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DATE: February 3, 1988

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1988 FEB -3 AM 11: 15

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-Delaware)

DATE: February 3, 1988

RECOMMENDED BY: William L. Ball, III *WLB*

PURPOSE: To thank the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee for his work on the nomination of Judge Anthony M. Kennedy to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

BACKGROUND: On November 11, 1988, you announced your intention to nominate Judge Kennedy to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The nomination was forwarded to the Senate on November 30. Hearings were held in the Senate Judiciary Committee the week of December 14, and the full Senate voted on the nomination this morning, confirming him by a vote of 97 to 0. As the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Biden was vital to the success of the nomination. Senator Biden was not present for the vote today, as he wrenched his back last week and when present in the Senate has been wearing a neck brace.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION: See attached.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Wednesday, February 3, 1988

ACTION: *Call made*

ATTACHMENT: Talking Points

White House operator should contact Senator Biden at home.

Attachment

TALKING POINTS

- Joe, I wanted to call to thank you for your assistance in bringing Judge Kennedy's nomination to a favorable conclusion today.
- I understand you are necessarily absent today because of illness, but as your colleagues on both sides of the aisle acknowledged this morning, you were on the floor in spirit.
- Again, Joe, thank you.

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO: Congressman Jim Bilbray (D-NV)

DATE: February 3, 1988

RECOMMENDED BY: William L. Ball, III *WLB*

PURPOSE: To urge Congressman Bilbray to support your request for aid to the Nicaraguan Resistance

BACKGROUND: Congressman Bilbray, a freshman and a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, represents the very conservative, pro-Reagan Las Vegas area.

TALKING POINTS: Jim, the vote tonight is crucial for our national security.

As a former Governor from your neighbor state, I believe we have a vital stake in events south of the Rio Grande.

This is not a time for politics.

The vote tonight will be as crucial to the future of Central America as the bipartisan votes taken in the Congress in the late 1940's were to the future of Western Europe.

Jim, I need your support.

Can I count on you?

DATE OF
SUBMISSION: February 3, 1988

ACTION:

He committed to the leadership this morning so feels he must vote no. But if we come back with a humanitarian program — he'll be with us.

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO: Congressman Ken Gray (D-IL)

DATE: February 3, 1988

RECOMMENDED BY: William L. Ball, III *WLB*

PURPOSE: To urge Congressman Gray to support your request for aid to the Nicaraguan Resistance

BACKGROUND: Congressman Gray, a senior Democrat who is retiring at the end of this Congress, represents a blue-collar area of southern Illinois.

TALKING POINTS: Ken, the vote tonight is crucial for our national security.

This is not a time for politics.

The vote tonight will be as crucial to the future of Central America as the bipartisan votes taken in the Congress in the late 1940's were to the future of Western Europe.

Ken, I believe that if you vote with us, you will look back on this vote as one of the proudest of your career.

Ken, I need your support.

Can I count on you?

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ACTION:

No call.

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO: Congressman Amo Houghton (R-NY)

DATE: February 3, 1988

RECOMMENDED BY: William L. Ball, III *WLB*

PURPOSE: To urge Congressman Amo Houghton (R-NY) to support your request for aid to the Nicaraguan Resistance

BACKGROUND: Congressman Houghton, a Freshman, met with you on January 27, but has indicated that he is inclined to vote against your aid request. The Vice President, Secretary Shultz and Chief of Staff Baker have all contacted him and received negative responses.

TALKING POINTS: Amo, it was a pleasure to visit with you last week.

As a former C.E.O, I am sure you've been through many tough board-room battles.

Well, this in one very tough board-room battle, and it is a victory which is critical to me.

I think you know that I have gone the extra mile to put together a package that is moderate but protects our interests in the region.

The vote tonight will be as crucial to the future of Central America as the bipartisan votes taken in the Congress in the late 1940's were to the future of Western Europe.

Amo, I need you now more than ever to support me.

Can I count on you?

DATE OF
SUBMISSION: February 3, 1988

ACTION:

No - he says he is at peace with himself in his decision & he can't be persuaded to change

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO: Congressman Tom Ridge (R-PA)

DATE: February 3, 1988

RECOMMENDED BY: William L. Ball, III, *WLB*

PURPOSE: To urge Congressman Ridge to support your request for aid to the Nicaraguan Resistance

BACKGROUND: Tom Ridge, a Vietnam veteran, met today with you in the Oval Office and visited with Colin Powell one-on-one afterward.

TALKING POINTS: Tom, I enjoyed our visit.

I know you spent some time with Colin afterwards expressing your true feelings about Central America.

Is there anything else I can reassure you about?

Tom, America needs your vote. I need your vote.

Can I count on you?

DATE OF
SUBMISSION: February 3, 1988

ACTION:

9:35 P.M.

We've shaken him - he had feet solid in his opposition but now he's held up to finally make up his mind in the next 15 mins. He was appreciative of all we did etc. But we'll just have to wait + see.

*Wchoops
He just called back - he's with us!*

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO: Congressman Kika de la Garza (D-TX)

DATE: February 2, 1988

RECOMMENDED BY: William L. Ball, III *WLB*

PURPOSE: To request Congressman de la Garza's help on the upcoming vote on continuing assistance to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters.

BACKGROUND: On Wednesday, February 3rd, the House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on a resolution to approve the request you made on January 27th for aid to the Nicaraguan Resistance.

Kika de la Garza never supported aid to the Resistance, but is believed to be considering this package.

A telephone call from you stressing the need to keep the pressure on the Sandinistas could be helpful in getting his vote.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION: See Attachment

DATE OF SUBMISSION: February 1, 1988

ACTION:

*He's promised to take another look at it.
That's all I could get him to say.*

TALKING POINTS

- Kika, I understand the visit of the Soviet agriculture delegation was an unqualified success. Maybe I should put you on our negotiating team in Geneva.

- You and I know that our success in dealing with the Soviets has resulted from our dealing with them from a position of strength. The same principle holds true in Central America.

- Daniel Ortega made some last minute concessions at the San Jose summit which were very encouraging.

- These steps were taken only because our policy is working. The Sandinistas have now opened a door to democracy. We must close that door behind them and prompt them to move forward to open the next door.

- My request protects the United States' interest in the region and keeps the pressure on the Sandinistas to carry out their obligation to establish democracy.

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-- If we just give them humanitarian aid, all the progress we have made will be lost. The Resistance will have to pull out of their positions in Nicaragua and the pressure will be off the Sandinistas.

-- Your support is critical.

-- May I count on your support Wednesday?

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO: Congressman Dick Cheney (R-WY)

DATE: February 4, 1988

RECOMMENDED BY: William L. Ball, III *WLB*

PURPOSE: To thank Congressman Cheney for his efforts in support for your request for aid to the Nicaraguan Resistance.

BACKGROUND: Congressman Cheney, who is the leader of the House Republican Conference and a key Member of the House Intelligence Committee, has worked tirelessly for seven years to build and maintain support for your program of assistance for the Nicaraguan Resistance.

TALKING POINTS: Dick, I want to thank you for everything you've done -- not only on last night's vote but over the last seven years -- to support the Nicaraguan Resistance.

We will, of course, continue the struggle to persuade both Houses of Congress of the importance of U.S. support for the Resistance in bringing democracy to Nicaragua and security to all of Central America.

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO: Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV)

DATE: February 4, 1988

RECOMMENDED BY: William L. Ball, III *WB*

PURPOSE: To enlist the support of Senator Rockefeller for your package of aid to the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance.

BACKGROUND: Senator Rockefeller has never voted with us on this issue. His West Virginia colleague, Senator Byrd, is a strong opponent. Senator Rockefeller has told Colin Powell he agrees that the freedom fighters are an effective source of pressure on the Sandinistas. He has also said he is "as close as he has been on this issue." Nevertheless, he voted no on the motion to proceed to debate the package.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION: See Attachment.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: February 4, 1988

ACTION:

*He's torn & not decided yet - spoke with
Boren yesterday. I tried to give him a few
reasons why he should say yes. We'll just have
to wait & see*

Attachment

- As you know, the Senate will vote this afternoon on my proposal for aid to the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance.
- Yesterday's vote in the House of Representatives was a deep disappointment, but the cause of the freedom fighters is too important to set aside because of that one vote.
- We simply must not abandon these brave people, and I hope you will carefully consider my proposal and support it this afternoon.
- It's approval in the Senate would send an important signal to Central America that yesterday's vote will not extinguish the hope for peace and democracy in Nicaragua.

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