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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1981

Dear Bob:

George Bush told me of his conversation with you about your visit to Cuba and showed me your excellent rebuttal to Mr. Castro. I just want you to know that I appreciate your standing up for the United States in the face of Castro's outrageous blast.

Sincerely,

Ron

The Honorable Robert T. Stafford
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Response by the Senator to Fidel
Castro's attack on the United States
at the Interparliamentary Union
Meeting in Cuba

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Note for Stripping Desk

Please send copies to:

The Vice President
Max Friedersdorf

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Note for Stripping Desk

Please send copies to:

The Vice President
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Oct. 10, 1981

Memo for the record:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT: Proposed Letter to Senator Stafford

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I believe such a message is well-deserved.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Senator Stafford at Tab A.

Attachments

- Tab A - Proposed Letter to Senator Stafford
- Tab B - Incoming Correspondence

MR. PRESIDENT:
MAX FRIEDERSDORF CONCURS.

*Dick
Darman*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1981

NOTE FOR DICK -

FYI. Friedersdorf's
Office--Bill Gribbin--
cleared off on this
letter.

Jan

10/5/81
RPS

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/23/81 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 9/24/81

SUBJECT: LETTER TO SENATOR STAFFORD RE HIS SPEECH IN CUBA

Called
9/30

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Remarks:

Could you please edit and prepare for the President's signature.

Thanks.

* 10/5 - To MFriedersdorf for clearance
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Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
and
Deputy to the Chief of Staff
(x-2702)

THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

TO: DICK DARMAN 9/23/81

FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT

The suggested note from the President
to Stafford will help us in many way.

GB



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT

September 23, 1981

FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT *GB*

Senator Stafford, long active in the Interparliamentary Union, headed the recent U.S. delegation in Cuba. Castro, violating host country welcoming procedures, used the forum to outrageously attack the U.S. Stafford responded the next day and many delegates boycotted Castro's reception for the delegates.

I think the attached note to Stafford would please him and is deserved.

G.B.

Attachment



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

SUGGESTED LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO SENATOR STAFFORD

Dear Bob:

George Bush told me of his conversation with you about your visit to Cuba. He showed me your excellent rebuttal to Mr. Castro. I just want you to know that I appreciate your standing up for the USA in the face of Castro's outrageous blast.

Sincerely yours,

STATEMENT BY SENATOR ROBERT T. STAFFORD (U.S.A.)

Wednesday, September 16, 1981

68th Interparliamentary Conference

Havana, Cuba

Mr. President, Fellow Delegates:

The purpose of the IPU is to foster mutual understanding and to seek, by means of dialogue, to attain the common objective of world peace. Dialogue and debate are really the only ways for this organization to survive -- dictatorial and violent rhetoric, repetition of time-worn slogans will, I fear, lead the Union to sterile encounters and ultimate ruin.

My delegation came to this meeting in Havana, despite certain controversy in our own country, with the clear intention of being constructive. We are still of this mind. However, I can only state that as a member of U.S. delegations to the IPU during the past 10 years and having attended at least 20 opening conference sessions, yesterday's outrageous "lecture" causes me to wonder whether this organization is not being transformed into a propaganda forum for individuals who do not share the same regard for truth and decency as those truly experienced in genuine parliamentary traditions.

In every opening ceremony I can recall, the head of state of the host government has welcomed the conference membership and has wished us well in our deliberations. None has ever used the position of host to further personal ambition and attack a guest state or group of states with distortions and lies.

The U.S. delegation was astounded yesterday to find ourselves -- in a supposedly opening ceremony -- under the most severe attack ever mounted in our memory of

the IPU. Even though Mr. Castro stated he intended to criticize the policies of an administration and not of a people, it is very difficult for us to treat his polemic in that vein. His remarks went far beyond credibility and decency for us not to take them personally as citizens of the United States.

The attack violated the spirit of the IPU. It was without factual basis. It was an insult to the United States and its delegation to this conference. We deeply resent the attack and will not forget it.

I will not dwell on the many absurd assertions of yesterday's diatribe. Let me simply conclude this portion of my statement by saying that far from using biological weapons against Cuba, the United States, through the Pan American Health Organization has actually been sending a chemical, "abate," to Cuba to help combat the dengue fever epidemic -- a humanitarian act of which I suspect the Cuban people are largely unaware. Similarly the Castro government, recently from a port not very far from this site, threw off its undesirables, its convicts and its mentally incapacitated, along with those who wanted to go, and forced a tremendous social and humanitarian burden on the United States which, frankly, has required difficult efforts in my country to handle.

But really, I say fellow delegates, we are here today to discuss more than vicious rhetoric.

We are to discuss today what we, as parliamentarians, can do to uphold and promote the objectives of disarmament. Yet this concern cannot allow us to forget that disarmament is not really an end in itself. Disarmament can only be a means to a more important objective -- that of promoting world peace and

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Comments:

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

September 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER W. FONTAINE *RF*

SUBJECT: Proposed Letter to Senator Stafford

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The NSC staff believes such a message is deserved and therefore a good idea.

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Richard Darman transmitting the proposed letter.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to Richard Darman at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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Attachments

- Tab I - Memo to *the President* ~~Darman~~
- Tab A - Proposed Presidential Letter
- Tab B - Incoming Correspondence from Darman

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

The President
MEMORANDUM FOR ~~RICHARD G. DARMAN~~

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

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~~The NSC staff believes~~² such a message is ^{well} deserved and ~~therefore a good idea.~~

Recommendation: *That you sign the letter to Senator Stafford at Tab A.*

Attachments

- Tab A - Proposed Letter to Senator Stafford
- Tab B - Incoming Correspondence

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 30, 1981

MEMO FOR: JANET COLSON
FROM: ALLEN LENZ *AL*
SUBJECT: Proposed Letter to Senator
Stafford

Unfortunately, when this package was sent to you on Friday the wrong copy was attached to my note. I had redone the proposed letter to Senator Stafford and made the package from Dick rather than myself. My note was merely explaining why I was sending it to Darman rather than to Friedersdorf. As you can see from the re-done package, Darman had requested us to edit and put the letter in final form, which we did. I am sorry for the mix-up.

From RVA

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM: ALLEN J. LENZ

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Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

Attachment

Tab A Proposed Letter to Sen. Stafford

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

September 24, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR ALLEN J. LENZ

FROM: ROGER W. FONTAINE *RF*

SUBJECT: Proposed Letter to Senator Stafford

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Attachments

Tab I Your memo to Darman
 Tab A Proposed Letter to Sen. Stafford

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Robert T. Stafford
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Re: 5623

Alvin Key

I think this needs
to be re-done as an
RVA to the President
memo. Samson
will just send it
back.

JL

9/29/81

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TO ALLEN

FROM DARMAN, R

DOCDATE 23 SEP 81

BUSH, G

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STAFFORD, ROBERT T

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED LTR TO SEN STAFFORD RE HIS SPEECH BEFORE 68TH
INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

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LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL

SUBJECT: STATE PROPOSED RPT ON SR-200 RE MTG OF INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION IN HAVANA IN SEP

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97TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 200

Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the scheduled meeting of the Interparliamentary Union in Havana, Cuba, in September 1981.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31 (legislative day, JULY 8), 1981

Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. HARRY F. BYRD, JR.) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the scheduled meeting of the Interparliamentary Union in Havana, Cuba, in September 1981.

Whereas the Government of Cuba has military forces or advisers in many trouble spots throughout the world, including Angola, Ethiopia, and Yemen, and is involved in activities in El Salvador and Nicaragua in conflict with the interests of the United States;

Whereas the Government of Cuba not only continues, but deepens, its dependence upon Soviet arms and aid;

Whereas the Government of Cuba has expelled large numbers of its nationals, deliberately causing an enormous influx of

refugees into the United States during a short period of time;

Whereas the Interparliamentary Union, an organization consisting of members of parliaments or other national legislatures from about 90 countries, including the United States, is scheduled to meet in Havana, Cuba, from September 15 to 23, 1981; and

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee refused to participate in the 1980 summer Olympic games held in Moscow as a protest to the invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union; and

Whereas the House of Representatives on January 24, 1980, and the Senate on January 29, 1980, went on record in favor of nonparticipation in the Moscow summer Olympic games because of the unacceptable international behavior of the host country: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate hereby expresses its disap-
2 proval of United States participation in the meeting at
3 Havana, Cuba, of the Interparliamentary Union to be held
4 from September 15 to 23, 1981.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

August 25, 1981

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO:

Legislative Liaison Officer-
National Security Council



SUBJECT:

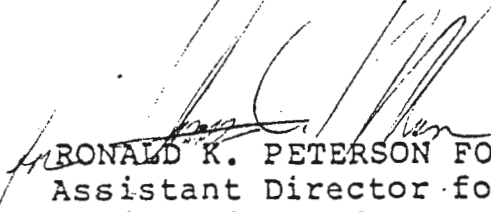
STATE proposed report on S. Res. 200, "Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the scheduled meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Havana, Cuba in September, 1981."

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than Monday, September 21, 1981.

August 31, 1981

Questions should be referred to Tracey Cole Lawler (395-4710), the legislative analyst in this office.


RONALD K. PETERSON FOR
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

cc: Jim Barie



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Senator Percy:

Thank you for your letter of August 5 to Secretary Haig enclosing a copy of Senate Resolution 200, "Expressing the Sense of the Senate with respect to the scheduled meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Havana, Cuba in September, 1981."

The Department of State's position on U.S. attendance at international conferences in Havana is in accordance with Senate Resolution 200. Attendance at the Inter-Parliamentary Union Congress is, however, a prerogative of the Legislative Branch, and Members of Congress appear to be going forward with plans to attend (Congressional Record, H 5993, August 4, 1981).

It is our understanding that Members of Congress who regularly participate in the Inter-Parliamentary Union take the position that they should attend even when such meetings take place in nations with whom the United States has severe foreign policy differences.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

The Honorable
Charles H. Percy,
Chairman, Senate Foreign
Relations Committee,
United States Senate.

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 23, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT T. STAFFORD

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES A BROCHURE ON THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION

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Dear Senator Stafford:

I am pleased to comment further on your April 19 letter to Mr. Friedersdorf in which you discussed the idea of having the United States host a 1987 meeting of the Interparliamentary Union (IPU). I sincerely regret the inadvertent delay in this response.

We in the Department of State agree with you on the desirability of hosting such a conference. We are well aware of the benefits that have derived from past meetings of the IPU and are prepared to lend all proper support to your efforts to host a future meeting.

Since these conferences are by nature between parliamentary representatives, the Department's support would be largely limited to technical advice, where needed. We would also facilitate entry of the delegates into the U.S., including delegates from countries with which the U.S. does not have diplomatic relations.

The Congress must appropriate U.S. Government funds used for U.S. participation, and funding would have to be included in the Legislative Branch appropriation bill. Practical arrangements (obtaining facilities, providing interpretation and other staff services, sponsoring social functions, etc.) would more appropriately rest with the Congress, although the Department of State would provide assistance wherever possible.

We appreciate your interest in the United States hosting an IPU meeting in 1987, and look forward to cooperating with the Congress in arranging the meeting.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III
Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable
Robert T. Stafford,
United States Senate.

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May 3, 1985

Dear Senator Stafford:

Thank you for your April 19 letter regarding the Interparliamentary Union, and urging that the United States serve as a host country in 1987.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated, and you may be assured that your comments and recommendation have been brought to the attention of the appropriate Administration officials. I am sure you will be hearing further.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert T. Stafford
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: w/copy of inc to Will Ball, Legis Affairs, Dept of
State - for DIRECT response

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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April 19, 1985

Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Max:

This is a follow up of our conversation of last night relative to the Interparliamentary Union.

The United States has been a member of the Union for a great many years, as you probably know having been present at at least one meeting. It is a worldwide organization with approximately 104 nations as members and meets at least twice a year.

Hosting the Interparliamentary Union passes from nation to nation in accordance with those who may be willing to serve as the host country for the meetings. The United States last hosted a meeting of the Interparliamentary Union, according to my recollection, was back in the 1950s. Since then, most of the major nations, including the allies at NATO, have served as host country on more than one occasion. It has become an embarrassment to those of us who represent the U. S. that we have not hosted a meeting for such a long time.

Representation has been made to the Executive Committee of the Interparliamentary Union that the United States may attempt to serve as host nation for one of the meetings in 1987. Although the representation was not made by me, I believe we should do this during the 99th Congress.

I am the President of the U. S. Group, a responsibility I have had on previous occasions. We would appreciate some indication from the White House that it might approve our offering to serve as host nation. The cost to the United States would probably run somewhere between four and six million dollars.

Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf
April 19, 1985

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There are nations that belong to the Interparliamentary Union delegation that we do not have so cordial a relationship with, i.e. North Korea and Cuba. Should we serve as host, we would have to expect such delegates from these nations to attend the meetings.

I enclose herewith a brochure on the Interparliamentary Union. I would be glad to confer with you if you wish. Thanks for looking at the matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Stafford', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Robert T. Stafford
United States Senator

RTS/kbm
Enclosure