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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN



Tuesday, March 20, 1984

8:30 am (45 min)	N	<u>Breakfast with Farm Families</u> (Fuller/Rosebush)	(TAB A)	Family Dining Room
9:15 am (15 min)		<u>Agriculture Day Ceremony</u> (Fuller/Rosebush)	(TAB B)	East Room
9:30 am (30 min)		<u>Staff Time</u> (Baker/Meese/Deaver)		Oval Office
10:00 am (15 min)		<u>National Security Briefing</u> (McFarlane)		Oval Office
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12:00 m (1 hr 45 min)		<u>Lunch and Personal Staff Time</u>		Oval Office
1:45 pm (10 min)		<u>Signing Ceremony for Shipping Act of 1984</u> (Fuller/Oglesby)	(TAB C) (remarks distributed separately)	East Room
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10:15 am (1 hr 45 min)		<u>Personal Staff Time</u> 10:20 - 10:25 PREV VICE-PRES. CHAVES (BRAZIL)		Oval Office
12:00 m (1 hr 45 min)		<u>Lunch and Personal Staff Time</u> 10:20 -		Oval Office
1:45 pm (10 min)		<u>Signing Ceremony for Shipping Act of 1984</u> (Fuller/Oglesby)	(TAB C)	East Room
2:00 pm (60 min)		<u>NSC Meeting</u> 2:01 - (McFarlane)	(distributed separately)	208 EOB
3:00 pm (60 min)		<u>Personal Staff Time</u> 3:04 -		Oval Office
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WASHINGTON

March 20, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR DICK DARMAN

FROM:

PAM TURNER 

SUBJECT:

Attendees at Signing Ceremony

The following Senators attended the signing ceremony for the Shipping Act held today at 1:45 p.m. in the East Room:

Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK)
Senator Bob Packwood (R-OR)
Senator Strom Thurmond (R-SC)
Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA)

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WASHINGTON

March 20, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR DICK DARMAN

FROM: DENNIS THOMAS

SUBJECT: Congressional Participation in Shipping Act
Signing Ceremony, March 20, 1984

The following Members of Congress were in attendance today, March 20, 1984, at the Shipping Act Signing Ceremony in the East Room:

Congressman Mario Biaggi
Congressman John Breaux
Congressman William Carney
Congressman Hamilton Fish
Congressman William Hughes
Congressman Walter Jones
Congressman Carlos Moorhead
Congressman Peter Rodino, Jr.
Congressman Gene Snyder
Congressman Don Young

The following Congressional staff were also in attendance:

Thomas Boyd
Alan Coffey
Steve Little
George Mannina
Rick Ratti
Kip Robinson
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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS: BREAKFAST AND MEETING
National Agriculture Day
Tuesday, March 20, 1984

TIME: 8:15 a.m./9:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Old Family Dining Room/East Room

FROM: Gahl L. Hodges 

8:15 a.m. Breakfast guests arrive the Diplomatic Reception Room via the Southeast Gate and proceed to the State Dining Room via the Back Staircase.

Juice will be served in the State Dining Room.

8:30 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN arrive the State Floor via elevator and proceed to the State Dining Room, where they will briefly greet the families.

8:35 a.m. Once the greetings have taken place, THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN will lead the families into the Old Family Dining Room to be seated for breakfast.

(Photo Opportunity)

8:40 a.m. Breakfast is served in the Old Family Dining Room.

8:45 a.m. East Room Guests begin to arrive the Diplomatic Reception Room via the Southeast Gate and proceed to the East Room via the Grand Staircase.

9:15 a.m. At the conclusion of breakfast, THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN, accompanied by Secretary and Mrs. Block, depart the Old Family Dining Room enroute the Red Room, where they will greet:

-- Mr. Robert Hanson
Chairman, John Deere Company

-- Mr. Tom Bussa
President, U.S. Jaycees

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1984

After the greeting, Mr. Hanson and Mr. Bussa will then then proceed to their assigned seats in the East Room.

The remaining breakfast guests are being escorted from the Old Family Dining Room to the East Room via the Cross Hall.

9:20 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN and Secretary and Mrs. Block depart the Red Room enroute the East Room via the Cross Hall.

Announcement.

Remarks by THE PRESIDENT.

9:30 a.m. At the conclusion of his remarks, THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN depart the East Room (shaking hands as they leave) enroute the elevator.

9:35 a.m. All guests depart the East Room.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1984

BREAKFAST WITH FARM FAMILIES

DATE: March 20, 1984
LOCATION: Family Dining Room
TIME: 8:30 A.M. (45 Minutes)
FROM: Craig L. Fuller *CS*

I. PURPOSE

To recognize four "Outstanding Young Farmers of America," and their families.

II. BACKGROUND

Each year the U.S. Jaycees select four "Outstanding Young Farmers of America." Local and state contests are held prior to the national contest. This year's winners and their families are being honored here in Washington on National Agriculture Day. They will join you for breakfast and will then be recognized at the Agriculture Day ceremony which will follow.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Secretary and Mrs. Block; Rollie and Fran Moore (two children); Pete and Pam Bontekoe (four children); Gary and Deana Veenstra (one child); John and Joyce Belter (three children); Michael Deaver and Craig Fuller.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Photo Opportunity

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The families will be introduced to you and Mrs. Reagan by Secretary Block.
- After everyone is seated for breakfast, each farmer will describe his farm and informal conversation will follow.



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**1984 NATIONAL
OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMERS®**



Pete J. Bontekoe
Michigan



Rollie Moore
Illinois



Gary Veenstra
Minnesota



John Belter
Vermont



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FOR RELEASE:

CONTACT:

Sunday, February 26, 1984, a.m.

Donald R. Luensmann, Public Relations Manager
The U.S. Jaycees; 918/584-2481
2/23-2/26: Newsroom, Decatur Holiday Inn;
217/422-7600

MICHIGAN FARMER HONORED BY THE U.S. JAYCEES

TULSA, Okla.--Pete J. Bontekoe, 35, of Marion, Michigan, has been named one of the four National Outstanding Young Farmers. His selection was announced Saturday night (2/25/84) at The United States Jaycees' 285h Annual National Outstanding Young Farmer Awards Congress held in Decatur, Illinois. The program is sponsored by Deere and Company, manufacturers of John Deere equipment and implements.

A graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Agri-Business, Bontekoe began his farming career in 1970.

Taught that a house won't pay for a barn, but a barn will pay for a house, Bontekoe's first investment was in a 200-cow freestall barn. It features a 16-stall polygon milking parlor, the first in the Midwest, and a flush water system to clean the alleys. Bontekoe did much of the construction on the barn to keep costs down.

Winter winds can chill to the bone, so Bontekoe, his wife, Pam, and their children moved into the office of the milkhouse from their rickety, old farm house. They lived there 13 months while Pam took a drafting course to learn how to design and

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draw up the blueprints for their new home. Again, the Bontekoes did much of the construction themselves to lower costs. The family finally moved out of the barn and into their new home the week before Christmas, 1978.

Bontekoe grows hay and corn, has 140 dairy cows, and 200 young cattle. He has also developed a no-till corn planter with two extra colters in each row for opening up the ground to warm it, and an anhydrous tank and knives mounted to inject nitrogen while planting, saving one trip across the field.

Through the use of extensive feeding and forage records, Bontekoe has been able to improve feed efficiency, cut waste, and improve fat tests and milk production for his herd, while cutting costs.

The Bontekoes have three children; Mark, Doug, and Karen.

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ILLINOIS FARMER HONORED BY THE U.S. JAYCEES

TULSA, Okla.--Rollie Moore, 35, of Oneida, Illinois, has been chosen as one of four National Outstanding Young Farmers for 1984. His selection was announced Saturday night (2/25/84) at The United States Jaycees' 28th Annual National Outstanding Young Farmer Awards Congress in Decatur, Illinois. The program is sponsored by Deere and Company, manufacturers of John Deere equipment and implements.

After graduating from ROVA High School in 1966, Moore was preparing to attend the University of Illinois. However, his father suffered a heart attack and was unable to continue farming. While his parents were determined that he would attend college, Moore was just as determined to keep the family farm going. They both got what they wanted. By selling off all their hogs, Moore was able to attend college during the week and farm on the weekends. He took over complete management of the farm in 1969 and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1970 with a degree in Agricultural Economics.

Always looking for innovative and interesting farming techniques, Moore is using a microprocessor during the application of herbicides and fertilizers. It has been a great step toward improving the accuracy of the applications. Moore also uses the microprocessor while

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harvesting. It enables him to spot-check yields for corn and soybean varieties.

In cooperation with Growmark, Inc., Moore is working on a special export project of a variety of corn which is in great demand in Great Britian for its dry milling properties. If the project is successful, it could open up a new market for 30-million bushels of corn.

A charter member of the Oneida Jaycees, Moore currently serves on the ROVA School Board and Citizens for the Preservation of Knox County, as well as being involved with Knox County Farm Bureau and Pilgrim Youth Fellowship.

He and his wife, Fran, have two children; Beth and Susan.

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MINNESOTA FARMER HONORED BY THE U.S. JAYCEES

TULSA, Okla.--Gary Veenstra, 34, of Springfield, Minnesota, has been chosen as one of four National Outstanding Young Farmers for 1984. His selection was announced Saturday night (2/25/84) at The United States Jaycees' 28th Annual National Outstanding Young Farmer Awards Congress in Decatur, Illinois. The program is sponsored by Deere and Company, manufacturers of John Deere equipment and implements.

Although a full-time farmer since age 18, Veenstra became more involved in the family farm at age 13 when his father suffered serious injuries in a corn picker accident. Through it all, Veenstra has been very successful due to a good diversification plan for his farm.

Experimentation and innovation have marked Veenstra's farming career. He has custom-made his feedcarts, feeders, and gating from his own specifications for use in his hog and dairy barns. Interested in new equipment, he tested hydraulic silage unloading boxes for durability and feasibility. After using the boxes, he was able to add his own opinions and ideas. Future boxes were

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MINNESOTA FARMER HONORED
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patterned after his suggestions. Veenstra is currently testing a John Deere front-wheel-drive-assist tractor for its economic feasibility.

Improvements on the Veenstra farm have been many and varied. He has personally been involved in every aspect of construction on his farm from design specifications to actual carpentry, plumbing, and electrical work.

For the last two years, Veenstra has served on the United States Senate Ag Advisory Committee. Through his service on the committee, he has been able to express the ideas and opinions of his fellow farmers. Veenstra is also President of the Sanborn Jaycees, and is active with the Springfield Co-op Oil Association.

He and his wife, Diana, have one child; Travis.

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VERMONT FARMER HONORED BY THE U.S. JAYCEES

TULSA, Okla.--John H. Belter Jr., 34, of South Burlington, Vermont, has been chosen as one of four National Outstanding Young Farmers for 1984. His selection was announced Saturday night (2/25/84) at the United States Jaycees' 28th Annual National Outstanding Young Farmer Awards Congress in Decatur, Illinois. The program is sponsored by Deere and Company, manufacturers of John Deere equipment and implements.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut with a degree in Dairy Science, Belter started farming immediately following college.

A shortage of corn, feed, and land marked the first years of Belter's farming career. Yields were disasterous due to drought and good farmland was scarce. Belter was forced to sell off his young stock to offset feed bills but he still incurred large debts. Through the use of good grain and feed management practices, Belter now has a surplus of both commodities and has expanded his herd of Holstein milk cows, heifers, and calves.

Fire destroyed Belter's dairy operation, including 120 head of milk cows, in November of 1983. With help from his friends, relatives, and local businessmen, Belter was able to make his milking parlor

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operational within 16 hours of the fire. Although all the problems have not been overcome, Belter is rebuilding his dairy operation and is taking precautions to insure a fire will never happen again.

Belter is a commissioner on the South Burlington Planning Commission. He feels that position has enabled him to voice the concerns of agriculture and "hopefully establish policies that benefit agriculture and the community".

Named a Yield Winner in 1982 by the National Cornrowers Association, he is also a member of the South Burlington Jaycees.

Belter and his wife, Joyce, have three children; Todd, Jennifer, and Sarah.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1984

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY CEREMONY

DATE: March 20, 1984
LOCATION: East Room
TIME: 9:15 AM (15 Minutes)
FROM: Craig L. Fuller *CS*

I. PURPOSE

To recognize American farmers on National Agriculture Day.

II. BACKGROUND

National Agriculture Day was first observed in 1973. It is now an official annual event recognized by most governors, the Congress of the United States and the President. Secretary Block has served as honorary chairman since taking office in January 1981.

Ag Day, the first day of spring each year, is set aside as a time to explain and salute the achievements of the working men and women of agriculture who are responsible for 20 percent of our gross national product. Since 1980 National Agriculture Day has been coordinated by the Agriculture Council of America Education Foundation. They build on the work done in the 1970s of the Agriculture Day Foundation, the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA), the American National CowBelles and a number of cooperatives and agribusiness firms that remain active supporters today.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Mrs. Reagan; Secretary and Mrs. Block; Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service Directors and committee men and women; and Members of Congress.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You will hold in the Green Room and individual photographs will be taken with Tom Bussa, President of the U.S. Jaycees, and Robert Hanson, Chairman of the Board and CEO of John Deere and Company, Inc.
- You will then proceed to the podium and make remarks.
- At the conclusion of your remarks you will ask the "Farmers of the Year" and their families to join you on the dais.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE
SHIPPING ACT OF 1984

DATE: March 20, 1984
TIME: 1:45 PM (15 minutes)
LOCATION: East Room

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER 

I. PURPOSE

To deliver brief remarks and to sign the Shipping Act of 1984.

II. BACKGROUND

This bill-signing ceremony will demonstrate the fulfillment of one of your major maritime priorities -- the simplification and clarification of antiquated regulatory statutes governing the carriage of US liner imports and exports by the international shipping industry. It will also provide an opportunity to reaffirm the your support of the US merchant marine.

The new law represents six years of effort to update and streamline the regulations of the Shipping Act of 1916. This 68 year-old law is radically outdated in light of the innovations and new competitive factors in the industry.

The new law clarifies the degree to which anti-trust statutes are applied to US and foreign-flag carriers. It will also further the growth of intermodalism by enabling shipping conferences to set freight rates. Further, it will expedite Federal Maritime regulatory proceedings which have been prolonged and costly.

The bill will benefit shippers by permitting new pricing procedures. It will benefit exporters and consumers by providing lower and more stable freight rates through greater efficiencies in the shipping industry.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Secretary Dole, Alan Green (Chairman of the Federal Maritime Administration), Admiral Harold Shear (Administrator of the Maritime Administration), appropriate Members of Congress, and approximately 100 to 150 shipping and maritime leaders.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Wire Photographers

V. SEQUENCE

Secretary Dole, Chairman Green, Administrator Shear, and the Members of Congress will proceed to the stage.

Secretary Dole will speak prior your arrival for five minutes.

You will arrive with the Vice President and speak for approximately 10 minutes.

You will sign the Shipping Act of 1984 and depart.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

INTERVIEW WITH MIDWEST NEWSPAPERS

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 1984

PLACE: Oval Office

TIME: 4:30 pm (30 minutes)

FROM: Larry Speakes *g*

I. PURPOSE

To give the President an opportunity to talk to reporters from daily newspapers and to focus attention on the President's views in key Midwest industrial states.

II. BACKGROUND

This is the second in a series of interviews with regional newspapers in connection with the primaries and caucuses.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President	
Jerry Watson	Chicago Sun-Times
Gary Schuster	Detroit News
Andrew Miller	Kansas City Star
Frank Aukofer	Milwaukee Journal
David Phelps	Minneapolis Tribune
Paul Bedard	St. Louis Globe Democrat
Tom Ottenad	St. Louis Post Dispatch

IV. PRESS PLAN

Wire service photographers, along with White House photographer.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

After introductions and pleasantries, the interview will proceed.

TALKING POINTS FOR INTERVIEW WITH NEWSPAPERS FROM THE MIDWEST
MIDEAST

Hussein - Buy Arms from the Soviets?

-- The King is necessarily concerned for the security of Jordan.

-- Our common interest in assuring Jordan's security is what motivated our proposal for security assistance.

-- It is reasonable to assume that if Congress does not support our request, the King would logically look elsewhere.

-- Our request is pending, and we will work with Congress in the days ahead.

SUDAN - AWACS

-- Following an unprovoked attack on Sudan by Libyan aircraft on March 16, the Egyptian and Sudanese governments requested our assistance to bolster the capability of their air defenses by providing early warning of air attacks.

-- Over the weekend we sent two AWACS early warning aircraft to take part in combined air defense operations being carried out by Egypt and Sudan.

-- The purpose of these operations is to deter sustained attacks by demonstrating that our three countries can rapidly put in place the assets necessary to deal with such aggression.

-- We are also examining what longer-term assistance we can provide Sudan in the air defense area.

-- We can't say how long the AWACS will be there or give specific details of the operations.

-- Our aircraft are deployed outside Libyan air space. Precautions have been taken to ensure that they will be in no danger. There is no intention that they be involved in offensive operations.

-- We have informed Congress and will comply fully with the reporting requirements of the War Powers Resolution.

(As usual, no comment on Naval movements except to note that U.S. Sixth Fleet ships are at sea in the Mediterranean.

CENTRAL AMERICA

-- The El Salvador election this weekend is an important step for that country: toward greater democracy, peace, stability, social justice and economic well being.

-- Events of the last week have reinforced our skepticism of earlier claims by front groups speaking for the guerrillas that they were not going to disrupt the election.

-- There were strenuous efforts by the armed guerrillas to stop the vote in 1982, and they have now announced their intention to do so again next Sunday.

-- The skepticism we expressed at the time to the guerrilla's February announcement appears to have been borne out by subsequent events.

-- As in the March 1982 constituent assembly elections, it appears that the Salvadoran voters will once again go to the polls for an election faced with a guerrilla strategy clearly intended to use violence to prevent the vote.

-- Reports of stepped up guerrilla and Salvadoran military efforts also underscore the sense of urgency which motivated the Administration's efforts to secure a supplemental appropriation of some \$93 million for military assistance to El Salvador.

-- These supplemental funds are urgently needed and necessary to protect the ongoing electoral process, beginning with the March 25 Presidential elections. Every day that passes simply increases the urgency.

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NOTES FOR INTERVIEW WITH MIDWEST REPORTERS

General points:

- o America's back -- with an economic recovery stronger than most thought impossible just 3 years ago.
- o Recovery is sustainable too, if Democrats in Congress will cooperate on deficit reduction. \$150 billion three-year plan agreed to last week would be substantial downpayment.
- o U.S. changed direction in 1980 -- RR thinks we're back on the right track and going in the direction people want. They have the final say on that, though, with vote in November.
- o "They said it couldn't be done" but:
 - inflation's been under 4% for the last two years;
 - record numbers are working -- almost 105 million;
 - housing, auto industries very strong -- putting hundreds of thousands back to work;
 - GNP's growing again -- after 4 year stall -- and growth is expected to continue.

Campaign '84

- o RR, Republicans have a record of accomplishment to run on and we'll take the record, proudly, to the voters.
- o From that perspective, makes little difference whom Democrats nominate. Our strategy is a positive one that's not affected by their choice of nominee.
- o Voters choice is to stick with new policies that have restored our economy, restored our defenses and restored our confidence and hopes for the future -- or to go back to "government knows best" policies of Democrats that failed in the past.

DEFICITS

- o RR hopeful that Democrats will work with Republicans on this in good faith.
- o The \$150 billion plan agreed to with GOP leadership in Congress is balanced (higher revenues, lower spending for defense and non-defense budgets) just as we sought all along.
- o If Democrats have other ideas, now is the time for them to put them on the table.
- o We all agree that we want progress this year on the deficit. This downpayment proposal offers a real, "do-able" plan for making substantial progress.
- o It's time for action and agreement, in good faith.
- o Time to put partisan differences aside -- as we've done in other instances when the national interest demanded it -- and stop talking about the deficit and start agreeing on what we can do about it.

Reminder on the plan's three elements:

1. Non-defense savings of \$43 billion
 - Senate Finance entitlement reforms;
 - Farm program target price freeze;
 - Federal pay cap and COLA delays;
 - freeze on discretionary spending.
2. Revenue increase of \$48 billion
 - loophole closings;
 - no rate increase.
3. Defense outlay savings of \$40 billion
 - budget authority down \$57 billion;
 - compromise calls for DoD budget authority of \$291.1 billion -- basically in line with 1984 Congressional budget resolution's figure of \$290 billion.

ECONOMY

Does rise in prime to 11.5% signal a stall in the recovery?

- o Not at all.
- o Recovery continues strong as almost every indicator shows:
 - housing starts at 2.2 million annual rate;
 - manufacturing at over 80% of capacity;
 - unemployment falling fast and record numbers finding work;
 - leading indicators index up 16 of last 17 months.
 - businesses planning double-digit rate of increase in spending for equipment, in real terms, this year.
- o Two possible explanations for rise in prime -- one economic, one political:
 - economic explanation is that other interest rates (Treasury bills etc.) have been edging up in recent months; prime's just following them;
 - politically there's still great uncertainty in the markets that Congress will act to keep inflation down.
- o Best way to tackle both problems is for Democrats to work with us on deficit downpayment unveiled last week and for Federal Reserve to provide sufficient monetary growth to assure continued strong recovery without renewed inflation.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- o Recovery and economic growth has turned out to best way to get Americans back to work -- as we said.
- o Almost 5 million found jobs in last 14 months.
- o Avoided "quick fix" approach and result is a brightening jobs picture nationwide and in the states represented by Midwestern reporters in interview.

State jobless figures:

NOTE: Four of six states represented by these reporters have unemployment rates higher than the national rate. Rates for each of these states, however, are substantially lower now than at their recession peaks.

	<u>Dec'83</u>	<u>Recession peak</u>	<u>percentage point drop</u>
Illinois	9.4	13.8	4.4
Kansas	4.9	7.6	2.7
Michigan	11.9	17.3	5.4
Minnesota	7.5	10.3	2.8
Missouri	9.1	11.4	2.3
Wisconsin	9.7	13.8	4.1

NOTE: Figures for January of 1984 may be available from BLS tomorrow. If so, they will be provided to you before the interview.