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MEMORANDUM FOR PAT BUCHANAN

FROM: JOE RODOTA

SUBJECT: Mathias Presidential Support

This week's "Periscope" column in Newsweek names Mac Mathias as a likely replacement for David Abshire as U.S. ambassador to NATO.

Remember Margaret Heckler? In 1982, she was the least supportive GOP Member of the House -- and was rewarded for this with a Cabinet chair. Take a look at Mathias' CO support scores:

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NATO: Changes Ahead

Backroom goal: Abshire

After a six-month search, key Reagan administration aides now think that retiring Republican Sen. Charles (Mac) Mathias of Maryland is "the best choice" to succeed David Abshire as U.S. ambassador to NATO. Abshire, named to the post by Reagan in 1983, has made clear he wants to return to the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. Friends say Abshire hopes for a backroom role in the 1988 presidential race—and a cabinet job if a Republican wins. Mathias, president of the North Atlantic Assembly, is an expert on the alliance and well known in NATO capitals.

Pete Wilson Goes Courting

He doesn't face re-election for two years, but California's Republican Sen. Pete Wilson is already courting the state's politically powerful Asian-American community. Conspicuously absent from an Election Day gathering of GOP notables, Wilson chose to spend the day winning and dining top Asian-American business and political leaders. And the first-term senator made headlines recently by overruling his own advisory committee and recommending a Chinese-American for a federal judgeship. GOP insiders say Wilson's overtures are also designed to head off challenges in '89 from two popular Asian-American Democrats: Rep. Robert Matsui and California Secretary of State March Fong Eu. "The Democrats would be smart to nominate Matsui or Eu," says a GOP official. "Pete's even smarter to try and head them off now."

A Papal Visit to the U.S.S.R.?

Though Pope John Paul II, in public statements, has been wary of invitations from Moscow, Vatican officials say the pontiff is privately eager to visit the Soviet Union in 1988—to celebrate Christianity's millennium in Russia. One roadblock: the pope has insisted the trip include a stop in Lithuania, home of the largest concentration of Roman Catholics in the U.S.S.R. But Soviet authorities have in the past refused, fearing a papal visit might ignite the region's strong nationalist feelings. In the West, Catholics who fled the Ukraine after World War II generally oppose the whole trip. Those they left behind had to join the Russian Orthodox Church—and they see a papal visit validating that forced conversion. Vatican officials hope to work out both problems; if the pope does go to the Soviet Union, they think anti-church Czechoslovakia might permit a visit as well.

The K Team

Now that Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy has taken himself out of the 1988 presidential derby, his much-admired K Team is breaking up—and many of Kennedy's stop political aides are jockeying for jobs with other contenders. Democrats close to Paul Tully, Kennedy's political-action-committee director, say Tully is interested in the possible candidacy of New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, but he would prefer to work for Michael Dukakis if the Massachusetts governor decides to run. And Tully is being actively wooed by Gary Hart. While Kennedy's former speechwriter Robert Shrum has made no commitments, he has made it clear he wants to work for Michael Dukakis if the Massachusetts governor decides to run. And Tully is being actively wooed by Gary Hart.
I. PURPOSE

To host the swearing-in ceremony for Dr. Alton Keel as the new U.S. Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

II. BACKGROUND

Earlier this week, Dr. Keel, your former Deputy Assistant for National Security Affairs, was confirmed by the Senate as the new U.S. Permanent Representative to NATO.

We had hoped that you could personally administer Al's oath of office, but the law forbids the President to do so. The White House Executive Clerk, Dan Marks, will administer the oath. Your hosting the ceremony will underscore the importance you attach to NATO and your appreciation to Al for a job well done as Deputy National Security Advisor.

The White House will also issue a statement welcoming the Senate's confirmation of Al, and emphasizing your support for NATO.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President, the Vice President, Secretary Shultz, Secretary Weinberger, Howard Baker, Frank Carlucci, David Abshire, Dr. Alton Keel, Franmarie Keel, Frances Kennedy, Dan Marks

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Oath, Brief Remarks, Photo Opportunity

Attachment

Tab A Remarks cc: Vice President chief of Staff
TALKING POINTS FOR SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
DR. ALTON KEEL

-- Al, I am delighted to be able to launch you into a new position where you will be my representative in pursuing our vital security interests in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

-- Be assured as you carry out these responsibilities that you have my personal support in keeping up our vital commitment to the defense of NATO.

-- I am sure that our country's leadership role in the Alliance is in safe and capable hands. My very best wishes for your success.
TALKING POINTS FOR PHOTO OP - DR. ALTON KEEL

FAMILY: Franmarie (wife) Kristen (daughter)
        Frances Kennedy (mother)

WH: Frank Carlucci
-- Delighted to launch you into new position
   of vital security interests in NATO
-- You have my personal support in keeping
   our vital commitment to defense of NATO
-- Best wishes for your success
March 11, 1987

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FRED RYAN, Director, Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

REQUEST: Ceremony for Dr. Alton Keel

PURPOSE: Swearing-in ceremony for Dr. Alton Keel as U.S. Permanent Representative, U.S. Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

BACKGROUND: Dr. Keel was confirmed on March 11 by the Senate to be U.S. Permanent Representative, U.S. Mission to NATO

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: During his tenure as Deputy Assistant the the President for National Security Affairs Dr. Keel frequently meet with the President

DATE AND TIME: Friday, March 13, 1987, Noon

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President, the Vice President, Secretary Shultz, Secretary Weinberger, Howard Baker, Frank Carlucci, David Abshire, Dr. Keel and his family

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Swearing-in Ceremony, Brief Remarks

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC

OPPOSED BY: None
March 11, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN

FROM: DON MAHLEY

SUBJECT: Presidential Schedule Proposal - Al Keel Swearing-In

Attached at Tab I is a schedule proposal for Fred Ryan proposing a swearing-in ceremony for Al Keel for noon on Friday, March 13. Under separate cover I will be forwarding a memo to Mr. Carlucci proposing brief remarks for the President during the ceremony.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Schedule Proposal at Tab I.

Approve ___ Disapprove ___

Attachment:

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cc: VP  Regan  Buchanan  Other

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Al,

I was very pleased to learn of your nomination.

My hearty congratulations.

Regards & Best wishes,

Tom Baker

12/18/86

Al Keel
NSC
MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ROBERT HOLMES TUTTLE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Resignation of David M. Abshire as the United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Attached herewith is a Memorandum for the President transmitting the resignation of David M. Abshire as the United States Permanent Representative to NATO, together with a suggested letter of acceptance.

FOR THE RECORD:
No exchange of letters with the President for this resignation as U.S. Perm. Rep. to NATO; however, Abshire's resignation as Special Counselor to the President was formally accepted by the President on 4/7/87, eff. 4/6/87.

Doug Chirdon
Executive Clerk's Office

Jackie Wolcott
Special Assistant
Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I have received your letter of January 14, 1987, and I accept your resignation as the United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, effective upon a date to be determined.

Your tenure in Brussels coincided with a particularly difficult and challenging period in East-West and transatlantic relations. Thanks to your superb leadership at NATO, the United States was able to strengthen Allied support for our security and arms control efforts and sustain Allied unity in the face of Soviet efforts to sow divisiveness. Your mission played a key role in steering the Alliance successfully through the period of INF deployments.

I note with special gratitude the work you have done, not only with our Allies but also with Congress and the public, to improve the Alliance's conventional defense capabilities. Your work on behalf of the conventional defense improvement effort, greater cooperation in armaments development, more efficient resource strategies and more effective force planning leaves an important legacy to NATO, particularly as we move toward new negotiations with the Warsaw Pact on conventional stability in Europe.

Along with my deep and sincere appreciation for your work at NATO, I am especially pleased that you have agreed to become my Special Counsellor, and that along with those responsibilities I can continue to draw upon your advice and expertise on the crucial issues the Atlantic Alliance will face in the period ahead.

Sincerely,

The Honorable
David M. Abshire,
c/o Department of State.
UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
ON THE
NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

January 14, 1987

Dear Mr. President:

I hereby submit my intention to resign as the United States Ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization effective February 7, 1987. I would like to express my gratitude to you for allowing me to serve in this capacity for the past three and one-half years.

During the last three years, NATO has enjoyed significant success on a range of critical issues including the deployment of intermediate nuclear weapons, our conventional defense improvement effort, greater Alliance cooperation in armaments development and procurement, and the opportunity for meaningful reductions of nuclear weapons through arms control. Continued Alliance success and cohesion in all of these efforts, however, will require maintaining our momentum. In this regard, your leadership will be essential in 1987 -- a crucial year in which we must demonstrate that our policies produce results. I will continue to be engaged in these issues and I will render whatever service I can to ensure that NATO remains the greatest Alliance in history.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you in this capacity. I appreciate your confidence and trust in my appointment as your Special Counsellor.

Respectfully,

David M. Abshire
Ambassador

The President
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
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The Honorable
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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: FRITZ W. ERMARTH
NELSON C. LEDSKY

SUBJECT: Meeting with Our New DCM to NATO

John Kornblum, a foreign service officer and until recently US
Minister in Berlin, will be traveling to Brussels in late
September to assume his duties as DCM to NATO. He has requested
a brief meeting with you on Friday, September 11.

RECOMMENDATION

That you agree to meet briefly with Kornblum.

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**National Security Council**  
The White House

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SUBJECT: SUBMITS HIS RESIGNATION AS THE UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE PRESIDENT

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KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.
President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

I hereby tender my resignation as the United States Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council, to become effective at your pleasure.

Sincerely,

Alton G. Keel, Jr.
Permanent Representative
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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: NELSON C. LEDSKY

SUBJECT: Appointments for US Permanent Representative to NATO, Alton Keel

Al Keel will be in Washington November 7-17 to discuss NATO issues such as burdensharing, the 401st relocation, and SNF modernization. He has requested a meeting with you as well as a meeting with the President.

RECOMMENDATION

That you see Al Keel for 30 minutes within the above time period.

Approve  Disapprove

That you authorize Paul Stevens to sign the scheduling proposal at Tab I requesting a 15 minute meeting for Al Keel with the President.

Approve  Disapprove

Bob Linhard and Roger Dorn concur.

Tab I Schedule Proposal

Prepared by: Rudolf V. Perina

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., Director
    Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

REQUEST: Meeting with U.S. Permanent Representative to
         NATO, Ambassador Alton Keel.

PURPOSE: To brief the President on issues within the
         NATO Alliance.

BACKGROUND: Ambassador Keel is former Acting National
            Security Advisor. He will be in Washington
            for consultations and has requested a meeting
            with the President.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President last saw Ambassador Keel during
                         the visit of NATO Secretary General Woerner
                         on September 16, 1988.

DATE & TIME: November 7-17.
             DURATION: 15 minutes.

LOCATION: Oval Office.

PARTICIPANTS: The President, Kenneth Duberstein, Colin
               Powell, Rudolf Perina, Ambassador Alton Keel.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Meeting in Oval Office.

REMARKS REQUIRED: NSC will provide.

MEDIA COVERAGE: None.

RECOMMENDED BY: Department of State, NSC.

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