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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 9, 1981

MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

DATE: Wednesday, December 9, 1981
LOCATION: The Cabinet Room
TIME: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (one hour)

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf *ML. 6.*

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the three remaining major legislative items pending in the first session of the 97th Congress: the farm bill, the continuing resolution and the foreign assistance bill.

II. BACKGROUND

Farm Bill: A compromise four-year bill that is roughly \$3.5 billion over the President's budget has been approved by Senate and House conferees. Secretary Block and Dave Stockman would recommend the President sign this bill. Its fate in the House is uncertain and we will have to work hard to insure sufficient votes for passage.

Continuing Resolution: A new continuing resolution that achieves the President's goal of \$4 billion in FY 82 outlay savings will be considered on the House Floor tomorrow and chances of passage are good. If the continuing resolution passes the House, it will likely be passed by the Senate.

Foreign Assistance: The House is expected to consider the foreign assistance authorization bill today and the foreign assistance appropriations on Friday. The Senate has passed both the authorization and appropriation at the \$11.6 billion requested by the President. The House reported bill calls for \$11.5 billion (see Attachment A).

III. PARTICIPANTS

See Attachment B

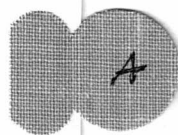
IV. PRESS PLAN

Photo opportunity and White House photos

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Republican Leaders enter Northwest Gate and proceed to the West Lobby before joining the President in the Cabinet Room.

Attachment: Agenda - See Attachment C
Talking Points - See Attachment D.



FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

The Reagan Foreign Assistance (FA) requests represent a fundamental departure from the past (see attached comparison of Carter and Reagan requests for FY '82). While reducing the proposed Carter budget by \$1.8 billion, Reagan has increased Security Assistance (SA) from 49% to 63% of the total while reducing bilateral Development Assistance (DA) from 28% to 23%, and contributions to Multilateral Development Banks (MDB) from 23% to 14%.

Seventy percent of requested funds (all of SA plus 50% of DA) are allocated to regions in which the United States has critical objectives, such as:

- Enhancing the prospects for Mideast peace;
- Protecting our access to the Persian Gulf oil resources;
- Strengthening Europe's Southern flank;
- Helping North African countries resist Libyan pressures while laying the groundwork for the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force.
- Helping Caribbean Basin nations forestall economic collapse and resist Cuban subversion;

These objectives can be met only if the House enacts a Foreign Assistance bill. Otherwise we will be locked into the FA levels in the Continuing Resolution, which essentially perpetuate Carter Administration programs and priorities. This means weakening America's defenses and scuttling every significant Reagan foreign policy initiative. Specifically, a failure to enact a bill will:

- Drastically reduce our ability to sell needed military equipment on affordable terms to Korea, Sudan, Somalia, Kenya, Oman, Thailand, Tunisia, and Jordan.
- Jeopardize a continuing U.S. basing rights in Spain, Portugal, Turkey, and the Philippines as well as access to bases in Kenya, Somalia and Oman;
- Preclude essential economic support to ensure stability in such countries as Sudan, Liberia, and those of the Caribbean Basin.

The Reagan FA programs are designed to increase the chances for peace and stability in areas of critical importance to the U.S., and protect U.S. access to strategic minerals and waterways.

EITHER WE HELP FRONTLINE NATIONS PROTECT OUR COMMON INTERESTS OR WE RISK CRISES IN WHICH WE MAY HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO INTERVENE. A VOTE AGAINST THE SMALL INVESTMENT NEEDED NOW WOULD BE THE WORST POSSIBLE ECONOMY WHEN MEASURED AGAINST THE HUGE POTENTIAL COSTS IN AMERICAN LIVES AND TREASURE.

BUDGET COMPARISONS

| <u>Budget Authority (in \$ Millions)</u> | <u>81 CR</u> | <u>82 Carter</u> | <u>82 Reagan</u> | <u>Net Change Reagan/81</u> | <u>Net Change Reagan/Carter</u> |
|--|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Security Assistance | 2743 | 3377 | 3839 | +1096 | +462 |
| Bilateral Economic | 2605 | 3649 | 2559 | -46 | -1090 |
| Multilateral Development | 1266 | 3007 | 1579 | +313 | -1428 |
| SUBTOTAL | 6614 | 10033 | 7977 | +1363 | -2026 |
| Off Budget FMS Guarantees | <u>2546</u> | <u>2931</u> | <u>3064</u> | +518 | +133 |
| TOTAL | 9160 | 12964 | 11041 | | |

(as % of total)

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|-----------------------------|----|----|----|
| Security Assistance | 58 | 49 | 63 |
| Bilateral Economic | 28 | 28 | 23 |
| Multilateral Development | 14 | 23 | 14 |



PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
The Director of OMB, David Stockman
The Secretary of the Treasury, Donald Regan
The Chairman of the CEA, Murray Weidenbaum
Assistant Secretary of State, James Buckley
The Secretary of Agriculture, John Block

SENATE

Howard Baker, Majority Leader of the Senate
James McClure, Chairman of the Republican Conference
Jake Garn, Secretary of the Republican Conference
John Tower, Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee
Bob Packwood, Chairman of the Senatorial Campaign Committee
Paul Laxalt
Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Charles Percy, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee
Mark Hatfield, Chairman of Appropriations Committee
Jesse Helms, Chairman of Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry Committee

HOUSE

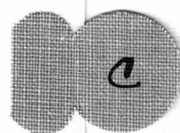
Bob Michel, Minority Leader of the House
Trent Lott, Minority Whip of the House
Jack Kemp, Chairman of the Republican Conference
Clair Burgener, Secretary of the Republican Conference
Edward Madigan, Chairman of Republican Research Committee
Jack Edwards, Vice Chairman of Republican Conference
Dick Cheney, Chairman of Republican Policy Conference
Guy VanderJagt, Chairman of National Republican Congressional Committee
John Rhodes, Dean of House Republicans
Bill Broomfield, Ranking Republican on Foreign Affairs Committee
Silvio Conte, Ranking Republican Member, Appropriations Committee
James Quillen, Ranking Republican on Rules Committee
William Wampler, Ranking Republican on Agriculture Committee
Tom Evans, Vice Chairman National Republican Congressional Committee

STAFF

Ed Meese, Jim Baker, Mike Deaver, Dave Gergen, Larry Speakes,
Martin Anderson, Bud Nance, Lyn Nofziger, Jonna Lynn Cullen, Ken
Duberstein, Powell Moore, Max Friedersdorf, Bob Thompson,
Richard Richards, Craig Fuller, Dick Darman

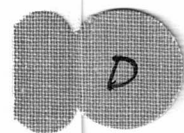
REGRETS

Senator Ted Stevens



AGENDA

- 9:30 - 9:40 a.m.
(10 minutes) The President opens the meeting and makes remarks concerning the farm bill, continuing resolution and foreign assistance.
- 9:40 - 9:50 a.m.
(10 minutes) The President calls on Congressman Bob Michel (R-Ill.), House Republican Leader, for House legislative report.
- 9:50--10:00 a.m.
(10 minutes) The President calls on Senator Howard Baker (R-Tenn), Senate Majority Leader, for the Senate legislative report.
- 10:00-10:30 a.m.
(30 minutes) The President opens the meeting for discussion and questions.
- 10:30 a.m. The President concludes the meeting.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE *Sub*

SUBJECT: Photo Session with US Ambassadors
Wednesday, December 9 -- 11:30 a.m.
Oval Office

Attached are 3x5 cards with pertinent information
for your photo session with:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Ambassador Melvin Evans | - | Trinidad |
| Ambassador Francis T. McNamara | - | Gabon |
| Ambassador Jean Gerard | - | *UNESCO, Paris |

*UN Economic, Scientific & Cultural Organization

Our Ambassadors -- and their families -- are most
appreciative of your taking the time to meet and
be photographed with them prior to departure for
their respective posts.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JAMES W. NANCE

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SUBJECT:

Photo Session with James R. Lilley
To be Joined by the Vice President
Wednesday, December 9 -- 11:30 a.m.
Oval Office

Attached is 3x5 card with pertinent information for your photo session with Jim Lilley -- to be joined by the Vice President.

This will be the last of the four photos with outgoing Ambassadors.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 4, 1981

MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN THOMAS F. HARTNETT

DATE: Wednesday, December 9, 1981

PLACE: The Oval Office

TIME: 11:50 a.m. (5 Minutes)

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf *mlf*

I. PURPOSE

To congratulate Congressman Hartnett on being elected the new President of the Republican Freshman Class.

II. BACKGROUND

Congressman Hartnett of South Carolina was elected on November 18 as President of the 53-Member Republican Freshman Class, succeeding Congressman Hank Brown of Colorado who resigned.

Hartnett, who is a member of the Armed Services Committee, is the only Republican to represent South Carolina's 1st Congressional District (southeast including Charleston).

Due to its size, the Republican Freshmen form a significant voting block. Their essentially unanimous support of the President has been crucial to the Administration's ability to prevail in the House.

Congressman Hartnett has attended various White House functions and met the President at a White House breakfast with other members of the Republican Freshman Class on March 4, 1981. He has not met with the President on an individual basis.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

The Vice President

Congressman Hartnett

Congressman Robert H. Michel, Republican Leader

Congressman Trent Lott, Republican Whip

Staff

Max L. Friedersdorf

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

No specific agenda.

Attachment: Talking Points

ATTACHMENT

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING
WITH CONGRESSMAN HARTNETT

- Congratulate him on his election as President of the House Republican Freshmen.
- The virtual unanimous support of the Administration on key votes by the 53 Freshman Class Members has been crucial to our historic legislative successes.
- As we work together to achieve our common goal and election mandate of a sound economy and a strong national defense, I am counting on continued strong support from the Republican Freshmen.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER THOMAS P. O'NEILL MEETING WITH TOM & MARTHA GEOGHEGAN

DATE: Wednesday, December 9
PLACE: The Oval Office
TIME: 12:00 p.m. (10 minutes)
FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf *ML. 6.*

I. PURPOSE

To receive a blackthorn walking stick, made in County Clare, Ireland, as a gift from the Geoghegans.

II. BACKGROUND

These traditional blackthorn walking sticks are from Dromoland Castle, County Clare, Ireland. Each stick is individually cut from the tall, thorny blackthorn bush. The sticks being presented are more of a stockman's cane, used to walk among horses or cattle.

There is also a rumor among golfers that these sticks were the inspiration for the earliest games of golf, with the larger knot or burl handle being used much as a golf driver or other wood club of today.

The Geoghegans are 39-year residents of Washington. Tom is a veteran newsman, who for the past 28 years has been Press Relations Representative for the U.S. Steel Corporation in Washington. They are presenting the individually initialed walking sticks "in the interest of enabling our leaders to keep the peace among the many tribes of Washington."

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill
Tom Geoghegan
Martha Geoghegan

Max L. Friedersdorf
Kenneth M. Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

No specific agenda.

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING
WITH SPEAKER O'NEILL AND THE GEOGHEGANS

- Express thanks for the traditional Irish blackthorn sticks.
- Ask the Speaker if the use of the walking stick, instead of his regular driver, might improve his golf game.
- Suggest that you and the Speaker might have to use the sticks to prod the Congress into action next year.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

LUNCHEON WITH SPEAKER THOMAS P. O'NEILL

DATE: Wednesday, December 9
PLACE: The Cabinet Room
TIME: 12:15 p.m. (1 hour)
FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf *MA. 6.*

I. PURPOSE

To receive, along with Speaker O'Neill (who will be observing his 69th birthday) blackthorn walking sticks made in Ireland, and to discuss the remainder of the legislative agenda for this year.

II. BACKGROUND

Following your first veto confrontation with the Congress, this birthday luncheon will provide an opportunity to re-enforce your working relationship with the Speaker.

Congress may adjourn as early as this weekend, but must act on the Continuing Resolution and the Second Budget resolution before going home. In addition, the House will be considering Foreign Assistance legislation this week.

Senator Baker is ready to make his appointments to the Social Security Commission, but the Speaker has been delaying his selection of appointments. He wants the group to report prior to the 1982 elections and has also expressed some interest in making non-Congressional appointments to the Commission.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill

Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver
Max L. Friedersdorf
Kenneth M. Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

No specific agenda.

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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR LUNCHEON
WITH SPEAKER THOMAS P. O'NEILL

- Wish the Speaker a Happy 69th Birthday.
- Ask the Speaker when he expects the Congress to adjourn.
Express your interest in avoiding confrontation over the continuing resolution, and state your intention to sign the resolution if the Congress will meet you at least halfway on spending cuts.
- Express your hope that the Speaker will help avoid making a political football out of Social Security. Ask the Speaker to appoint three Democrat and two Republican Congressmen to the Social Security Commission.
- Point out that the projected deficits will require continued Congressional restraint on spending.
- Express your continuing commitment to work closely with the Speaker and the Congress. Indicate that you want his advice and counsel, and that you are counting on his co-operation.
- Wish the Speaker and his wife, Millie, a happy holiday season.