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Identical letter sent to Congressman Coleman

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 24, 1983

Dear Barbara:

I want to express my strong appreciation for your efforts on behalf of the Administration's position to maintain the flexible character of the IMF in order to preserve the IMF's effectiveness in serving our national interest.

Enactment of any amendment that limits the use of IMF funds -- including the amendment regarding "communist dictatorships" referred to in the letters from you and some of your colleagues, or any other such amendment -would unnecessarily tie the hands of the IMF, thus diminishing its effectiveness and adversely affecting the interests of the United States. While I understand much rhetoric and controversy has surrounded this issue, it is my hope that differences on both sides of the aisle could be laid aside, thus allowing for early passage.

It is this bipartisan tradition, and the awareness of the significant role which the Fund has played in protecting the vital interest of the United States, which gives me confidence that we can maintain an effective consensus. Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

(rouald Reagan)

The Honorable Barbara Boxer House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 RONALD D. COLEMAN 16TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

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MAJORITY WHIP AT LARGE

September 1, 1983

President Ronald Reagan 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In the past, I have lent bipartisan support for programs, initiated in the White House, on various defense and related issues such as the research and development of the MX missile and the Caribbean Basin Initiative. Most recently, I supported the increase in the U.S. contribution to the International Monetary Fund because I believe that legislation to be in our best national interests.

It is incumbent on the United States to honor our commitment to multi-lateral lending institutions that help prevent defaults on debt payments in many countries struggling with balance of payments difficulties. The current world debt crisis would undoubtedly be exacerbated without the attention of these institutions to economic development and economic policies that will lead them to the path of recovery.

I resent the recent partisan attack by the National Republican Campaign Committee regarding my vote on the I.M.F. legislation. Unfortunately, this attack was not rebutted by the White House. Specifically, the NRCC attack focused on the Gramm amendment to the I.M.F. legislation providing that no IMF loans could be made to communist countries. The NRCC maintained that those Congressmen opposing the amendment favored U.S. assistance for communist countries and basically questioned our patriotism and allegiance.

I did not support the Gramm amendment because it placed unreasonable restrictions on an institution that is not solely a vehicle for U.S. foreign policy. Moreover, that amendment would not affect the Soviet Union and other communist countries that are not members of the I.M.F. I agree with my colleagues, and with the position of the White House, that economic development monies can hinder the spread of communism to countries whose economic situations severely weakens their ability to rebuff external communist overtures. The U.S. has much to offer President Reagan September 1, 1983 Page Two

developing countries -- among these are the successes of capitalism, the economic profit of the free-market system, and our attention to the health, education and welfare of our citizens. These are just a few examples of the strengths of our democracy. These facts of life, once implemented, lend stability to developing countries that can not be disputed by communist rhetoric.

If support for successful programs that are in our best national interests is going to result in irresponsible partisan attacks, then there will be a new facet to policy considerations that could potentially undermine the relationship between the Legislative and Executive branches. This situation could compromise my support, as well as that of my colleagues, when the Conference Report on this legislation is considered after the August recess.

Mr. President, I respectfully request a clarification of your position on this matter. I believe that my concerns and those of my colleagues deserve your immediate attention.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

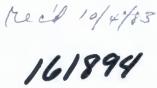
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The Honorable Michael K. Deaver Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mike:

The American Mining Congress is strongly supporting the Administration's request for authorization of an \$8.4-billion U.S. contribution to the International Monetary Fund.

As part of our effort, I have written today to all Members of the House and Senate, explaining our position and enclosing a statement that also calls for certain reforms in the policies and practices of the IMF and other international financial and development institutions.

It is encouraging to know that the Administration has expressed support for the basic concepts of these reforms.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a sample copy of my correspondence with the Members of Congress and the AMC statement.

If there is any further action we ought to take to generate support for the Administration's goals in this matter, I would be pleased to hear from you.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Allen Overton, Jr. President

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* Immediate Past Chairman † Honorary Following letter individually addressed to each member of the House and the Senate-

The American Mining Congress supports the authorization of an \$8.4-billion U.S. contribution to the International Monetary Fund and respectfully urges you to support it.

We also believe, however, that this funding should be conditioned on strong U.S. advocacy of certain reforms in IMF policies and practices, and these same reforms should apply to the World Bank and other international development institutions.

We hope these reforms will also enjoy your support.

Last Friday, I sent to your office a statement that outlines the AMC position on the \$8.4-billion authorization and the changes we advocate in international lending policies, but in the press of legislative business, it may not have come to your personal attention.

I am taking the liberty, therefore, of enclosing another copy of that statement and hope it will engage your thoughtful consideration.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Allen Overton, Jr. President

Enclosure

President's Letter

Replenishing the International Monetary Fund: It needs more cash, but a few caveats as well

Debate has been raging here in Washington over President Reagan's request that Congress authorize an additional \$8.4 billion as the U.S. contribution to a fresh infusion of money into the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which the President rightly calls "the linchpin of the international financial system."

Before discussing the merits of the case, it is important to understand the extent of America's participation in what amounts to a global rescue mission. The \$8.4 billion would be about 20 percent of a \$42-billion package of new resources for the IMF. Many industrialized nations favored an even greater infusion of new funds and were willing to increase their proportionate share, but the U.S. resisted this as unnecessary at this time.

Moreover, it's not a "bailout" for banks. As the President said last week, "IMF plans to assist financially troubled countries call for the banks to put up more new money than the IMF itself."

The failure of Congress to act positively on this matter would have ominous consequences, what Mr. Reagan calls "an economic nightmare that could plague generations to come." Before examining these, however, and the much brighter prospects that congressional action could produce, it might be useful to review some major causes of the present crisis.

 The enormous price increases in oil in the 1970s placed awesome financial burdens on the poor countries and, without outside assistance, could have wrecked their fragile economies.

• At the same time, the Persian Gulf oil exporters were piling up a huge surplus of money, more than they could use, and this had to be invested somewhere. A large portion was deposited in interestbearing accounts in U.S. commercial banks, which had to recycle these petrodollars somewhere in the form of interestbearing loans. The greatest demand (with a few exceptions such as Poland) was in Third World countries, which quickly began to take on mounting debts.

Even underdeveloped nations that were fortunate enough to have oil (such as Mexico and Venezeula) embarked on ambitious programs of growth and undertook heavy external debts, counting on high oil prices to repay their loans.

• Then came the worldwide recession, and the poorer nations found their export markets shrinking, the flow of investment funds diminishing, and inflation ravaging their economies, while the heavy schedules of debt repayment remained and became more burdensome as their currencies were devalued. • The oil glut led to somewhat lower prices, but they provided little relief, because oil prices are denominated in dollars, and the strengthening of the dollar depreciated the value of local currencies when it came to paying the fuel bill.

 Finally there came a time when outright defaults on debts became a real threat, and clearly something had to be done fast.

 The banks that had lent the money had an obligation to help, and most tried to do so by restructuring and rescheduling debts, but the situation became extraordinarily tricky for both parties.

 The borrowers had to make politically difficult economic adjustments and some required the advice and encouragement of the IMF to face up to the task.

Thus the role of the IMF has become crucial and its resources are stretched perilously thin.

Although economic recovery is now underway in much of the world, there are immediate problems for many nations to hurdle before they can share in it.

If this can't be done, not only will these lesser developed countries suffer, but so will the industrial nations, because their export markets will stagnate, and these markets are vital to many American industries and workers.

The first stated purpose of the IMF is "to give confidence to members by making the general resources of the Fund temporarily available to them under adequate safeguard, thus providing them with opportunity to correct maladjustments in their balance of trade payments without resorting to measures destructive of national or international prosperity."

In supporting the added U.S. contribution to the Fund, the American Mining Congress wishes to emphasize that IMF's aim is to render *temporary* relief to overcome specific *maladjustments*. It is not a development institution.

Yet, in determining whether to render help and how much, IMF often imposes a stringent "conditionality" that a recipient nation must comply with, and this can profoundly affect the plans and works of the World Bank and other international development agencies, sometimes producing conflicts.

This is why the American Mining Congress, in its Declaration of Policy adopted at its annual Mining Convention in San Francisco last month, strongly urges the maximal coordination and cooperation among the IMF, the World Bank and other international financial institutions.

We also advocate that the Secretary of the Treasury should instruct U.S. repre-

sentatives to international development banks to use their voices and votes to encourage development projects that will help Third World nations to diversify their economies, but to discourage those projects that are not economically viable without government subsidy, or otherwise to prop up any imprudent policies of a recipient nation.

The purpose should be to assist them in strengthening their basic economies, to build the physical and social infrastructure needed for sound growth, to encourage industries that can create genuinely productive jobs that can gain export earnings through their capacity to compete fairly in the free marketplace of the world.

This type of development will also serve U.S. interests, because it will generate a growing demand for the goods and services that we excel in producing.

AMC's Declaration of Policy emphatically opposes assistance that fosters industries which, on their own, would not have the economic viability to compete in a free market.

In numerous instances, for example, such assistance creates the circumstances for increased production of minerals that are already in worldwide oversupply. These enterprises are often governmentowned, controlled or subsidized. They are generally free from the antitrust and environmental constraints imposed on U.S. industries, and they generally maintain production at capacity levels in order to earn foreign exchange, provide jobs and curb social unrest.

The result is excessive production that forces prices down, causing great harm to U.S. producers of minerals and U.S. workers.

In the long run, it also harms the nations that engage in such practices, because it misdirects their scarce revenues and resources away from the more important task of diversifying their economies in the manufacturing and agricultural sectors, and it makes them vulnerable to overdependence on one or a few commodities that are extremely subject to volatile markets and prices.

It is very much to be hoped that the present crisis in international finance will focus attention on the urgent need for basic, long-range reform whereby the developed nations seek to help those less fortunate than themselves.

With the hope that such reform will be forthcoming, the American Mining Congress urges Congress and citizenry of the U.S. to support President Reagan's request for the \$8.4 billion authorization for the International Monetary Fund.

J. Allen Overton Jr.; President, AMC

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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July 11, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR KEN DUBERSTEIN

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Letter re IMF

I have reviewed the attached draft Presidential letter (Tab A) and approve the text as is.

Attachment Tab A

Draft Presidential Letter

C# 8304659

Dear Tip:

The House of Representatives will soon consider my request for increased United States participation in the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In my letter transmitting this request, I explained that the IMF plays the central role in a comprehensive strategy to resolve current world debt and financial problems. Since then, I have met with leaders of the other industrialized nations at Williamsburg where we affirmed the correctness of this strategy and pledged to secure early ratification of the increase in IMF resources. I would now like to emphasize the major importance I attach to this request.

The world economy is currently facing a number of serious strains, including a heavy international debt burden which threatens to stifle growth in the developing countries and, if not handled properly, thwart economic recovery in the U.S. and other industrialized nations. To assure orderly resolution of current global economic problems, there must be better coordination of policies in developed countries to promote sustainable, non-inflationary growth; appropriate policies in LDCs to set their economies on a path to sustainable growth; continued official and private financing at adequate levels to maintain a viable international trading system; and reduction of protectionist barriers to trade.

The IMF is the centerpiece of these efforts, and it must have adequate resources to do its job. Those resources are now nearly exhausted. If they are not augmented in the very near future, as agreed to by all member countries, the IMF will be unable to provide financial support and policy advice to countries facing balance of payments problems. Without this, commercial lending will dry up, and economic conditions in developing countries will deteriorate, forcing severe contractions in imports and possible defaults.

The U.S. economy could not escape the after-effects of such events. The legislation I have requested to fulfill our share of the increase in IMF resources is necessary to protect our own interests in a stable financial system, a growing world economy, and sustained economic recovery and higher employment levels. It is also necessary to help protect U.S. foreign policy and security interests overseas. Because of the importance of early ratification of the proposed increase to help stabilize the international financial system, I have pledged to other world leaders my full efforts to ensure prompt enactment of the legislation to authorize and appropriate the proposed U.S. share. I believe this legislation is in our nation's best interests and warrants, as it has in the past, the broadest bipartisan support in the Congress. I therefore urge its prompt approval by the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill Speaker of the House United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 7, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: NORMAN A. BAILEY MS

SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Letter re IMF

Ken Duberstein has asked for your comments on the attached draft Presidential letter (Tab A) to members of Congress on increased United States participation in the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

I have reviewed the draft reply and think the letter is fine as is.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum to Duberstein at Tab I.

Approve Disapprove

Chris Lehman concurs.

Attachments Tab I

Memo to Duberstein Tab A Memo from Duberstein

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

July 6, 1983

NOTE FOR:

FROM:

BUD MCFARLANE KEN DUBERSTEIN

Attached is a draft Presidential letter to Members on IMF which was prepared by Treasury in lieu of a Saturday radio address.

We would like to send it out when the Members return from the July 4th recess and would appreciate any comments.

Thanks.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

MARC BRAZIL

SUBJECT:

Treasury's Recommendation that the President Discuss the IMF Funding Increase in his Saturday Radio Address, July 16

The general consensus among the staff is that the impact of such an address would be minimal at best. Everyone agreed that the public has little knowledge or interest in the issue. Mort Allin suggested that for the President to discuss the IMF would be to "waste an address". Chris Lehman and Mort both feel that arms control is a more appropriate topic. Besides, Judge Clark sent a memo to Dave Gergen today recommending, in strong terms, that the July 16 speech be devoted to arms control.

Norm Bailey agrees that the impact of such an address (on IMF) would be slight, but still thinks it would be a good thing for the President to do. He also said "the situation (vote) doesn't look good".

Attachment

TAB I Incoming memo from Treasury

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

July 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES BAKER

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MICHAEL DEAVER EDWIN MEESE WILLIAM CLARK

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SUBJECT

President's July 16 Radio Address: IMF Funding Increase

The Floor vote in the House of Representatives is now scheduled for Thursday, July 21. As you know, it is important that the President restate his commitment to the IMF quota increase. The leadership of the opposition to the passage of the quota increase comes from within the Republican party.

Our view is that without this level of visible Presidential support, there is a substantial probability that the authorization bill will not pass. A negative vote on the quota increase could substantially undermine the President's international economic leadership so well established at Williamsburg, raise domestic leadership questions, and be extremely disruptive to the international financial markets, i.e. raise interest rates.

There are no policy disagreements within the Administration about this bill. The President has promised this bill in the State of the Union Address and written support letters.

Accordingly, we would like to reiterate our June 22 request that the Saturday radio address discuss the need for United States leadership in international financial and trade areas following Williamsburg.

We would appreciate consideration of this at a morning White House senior staff meeting as quickly as possible so that we may assist in drafting an appropriate address.

- cc: C. Fuller
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Charles H. Dallara direct response 12-14-83

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I trust this will be sufficient

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Thank you for your assistance.

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Mr. Erb:

I have no idea what the attached is about, and no idea why the White House "Referral Office" keeps sending these printouts to EXR instead of to your office or Treasury. Could someone on your staff take a few minutes to straighten them out?

Bob

Alice M	cPhillips	of the Treasury
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I have attached, per our conversation, a copy of the Treasury response to Dr. Phillip Greene's letter to the President on the IMF.

Cordially,

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Joe Eichenberger

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Dear Mr. Greene: IPLY, FURNISH INFO COLL

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Thank you for your letter to President Reagan concerning the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The IMF was formed nearly 40 years ago to promote an open, growing world economy and stable international financial system. Over the years, the IMF has proven highly successful in helping countries deal with their economic problems without recourse to excessive domestic deflation and disruptive restrictions on trade and payments. As explained in the enclosed statement by President Reagan, the INF is the linchpin of international efforts to deal with the economic problems facing troubled debtor countries. The success of the IMF's efforts are crucial to maintaining the sound world economy necessary for sustained economic recovery in the United States and abroad.

The IMF currently has 146 member countries of which only a few are generally considered to be Communist. Over the years, these countries have obtained only about 7% of total IMF financing. The vast bulk of the IMF's funds have been used to help countries of vital strategic and economic interest to the United States, particularly those countries in Latin America. T would note, moreover, that the United States is the second largest user of IMF resources, having received financing totalling about \$6-1/2 billion.

I am enclosing additional background material which you may find of interest and hope that this information will respond to your concerns.

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(Signed) Charles H. Dallara Charles H. Dallara

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

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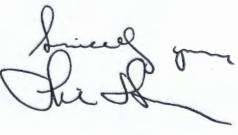
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 24, 1983

Dear Barbara:

I want to express my strong appreciation for your efforts on behalf of the Administration's position to maintain the flexible character of the IMF in order to preserve the IMF's effectiveness in serving our national interest.

Enactment of any amendment that limits the use of IMF funds -- including the amendment regarding "communist dictatorships" referred to in the letters from you and some of your colleagues, or any other such amendment -would unnecessarily tie the hands of the IMF, thus diminishing its effectiveness and adversely affecting the interests of the United States. While I understand much rhetoric and controversy has surrounded this issue, it is my hope that differences on both sides of the aisle could be laid aside, thus allowing for early passage.

It is this bipartisan tradition, and the awareness of the significant role which the Fund has played in protecting the vital interest of the United States, which gives me confidence that we can maintain an effective consensus. Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

Ponald Reagan

The Honorable Barbara Boxer House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE



(Treasury)

WASHINGTON

September 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DENNIS THOMAS Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs

FROM:

CHARLIE PONTICELLI (MAP Director, Congressional Correspondence

SUBJECT:

Congressional Letters to the President re IMF Legislation and NRCC

Per our conversation this morning, attached are copies of the four Congressional letters we've received (from McNulty, Coleman, Patterson, and Wolpe et al.) regarding the NRCC's press statements following the vote on the Gramm amendment to the IMF legislation.

As we discussed, we would prefer that these letters be handled by a DIRECT response from Treasury, under Secretary Regan's signature. (I will close out our action on these files when we receive a copy of your response.)

Many thanks for your help on this--

WASHINGTON

igust 19, 1983

TO: Nancy FROM: KATHY RATTÉ JAFFKE Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of Legislative Affairs

This just came in, thought you should see a copy. I've also Taken a Copy 6 B. What are your suggestions for a reply ?

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

> **Wlashington, D.C. 20515** August 19, 1983

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The President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are among the 20 Democratic targets of the vicious National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) smear campaign described in Tuesday's <u>Washington</u> <u>Post</u>. We are writing to convey our very deep concern over this irresponsible, mean-spirited partian attack.

The NRCC releases accuse us of being "soft" on communism -- indeed, of "supporting" communism -- for our "no" votes on an amendment offered by Representative Phil Gramm to H.R. 2957, the International Recovery and Financial Stability Act. Your own opposition to the amendment, as well as the opposition of Minority Leader Michel; Ranking Minority Member of the Banking Committee, Mr. Wylie; and Ranking Minority Member of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Conable was not mentioned in the campaign committee's release. By condemning many Democrats for opposing the Gramm Amendment, the NRCC was also condemning you, and many of its own congressional leaders.

We deplore this type of partisan attack, which one NRCC official has described as the first attack on a "communist theme." It reminds us of an ugly period in our nation's history -- a period, we are sure, most Americans would rather forget.

Mr. President, you and many high-ranking Administration officials lobbied hard for House passage of the IMF authorization. It passed the House because many Democrats agreed with your view that the IMF is vital to the world economy and America's foreign policy interests. But our cause is gravely hurt when your own political party goes out of its way to create ill feelings toward the bill. After all, we prevailed on this legislation by only six votes. Thirteen of the 20 Members targeted by the NRCC supported final passage. If just three of these switch their votes, this important piece of legislation will not become law.

For the sake of this legislation, we hope and trust you will impress upon Mr. Vander Jagt and others of his persuasion the unfortunate nature of the course they have taken. At the very least, those of us who have been targeted with this demogogic attack deserve assurances from you that our support for Administration positions will not again be distorted for political purposes.

Sincerely,

- The President August 19, 1983 Page 2

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