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THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON
20506

May 21, 1985

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable George P. Shultz, Secretary of State
The Honorable James A. Baker, III, Secretary of the Treasury
The Honorable John R. Block, Secretary of Agriculture
The Honorable Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce
The Honorable William E. Brock, Secretary of Labor
✓ The Honorable Jack Svahn, Assistant to the President for Policy Development
The Honorable Beryl W. Sprinkel, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers
The Honorable David T. Stockman, Director, Office of Management and Budget

FROM: Michael B. Smith, Acting USTR *MS*

SUBJECT: Establishment of a Working Group on the Multifiber Arrangement (MFA)

At its May 16 meeting the Economic Policy Council decided to establish a task force under USTR's chairmanship on renewal of the Multifiber Arrangement. Pursuant to that decision, I have asked Ambassador Richard Imus, the present Chief Textile Negotiator, and Ambassador Charles Carlisle, expected to be his successor, to chair an interagency working group which would, among other things:

1. Identify issues arising out of the expiration of the present MFA on July 31, 1986, and negotiations to establish a possible new arrangement.
2. Consider ways to address each of the major issues.
3. Make arrangements to collect information and data that will assist the policy-making process.
4. Recommend a U.S. position on MFA renewal to Cabinet officers.

I would appreciate each agency's designating a senior person to serve on the Working Group and notifying my office by this

Friday, May 24 of its selection. We plan to hold a first meeting late in the week of May 27.

Active negotiations on a new MFA probably will not commence until sometime this fall. Thus, the Group's work is likely to continue for a number of months.

cc: Mr. Roger Porter, Deputy Assistant to the President
for Policy Development