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CONFERENCE REPORT

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MEETING:

Telecommunications Policy

PARTICIPANTS:

Jim Baker, Bill Baxter, Dick Darman,

Craig Fuller

DATE:

September 26, 1981

cc: E. Meese

We met with Bill Baxter to discuss how he wishes to proceed with the development of a telecommunications policy and the AT&T case. He indicated he was comfortable with the amendments that have been developed and given the current situation, he believes it is appropriate to begin work on an amendment to the 57 Consent Decree.

The following steps were agreed upon:

- 1. Bill Baxter will begin work immediately on drafting a consent decree amendment.
- 2. Bill Baxter will make contact with AT&T and hold an initial negotiation session. Future meetings and the timing of the negotiations will be determined by Bill Baxter as well as participation by other Administration officials. It was made clear that by embarking on this path we have not as an Administration reached any predetermined outcome and that Bill Baxter is to be the Administration's only representative in the negotiations. (i.e., Commerce is not to engage in the negotiating process.)
- 3. The White House will inform Commerce that they are not to be negotiating or participating in negotiations unless invited by Bill Baxter.
- 4. If the opportunity presents itself, the White House will inform those with an interest that Bill Baxter is our negotiator and that there is no predetermined outcome on negotiations.
- 5. Bill Baxter will work on developing the Exchange Access Amendment for consideration in the House.

Man

CONFERENCE REPORT

MEETING: EM Staff Group

DATE: July 31, 1981

PARTICIPANTS: E. Meese, R. Allen, M. Anderson, E. Harper, FEHY

R. Garrick, E. Thomas, K. Cribb

cc: E. Meese

J. Baker

R. Darman

C. Fuller

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ACTION

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PATCO Negotiations. Drew Lewis will brief key White House staff on the current situation with PATCO at 11:00 a.m. today in Ed Meese's office.

KC

- 2. Agency Space Decisions. A working group has been formed to advise GSA on problems in space allocations to executive departments and agencies. Members are C. Fuller, R. Darman, G. Schleede, K. Cribb, J. Rogers, and J. Carman. E. Meese has received a memo on the space problems of the VOA and will refer it to the group for a recommendation.
- 3. Ed Meese Schedule. The members of the E. Meese staff group indicated that they needed more time with E. Meese. E. Meese agreed. He Indicated that the week beginning 8/10 will be a good time to catch up and that at least one half-day should be given to Long-range Planning. E. Meese will be in California for the last two weeks in August and will be on vacation the first week of September.
- 4. Urgent Cabinet Matters. E. Meese indicated that the limited Cabinet time available next week would be allocated as soon as possible to the matters which the President should hear before his departure to California.

KC

5. ERW Discussion. This discussion should be limited to essential participants only.

RA

6. Deep Water Ports. E. Meese will meet with E. Harper and K. Cribb before the Administration position on user fees in Deep Water Ports is reviewed by the Cabinet Council on Natural Resources and the Environment.

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Kenneth Cribb, Jr.

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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MEETING:

PATCO Negotiations

DATE:

July 31, 1981

PARTICIPANTS:

E. Meese, C. Fuller, R. Darman, D. Lewis, E. Thomas, K. Cribb, W. Curtain, J. Fowler

cc: E. Meese

C. Fuller

Drew Lewis indicated that his intention is to try for a negotiated settlement with PATCO, but that he does not anticipate going beyond the \$40 million previously offered. Since Poli will probably ask for a \$550 million "compromise", the Administration should be prepared for a strike --- perhaps occurring on the 4th of August. E. Meese replied that the Administration is solidly behind Drew Lewis and that it is important to hold the line. Otherwise, other government negotiations could be adversely affected, particularly the ratification of the postal workers settlement.

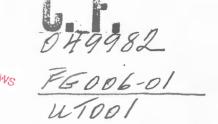
D. Lewis will manifest his willingness to talk as long as necessary; if anyone leaves the bargaining table, it will be Poli. Poli will hold a press conference sometime today.

ACTION: D. Lewis will supervise negotiations with PATCO. C. Fuller and K. Cribb will monitor for the White House.

Kenneth Cribb, Jr.



CONFERENCE REPORT



MEETING:

Telecommunications

PARTICIPANTS:

Ed Meese, Fred Fielding, Jonathan Rose, Jim Baker, Richard Darman, Secretary Baldridge, Bernie Wonder, Dennis Kass, Sherm Unger,

William Baxter, Craig Fuller

DATE:

July 30, 1981

cc:

E. Meese R. Darman

ITEM

1. Dick Darman will recover a July 2 letter from Worth to the President and forward a copy to Ed Meese and Craig Fuller.

RD

- 2. Bill Baxter indicated that Rodino pledged he would work to prevent any legislative delay and he took a dim view of dropping the suit.
- 3. Secretary Baldridge presented the results of his telephone calls to various interest groups.
- 4. The Senate Judiciary Committee is planning to hold a hearing on or about August 6 concerning the rationale for seeking a continuous in the AT&T suit.
- 5. After hearing the various arguments, Ed Meese indicated that it was his view that we should work for passage of the telecommunications legislation and in late October or early November review our options with regards to dismissing the suit. In addition we should review options for negotiating a consent decree.
- 6. Bill Baxter indicated that he will begin to review our options with regards to negotiating a consent decree immediately. Additionally, he indicated he would explore avenues for settleing another suit which is being brought that would allow him to dismiss with prejudice the AT&T suit.

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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MEETING:

Long-Term Agreement on Grain/Cable

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PARTICIPANTS:

William Brock, Jack Block, Mac Baldrige, MOO3-0-

Al Haig, Ed Meese and Craig Fuller

0165

DATE:

July 16, 1981

F0005

cc: E. Meese

The strategy regarding the long-term agreement on grain with the Soviet Union was discussed. The group agreed to the following:

ITEM

 The cable to the Soviet Union will be sent by the State Department today or tomorrow at the latest.

AH

 The strategy for pursuing grain agreement talks could be discussed on Wednesday at the National Security Council meeting.

EM/RA

3. Bill Brock indicated that it would be his intention, if approved by the President, to use the July 30 meeting to discuss a one-year agreement in time to complete negotiations.

WB

4. We agreed that no statement will be made with regards to the cable being sent but that during speeches on Friday, the Administration indicate that "We are hoping (and/or willing) to meet at an early date with the Soviet Union on the grain agreement."

Craig L. Fuller

PA

CONFERENCE REPORT

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MEETING:

Mark Fowler, Chairman of FCC

DATE:

November 13, 1981

PARTICIPANTS:

E. Meese, M. Fowler, J. Jenkins, and K. Cribb

cc: E. Meese

C. Fuller

J. Jenkins

ITEM

ACTION

1. Fairness Doctrine. M. Fowler reported that Bernie Wunder had undercut him on the Hill by testifying that the Administration favored eliminating the Fairness Doctrine for radio, but not for television. E. Meese asked K. Cribb to find out why Commerce testified in this way.

KC

2. Telecommunications Policy. M. Fowler requested that FCC expertise in this area be tapped in future Administration deliberations on this topic. E. Meese asked K. Cribb to determine how the FCC and/or M. Fowler could have greater input in this area.

KC

3. S. 898. M. Fowler thinks that the "interconnection provision" is shaded too much in favor of AT&T: the provision in effect creates a new unregulated monopoly (Baby Bell). E. Meese asked M. Fowler to provide his personal views as to how S. 898 could be amended to cure this perceived defect.

MF

4. FCC Appointments. M. Fowler believes that the last two appointments to the FCC are loyal to their Hill sponsors rather than to the President. Accordingly, he has a very uncertain majority on the Commission. E. Meese indicated that Reagan loyalists are being considered for the upcoming slots and M. Fowler should be consulted before any such slots are filled.

EM

5. Regular Contacts. M. Fowler expressed an interest in establishing some form of regular communication between himself and the Administration. E. Meese replied that he was considering a proposal by which Loren Smith, as Chairman of the Administrative Conferences of the U.S., would coordinate such contacts in a way that would take account of the independent nature of the agencies. E. Meese will let M. Fowler know what develops in this regard.

EM

CONFERENCE REPORT

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MEETING:

The Organized Bar and Legal Services for the Poor

DATE:

November 6, 1981

PARTICIPANTS:

E. Meese, William R. Smith, David Brink, F. Fielding, and K. Cribb

cc: E. Meese

F. Fielding
C. Fuller

Past ABA President William R. Smith and current President David Brink sought this meeting to discuss the ABA's role in providing legal services for indigents. Mr. Smith indicated his strong support for continued funding of the Legal Services Corporation because it provides an administrative network throughout the country. Smith indicated that, in his experience, the private bar simply can't or won't provide necessary resources for meeting the legal needs of the poor.

- E. Meese indicated that he would be interested in discussing a possible role for the organized bar in assisting with such legal services, independent of the disposition of legislation which would authorize the continuation of a modified Legal Services Corporation. He offered two possible approaches:
- (L) Getting younger lawyers involved in a way analogous to intern/resident programs in the medical profession.
- (2) Getting local bar associations back into providing such services.

The ABA representatives indicated they could offer a plan, but hinted that any such plan would be predicated on the continuance of the Legal Services Corporation. There was also an offer to provide ABA candidates for the Board. E. Meese indicated his willingness to accept suggestions but that the list of possible nominees for that Board is already circulating on the Hill.

E Meese was called to the Oval Office and asked K. Cribb to serve as a point of contact with Smith and Brink. It was agreed that three ABA representatives (including Messrs. Smith and Brink) would meet with three representatives from the White House (to include Cribb and Fielding) to discuss a concrete plan for ABA participation in providing legal services for the poor.

ACTION: K. Cribb will set up the above mentioned meeting for November 17.

Kenneth Cribb, Jr.





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November 14, 1981

Mr. Craig Fuller Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Craig,

It was good of you to give me a chance to explain my ideas and interests to you so fully on Friday. As I look back on our meeting, I think I left very little unsaid about what I hope to contribute and why.

As you suggested, I shall call during the week to see if there is anything more that should done or said just now.

Yours,

Charles Fried

Meeting with Craig Fuller

American

University

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Washington Semester Program

November 20, 1981

Mr. Craig L. Fuller
Director of Cabinet Administration
Office of the Counsellor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Fuller:

Please accept my thanks and those of Dr. Michael Siegel for your presentation to our classes last Wednesday. I realize how incredibly busy your schedule is. The fact that you would take time out to share your experience and insights with students is appreciated by all of us. Karen Hart was extremely helpful in arranging the session and I wish to convey our sincere thanks to her also.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Hansen Assistant Professor

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27 November 1981

Dear Mr. Cannon:

Thank you for your letter of 18 November 1981. I remember our conversation about Al Hill, and am grateful for the clippings about him. Your interest in writing is most appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Daniel W. Cannon
Director of Environmental
Affairs
National Association of
Manufacturers
1776 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Cc: EMeese EM:es:emb-27a



Dear Mr. Cannon:

Thank you for your letter of 18 November 1981. I remember our conversation about Al Hill, and am grateful for the clippings about him. Your interest in writing is most appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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cc to Meese

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November 18, 1981

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The Honorable Edwin B. Meese, III Counselor to the President The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Counselor Meese:

I enjoyed very much chatting with you briefly at the reception given for you at the Capital Hill Club.

We were talking about our mutual friend, Al Hill, and I told you he had made an address before the NAM Environmental Quality Committee meeting in Boston in October. I thought you would be interested in the enclosed clippings showing the favorable publicity which Al's address achieved for the environmental policies of the Reagan Administration.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Cannon

Director of Environmental

Affairs

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Enclosures

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21 Boston Herald American, Friday, October 23, 1981

Feds, manufacturers closer on pollution

By BARBARA RABINOVITZ

The head of the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) sat down at the same table with a leader of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) in Boston yesterday and declared that the era of confrontation between environmental regulators and industry was ending.

A "non-confrontational" relationship between the administration and business is the goal of A. Alan Hill, appointed by Ronald Reagan as chairman of CEQ. The council overseas federal environmental programs and formulates environmental policies for the president.

Hill joined Richard D. Robertson, chairman of NAM's Environmental Quality Committee, at a press conference at the Colonnade Hotel, where 100 environmental experts from the private sector have gathered for a NAM-sponsored conference on environmental quality.

Robertson told reporters that the previous administration's environmental regulatory agencies had become "ad-



A. Alan Hill
Seeking cooperation.

vocacy agencies" for environmental groups and that business had been excluded somewhat from environmental decision-making.

decision-making.

Hill claimed that under the Reagan administration, the council "is meeting

with everyone — business, environmental groups . . . to try to develop an understanding."

Both men acknowledged the need for environmental regulations, but Hill said they should be implemented on the local, not federal, level. Robertson, a vice-president of Phillip Morris in New York, said "a majority of industries" likely would comply with such restrictions. "There's a level of consciousness that's been raised by the environmental groups," he noted.

In a luncheon speech to the NAM gathering, Hill outlined the "philosophic foundation" of CEQ under Reagan. He listed four tenets of that philosopy:

• Mankind is part of the environment. The world is comprised of many inter-related parts, Hill said, and man should not be denied his part in the "environmental equation."

Balance must be achieved. Hill said it isn't easy to balance nature and the social and economic needs of Americans, but he urged that individuals concerned make a good-faith effort. "A lowering of current rhetoric would be most helpful to all concerned," he added,

Current Developments

A weekly review of pollution control and related environmental management problems

Volume 12, Number 27

THE BUREAU OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS, INC.

October 30, 1981

General Policy

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS DISCUSS PLANS FOR INDUSTRY ROLE IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

BOSTON—'(By a BNA Staff Correspondent)—'Three top federal officials at an Oct. 21 through 23 conference told representatives of business and industry that the Reagan administration wants to work more closely with them in developing environmental policy than have past Administrations.

A. Alan Hill, chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, told members of the National Association of Manufacturers' (NAM) Environmental Quality Committee the Administration intends to reduce, and hopefully eliminate, "the confrontational style of environmental policy-making which was so prevalent in the 1970s."

Joseph A. Cannon, acting associate administrator for policy and resource management at the Environmental Protection Agency, said, "We don't intend to shut the environmentalists and others out of the process. We don't intend to accept your laundry list uncritically. The difference is that we expect to review your laundry list."

In his remarks to the NAM group, Hill noted the need to re-establish a balance between the goals of environmental quality and economic growth. However, he added that the Administration recognizes that economic growth cannot be made at the expense of environmental quality.

"However, there are issues, such as the primary health standard in the Clean Air Act," Hill said, "when very careful consideration must be given to assure that economics do not overpower sound judgment in arriving at the best decision for all concerned."

Hill and Cannon, along with Lester Sutton, EPA Region I administrator, also commented on the need for simplifying federal regulations.

Sutton said, "Many of our environmental regulations are too complex, too lengthy, and often totally incomprehensible. I have talked to numerous business leaders whose major complaint is that they really do not understand what the EPA expects of them.

"It's not that they don't want to cooperate," he noted. "It's just that they are confused by the cumbersome language of the regulations, overwhelmed by the number of forms to fill out, and baffled by the sometimes conflicting intents and procedures of the statutes."

Sutton indicated that EPA intends to cut back red tape. "Our goal of working for a quality environment for all Americans will not change, but our method of obtaining our objectives will change," he stated.

Cannon indicated that his office is working to attain uniformity among the regions in enforcing EPA regulations and in inspection and permitting procedures.

"We recognize there is a big problem in permitting and we will thoroughly re-analyze the consolidated permit program. It was designed to be a one-step process and has become a nonstop process," he said.

NAM Supports Administration

Richard A. Robertson, chairman of the NAM Environmental Quality Committee and vice president of Philip Morris,

USA, told a press conference NAM supports the efforts of the Administration in listening to the concerns of industry.

Robertson said that during the previous Carter Administration, industry was placed in an adversary role.

"The adversary position is something we feel this administration does not want to have. The feeling of industry is that if we create a problem we certainly must be willing to, correct it," Robertson stated.

He said it will be easier for industry to have a working relationship with the federal government if that relationship is handled in a "nonconfrontational manner."

In a later session, Robertson called on industry and business to openly support the efforts of EPA Administrator Anne Gorsuch in working more closely with industry, particularly when environmental groups have been so vocal in their opposition to this.

"I guess in the 20 years or more of having their ways it's not surprising how several environmental groups and their friends in Congress are reacting to this Administration's efforts to restore balance and fairness," he said.

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1 December 1981

Dear Mark:

Thank you for your note of 23 November 1981 recommending my participation in the Convention II Seventh Annual Session in Washington next February. I do intend to include this at some point in my schedule, and I appreciate your thoughtful recommendation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 23, 1981

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The Honorable Edwin Meese, III Consellor to the President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ed:

It has come to my attention that you have been asked to greet this year's Convention II participants when they arrive in Washington, D. C. in early February. I hope that you will be able to find the time in your busy schedule to meet with this group.

The Seventh Annual Session of Covention II will bring over 300 high school students, with parents, teachers and staff, to Washington, D. C. During the session these students will get first-hand experience on how our government works.

As a member of the Founders Committee, I want to express my belief in the quality of this program and its strong, positive effect and value for the youth of this nation.

Thank you again for considering Convention II's invitation to meet with their participants.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Mark O. Hatfield United States Senator

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MRS. HARVEY M. MEYERHOFF 3206 CAVES ROAD OWINGS MILLS, MARYLAND 21117

November 23, 1981

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Mr. Edwin Meese, III Counsellor to the President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ed:

It is incomprehensible to me that a man of Mr. Allen's stature does not understand the absolute stupidity of his comment. This kind of behavior violates everything this Administration should stand for. It is outrageous!

Fondly,

Lyn

MRS. HARVEY M. MEYERHOFF 9200 CAVES ROAD OWINGS MILLS, MARYLAND 2017

November 23, 1981

Mr. Richard V. Allen National Security Advisor The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Dick:

I am dismayed at your perception and statement about "your" press when you referred to the Israeli press. This lack of sensitivity and awareness is amazing. My press is the Baltimore SUN, the New York TIMES, and the Washington POST, et al. I am an American! I am offended -- and I wanted you to know it.

Cordially,

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Dear Mr. Neese,

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Thouse you for your trind message on the occasion of the Memorial Service for my hurband, Pohert Ross. More than any works of mine can say, I appreciate your thought ful gesture of friendship and expressions of significantly. For friendship is exquisitely sweet in both joy and sovrow.

Séncerely.
Charlese Coss
(Mrs. Cohert T. Coss)

November 1, 1981

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON



November 24, 1981

Your Majesty:

I am both pleased and honored to receive your fine gift of the sterling silver cigarette box. I have placed this on official display in my office for all those who visit to enjoy.

It was a true pleasure to meet you on your recent visit to the United States. I thank you once again for your thoughtful gift.

With best regards,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

His Majesty Hussein I King of the Hashemite Kingdom Amman