President will be asked to make several phone calls to legislators. Also, a meeting may be set up to allow key members of Congress to present their views on the dairy bill prior to the President's decision.	Duberstein
4. <u>Assassination of Naval Attache:</u> It was noted that the body of Captain Tsantes will be buried in Arlington Cemetery this Wednesday. Representatives from the armed forces and the State Department will be present.	McFarlane

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11/22/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> McFarlane will brief the President today at 9:15, and will bring the Turkish Foreign Minister for a short visit with the President. Photo ops will be held during meetings with President Hertzog and Cardinal Casaroli. Also, wire photos will be taken during meeting with Brooke Knapp.	McFarlane Speakes
2. <u>Legislative Activity:</u> Decision will be made regarding bills for which we will schedule signing ceremonies. At this point very few bills have been received at the WH. Also, the President will convey thanks to Senators Stevens and Wallop for their help on covert aid in the conference committee.	Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (11/28/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : Photo opportunities will be held during meeting with Prime Minister Shamir and signing of Decade of Disabled Persons proclamation.	Speakes
2. <u>Cabinet Activity</u> : On Wednesday CCEA will meet to discuss Budget Reform options. On Thursday, the Cabinet will meet to discuss the proposal for a manned space station, though any decision on this issue will be made as part of the budget process.	Fuller
3. <u>El Salvador</u> : NSC has recommended that we consider vetoing legislation that would require certification of El Salvador every six months. The question of whether we can "pocket veto" such bills will also be explored.	McFarlane Fielding
4. <u>Revenue Sharing</u> : A signing ceremony for this legislation has been scheduled for Wednesday.	Duberstein Verstandig
5. <u>Grove City/Title IX</u> : Oral arguments in this case are set for tomorrow. Questions should be referred to Justice.	Speakes
6. <u>Dairy Bill</u> : A legislative strategy meeting will be held within the next few days to assess the possibility of a veto override, and also to plan for a meeting with legislators supporting the bill.	Darman

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12/02/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> The television show with "Close Up" students will be covered by the press. Also, a NSPG meeting will convene at 10:30 in the Oval Office.	Speakes
2. <u>Saturday Radio Speech:</u> A draft on family issues has gone in to the President.	Gergen
3. <u>Unemployment:</u> Figures will be released today which indicate that unemployment continues to drop.	Gergen
4. <u>Civil Rights Commission:</u> It was emphasized that no agreements were reached with the Hill regarding the President's appointments to the reconstituted commission.	Speakes
5. <u>Defense Budget:</u> Guidance regarding today's stories is that we will not comment until the President's budget has been released.	Speakes
6. <u>Immigration:</u> The Press Office has indicated that we welcome the Speaker's reversal of position on this legislation.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12/07/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> The state visit of the King of Nepal will be covered by the press.	Speakes
2. <u>Textiles:</u> Thurmond, Helms, Broyhill, and Campbell will meet with the President early next week regarding problems experienced by the domestic textile industry. OPD will prepare a paper regarding the current state of the industry. The meeting will primarily be a listening session.	Svahn Oglesby Fuller
3. <u>Tuition Tax Credits:</u> In the President's meeting this afternoon with the coalition, we will stress that they will have to play the major role in reviving the issue.	Whittlesey Oglesby
4. <u>King Juan Carlos:</u> During the King's present visit it is important that we neither say nor imply that major policy questions are being discussed.	Speakes
5. <u>Budget:</u> It was noted that a meeting is set for Friday to discuss the defense budget for FY85.	Fuller Darman

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12/08/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>START Talks</u> : Ambassador Rowny has issued a press statement calling on the Soviets to resume negotiations, and expressing our hope that they will do so.	Speakes
2. <u>Indianapolis Trip</u> : It was noted that Secretary Bell is having some success in keeping the National Forum on Excellence in Education from turning into a debate on the federal education budget. Any press comments on today's trip should follow the same strategy.	Speakes
3. <u>Space Shuttle</u> : A Presidential statement and message for the astronauts will be prepared for issuance after the shuttle landing today.	Gergen
4. <u>Poland</u> : A short statement will be released today regarding Lech Walesa's request that U.S. sanctions be lifted. While not promising to do so, our statement is supportive of Walesa and indicates we will consider his request.	McFarlane
5. <u>Saturday Radio Speech</u> : A new topic is being prepared by NSC in lieu of the previously planned speech on religious freedom.	Gergen McFarlane
6. <u>EPA</u> : According to the <u>Washington Times</u> , an EPA official notified environmental groups prior to the issuance of particular regulations, thus allowing those groups to file in federal court ahead of an opposing industry group. Fielding will check into the facts on this matter.	Fielding
7. <u>Budget</u> : It was noted that Secretary Regan stated publicly that he feels the President should re-submit his 1984 budget cuts. It was reiterated that we must follow a "no comment" policy regarding all budget stories.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12/12/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> The President will be updated on the situation in Kuwait before this morning's interview with the <u>New York Daily News</u> .	McFarlane
2. <u>Textiles:</u> A meeting is scheduled for today at 11:00 to discuss the current situation regarding textile imports, and to plan for tomorrow's meeting between the President and Strom Thurmond.	Fuller Svahn
3. <u>Budget:</u> Sen. Dole's hearings on the deficit will begin today with testimony from leading economists. It was mentioned that Dole had never planned to call Administration officials as witnesses.	Oglesby

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12/20/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> There will be no photo op today.	
2. <u>Beirut:</u> Guidance regarding the House subcommittee report is that DOD has its own study underway and we would not want to prejudge results of that report by commenting.	Speakes Gergen
3. <u>Economic Figures:</u> Personal income figures will be released at 8:30 and housing starts at 9:30 today. Both figures are expected to be good.	Feldstein
4. <u>Foreign Assistance:</u> NSC will provide press conference guidance regarding reduction in AID funds for Zimbabwe.	McFarlane
5. <u>Nebraska Christian School Case:</u> Our position remains one of non-intervention in this case. If the President is asked about this at the press conference he will express sympathy and the hope that matters can be resolved in order that those who have been jailed can spend Christmas with their families. The President will not meet with representatives of the school.	Gergen Speakes
6. <u>Student Loan Funds:</u> OMB will forward guidance regarding a news article on regulations dealing with the issuance of tax exempt bonds for student loans.	Wright
7. <u>Budget:</u> Overall guidance continues to be "no comment" regarding budget stories. On the subject of deficits, we can confirm our concern, and state that the President's budget will include a deficit reduction package. Such a package will be evenhanded between spending cuts and revenue increases, and will show a declining deficit path in the out years.	Speakes

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12/21/83)

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1. Today's Schedule: Rumsfeld will meet briefly with the President at 9:20. Ambassador Stone will also be in for a brief meeting and photo op at 9:40. A presidential statement supporting Stone's efforts will be released afterward. Regarding Kirkpatrick's meeting with the President today, guidance for now is that she reports directly to the President on a periodic basis. McFarlane
Sims
2. Lebanon: The latest series of bombings will be condemned today. Regarding the investigation of the October bombing of Marine headquarters, Secretary Weinberger has indicated that the Pentagon will declassify and release its report by next week; we will not comment until after the President has received the report. McFarlane
Sims
3. Nicaragua: Regarding speculation that the Central America Commission will recommend a cutoff in U.S. aid to Nicaragua, guidance is that we will not comment until the report has been received. Sims
4. Saturday Radio Talk: A draft talk for Christmas has been circulated; the topic is peace. Gergen
5. Deficit: A group of Democrats has reportedly threatened to withhold support for increasing the debt ceiling unless the President lays out a deficit reduction plan. Guidance is that the President will propose such a plan and we hope the Democrats will support it. Fitzwater
6. Wick Comments re Thatcher: We should decline comment on recent partisan criticism of Wick's remarks. Fitzwater
7. Budget Planning Assumptions: These figures will be released today. Guidance has been forwarded to the Press Office. Wright
Fitzwater
8. Task Force on Food Assistance: This group's report will be issued on January 10. A small group will meet to discuss how it should be handled. Jenkins
Gergen
9. Senior Staff: It was noted that the next senior staff meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3.