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Subject: Urge the President to build upon administration efforts to enhance the production and utilization of coal during the upcoming Economic Summit meeting in Versailles.

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August 17, 1982

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Thank you again for your expression of interest. I would appreciate your sharing this letter with your colleagues in the Senate Coal Caucus.

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United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510
To: NSC Secretariat

From: William F. Martin

The President has received a letter from several Congressman urging that he promote US coal exports at the Versailles Economic Summit. An acknowledge letter has been sent over Ken Duberstein’s signature, and the NSC has been asked to coordinate a more substantive response.

I recommend that the State Department be asked to provide a draft reply for Judge Clark. They should coordinate the response with the Department of Commerce.
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**COMMENTS**

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Henry Nam:

As we have discussed, I believe Clark letters should be the decided exception rather than the rule. I see no reason why this response could not be sent by Powell Moore at State, of course with the good changes you suggest.

Bob (Kennett)

P.S. We would need to send letters to all signatories to follow Witt protocol and procedures on such letters -- another reason for State to do it!
MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: HENRY R. NA

SUBJECT: Reply to Letter from Congressman Rahall and 21 Other Members

Congressman Rahall and 21 other Members wrote the President two days before the Versailles Summit concerning the issue of coal and coal exports. Replies for you to send to Congressmen Rahall, and Senators Heinz and Ford are attached at Tab I.

Richard Levine, Bill Martin, Norm Bailey, Bob Kimmitt and Ken Duberstein concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memoranda at Tab I.

Approve ___ Disapprove ___

Attachments

Tab I - Memoranda to Congressman and Senators
Tab A - Incoming Correspondence
Bob,

This is an old one

that was faxed to State
to draft a response for
Clark to sign on
behalf of the President
per Poinsette’s instruction
(check inside!). I think we
can let him one go. They
never send more than one letter
to the lead Congressman.
August 4, 1982

Henry Nau:

(1) The Poindexter tasking memo was not on top of the package when I first received it. I disagree with the tasking, which I think John misinterpreted, but I will not go to Judge Clark on this point in this case.

(2) Duberstein's office requires, and sent in this case, individual letters to each Member. In the interest of time, since we are so late here, I'll agree to cut that number to 3 -- the Chairman of the House group (Rahall) and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Senate group (Heinz and Ford).

(3) I don't want to appear dogmatic on these Congressional letters, but Judge Clark has already sent an exceptionally high number of substantive letters in his first 7 months. To protect him, and to avoid diluting the effect of the letters he does send, I think we should err on the side of caution.

(4) I will get Duberstein's clearance when the final letters have been prepared.

Robert M. Kimmitt
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The action taken was for Judge Clark to answer for the President.
Speechwriters:
Would you please clear/correct the Presidential reply at Tab A and telephone for pick-up when completed.

Thank you.

Jeanne Hickie
Henry Nau's Office
X6961
7/21/82
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:
TO: The President
FROM: Rahall et al
DATE: 6/1/82
SUBJECT: Coal Exports

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

X A draft reply is attached.

A draft reply will be forwarded.

A translation is attached.

An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.

Other.

REMARKS:

Draft letter is designed to be sent individually to the 22 Congressmen, or collectively via one of the Congressmen.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary
Dear Mr. __________

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As a result of the Summit preparations, the Summit already mentioned coal stating that "the progress we have made does not diminish the need for continuing efforts to improve our energy economy.

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With cordial regards,

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MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

TO: PRES

SOURCE: RAHALL, NICK J

DATE: 01 JUN 82

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SUBJ: URGES PRES TO STRESS PRODUCTION & UTILIZATION OF COAL AT VERSAILLES

REQUIRED ACTION: PREPARE DRAFT REPLY COORDINATE W/ DEPT OF COMMERCE

DUE DATE: 25 JUN 82

COMMENTS:

FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER

STAFF SECRETARY
MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

DATE: 18 JUN 82

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FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER

STAFF SECRETARY
June 7, 1982

Dear Mr. Rahall:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your June 1 letter in which, as members of the Congressional Coal Group and the Senate Coal Caucus, you and 21 of your colleagues urged the President to discuss the issue of increased coal exports during the Economic Summit meeting in Versailles.

Please know that your letter was brought to the immediate attention of the President's advisers involved in the Economic Summit. I assure you that your views are receiving thorough study and consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Nick Rahall
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc., NSC Secretariat - for DIRECT follow-up response (with copy to Ken Duberstein) NOTE: An advance copy of this letter was brought to Judge Clark's attention on June 4.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 4, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JUDGE WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM CHARLOTTE PONTICELLI, Dir., Congressional Correspondence

SUBJECT Congressman Rahall et al. Letter re Coal Exports

On June 1, Congressman Rahall (D-WV) and 21 other Members wrote to the President urging him to discuss the issue of coal exports during the Versailles Economic Summit.

Although Congressman Rahall's office had notified us, in advance, of their interest in getting this letter hand-delivered to the White House prior to the President's departure, we did not actually receive the letter until late yesterday afternoon, June 3. We are, therefore, sending you this copy for whatever action you might deem appropriate.

(A standard acknowledgement will be going out shortly over Ken Duberstein's signature, and the file will then be routed through the proper channels at NSC for a direct, follow-up response.)
Dear Mr. President:

As Members of the Congressional Coal Group and the Senate Coal Caucus we respectfully urge you to build upon Administration efforts to enhance the production and utilization of coal during the upcoming Economic Summit meeting in Versailles by placing special emphasis on the availability of high-grade and economical coal exports from the United States.

We ask that you seek to assure the various Heads of State participating in the Summit meeting that your Administration is actively working to improve transportation infrastructures so as to facilitate the undisrupted exportation of coal to European consuming Nations.

Increased coal exports make an important contribution to this Nation's balance of trade, increases domestic employment, lends to the economic rejuvenation of the mining and transportation industries and provides European Nations with energy security.

Sincerely,

Doug Applegate

Austin Murphy

Richard Shelby

Paul Simon

Joseph M. Gaydos

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

June 1, 1982
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BILL WAMPLER

Senator JENNINGS RANDOLPH

Senator JOHN W. WARNER

Senator WENDELL FORD

Senator ROBERT C. BYRD

“Democratic Leader”
SUBJECT: URGES PRES TO STRESS PRODUCTION & UTILIZATION OF COAL AT VERSAILLES SUMMIT

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CLARK  DUE: 14 JUN 82  STATUS S  FILES

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD): 82/06/02

Name of Correspondent: Charles H. Percy

Subject: Urges you to consult with our trading partners at the Versailles Summit about the Soviet trade sanctions. Points to the significance of this issue for Illinois' economy, and encloses a copy of the letter he has sent to various ambassadors requesting their support of your credit restraint initiative.

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FOR: William P. Clark  
National Security Council  
The White House

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TO: President  
FROM: Senator Charles Percy

DATE: 6/1/82  
SUBJECT: Urges President to consult with trading partners at Versailles re Soviet trade sanctions.

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED 6/22/82  
NSC# 081897

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

A draft reply is attached.

A draft reply will be forwarded.

A translation is attached.

An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.

Other

REMARKS:

We believe that the White House response of June 7 has answered Senator Percy's inquiry. A further response by State, given the decision to extend oil and gas controls, does not appear necessary and could be counter-productive.

L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

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REFERRAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

DATE: 22 JUN 82

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: PRES

SOURCE: PERCY, CHARLES H

DATE: 01 JUN 82

KEYWORDS: FRENCH SUMMIT

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SANCTIONS

SUBJ: URGES PRES TO CONSULT W/ TRADING PARTNERS AT VERSAILLES RE SOVIET

REQUIRED ACTION: DIRECT REPLY FURNISH INFO COPY

DUE DATE: 29 JUN 82

COMMENTS:

FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER

STAFF SECRETARY
June 7, 1982

Dear Senator Percy:

Thank you for your recent letter urging the President to consult with our trading partners at the Versailles Summit about the Soviet trade sanctions.

We appreciate the concerns you have raised regarding this issue and its significance for your State, and please know that your letter has been brought to the immediate attention of the President's advisers involved in the Economic Summit. I assure you that your views are receiving thorough study and consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Charles H. Percy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: w/copy of inc., NSC Secretariat - for DIRECT RESPONSE
    (with copy to Ken Duberstein)
cc: Pam Turner - FYI
June 1, 1982

Dear Mr. President:

As you know from your recent trip, Illinois has been deeply affected by the present recession and unemployment is running well above the national average.

In addition to the general slowdown in the economy, several important manufacturing centers like Peoria, Springfield and Rockford have felt the brunt of the Soviet trade sanctions. The chief private employer in each of these cities has laid off hundreds of workers because of lost contracts negotiated with the Soviet Union before imposition of sanctions.

I urge you to consult with our trading partners at the Versailles Summit later this week about the trade sanctions. For the people of Illinois, one of the best announcements stemming from those talks would be a termination of the present trade sanctions. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to the French Ambassador on the Summit talks. Similar letters have been sent to other Washington ambassadors asking for their support of your credit restraint initiative.

I wish you well on your meetings in France and hope you will return home with a united allied position on economic and financial dealings with the Soviet Union.

Warm personal regards,

Charles H. Percy

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Enclosure

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500
June 2, 1982

His Excellency Bernard Vernier-Palliez
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Embassy of France
2535 Belmont Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I hope you will convey to French government officials my interest in the upcoming Versailles Summit.

I understand our government is pursuing negotiations with European governments and Japan over joint limits on financial credits to the Soviet Union. I believe our negotiators have discussed proposals to restrain government interest rate subsidies and to reduce future government-to-government loans. Such an understanding would be an appropriate and more effective statement of our concern about events in Poland.

Private banks have already begun to cut back on long-term lending to the Soviet Union. Our governments should take heed of this marketplace signal and negotiate a similar limitation. Within this framework, each of our countries' legitimate financial concerns can be addressed. I hope the basic objective of credit restraint can be agreed to at Versailles and ask that you let President Mitterrand know of my support for such an accord.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Percy
United States Senator

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