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The United States rejects any contention that drug abuse is uniquely an American problem, or uniquely a problem of Western civilization, or that the United States has the primary responsibility for eliminating illegal drugs. It is incumbent on the source and transit countries, in their self-interest, to undertake a vigorous narcotics control program.

1. Make illegal drugs a priority at your mission and be sure that all of your employees and the host country understand that the priority is real.
2. Actively look for ways to give visibility to U.S. anti-drug efforts. Seek cooperation and create opportunities to work together.
3. Analyze the impact of drug abuse and drug trafficking within your host country. Look for ways to call real problems to the attention of the nation and the government. Be supportive, but honest.
4. Actively encourage regional cooperation between nations. Together, the various countries represent a considerable force.
5. Seek every opportunity within the international community to increase awareness of the drug abuse problem and promote action, e.g., United Nations, donors, etc.

Proud of the work Ambassadors are doing. Recognize the dangers.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 24, 1986

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FROM:


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SUBJECT: Talking Points for Ambassadors Meeting

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- I ask each of you to help make our national crusade against illegal drugs a worldwide crusade.

NARCPLAN

AMBASSADORS CONFERENCE ON NARCOTICS

PRESS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLAN

One of the president's six goals in the national crusade for a drug-free America is improved international cooperation to achieve full involvement by every country in defeating international drug trafficking. The two-day meeting of U.S. ambassadors to countries which face or may face serious narcotics production, trafficking or consumption problems will underline that goal.

Key Objectives of the Meeting

--Convey to ambassadors the sense of urgency with which the U.S. Government is approaching the issue of drug demand reduction.

--Provide opportunity to discuss increased regional cooperation which could lead to a more effective international narcotics strategy.

Themes

--The President and Mrs. Reagan are committed to a relentless effort to free the drug user from drugs and prevent others from becoming users.

--Success is possible when illegal drug use becomes unacceptable in American society. Public attitudes in the U.S. have strengthened against the use of illegal drugs.

--Mrs. Reagan has set the tone: "There is no moral middle ground. Indifference is not an option." We are committed to building a drug-free America.

--President Reagan has declared drug abuse a threat to our national security. It is a critical worldwide problem which requires increased regional cooperation and a higher level of international attention.

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September 17, 1986

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SUBJECT: Background Points for the Ambassadors Meeting

- o On August 4, the President approved a Domestic Policy Council proposal to call home for consultation the Ambassadors from the major drug producing, trafficking, and consuming countries.
- o The purpose of the conference is to brief the Ambassadors on the President and Mrs. Reagan's drug abuse initiatives and other related programs, develop measures to help them increase the effectiveness of their representations to host governments, and convey to the host countries our commitment to fighting illegal drug use.
- o An additional goal of the conference is to present each Ambassador with a tailored package of talking points and/or proposals to use when speaking with government officials and business leaders of the host country.
- o This is a precedent setting meeting as the President, First Lady and Vice President will participate.
- o The most recent meeting with Ambassadors regarding narcotics was under Richard Nixon and the subject was opium production, with emphasis on Turkey. Teddy Roosevelt also met with Ambassadors.
- o The invited Ambassadors include:

Afghanistan	Charge Maurice Ealum
Bahamas	Ambassador-Designate Carol Hallet
Bolivia	Ambassador Ed Rowell
Brazil	Ambassador Harry Shlaudeman
Bulgaria	Ambassador Mel Levitsky
Burma	Ambassador Dan O'Donohue
Colombia	Ambassador Tony Gillespie
Ecuador	Ambassador Fred Rondon
Federal Republic Germany	Ambassador Richard Burt
Italy	Ambassador Maxwell Rabb

Jamaica	Ambassador Michael Sotirhos
Laos	Charge Harriet Isom
Mexico	Ambassador-Designate Charles Pilliod
Nigeria	Ambassador-Designate Princeton Lyman
Pakistan	Ambassador Deane Hinton
Panama	Ambassador Arthur Davis
Peru	Ambassador-Designate Alexander Watson
Thailand	Ambassador Bill Brown
Turkey	Ambassador Robert Strausz-Huppe
United Kingdom	Ambassador Charles Price
United Nations	Ambassador Vernon Walters
US Mission to UN	Ambassador Bruce Chapman
Venezuela	Ambassador Otto Reich

- o Ambassador-Designates will not be invited unless they have been confirmed by the date of the conference. In their absence, the Charge will attend.
- o Other invitees include Cabinet Members, Members of Congress and special guests.
- o Congressional participation will be in the form of an offer to meet for discussion with the chairman of the respective committees of Foreign Relations (Dick Lugar and Dante Fascell) as well as discussion with appropriate members to include those on the house and senate Committees that deal with drugs and narcotics.
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- I believe that we have come to the time when the American people are willing to make it clear that illegal drug use will no longer be tolerated, a time when we will take those steps necessary to rid America of this deeply disruptive and corrosive evil.
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INM

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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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To: The Secretary

From: INM - Ann Wrobleski *aw*

Subject: Ambassadors Narcotics Recommendations to the President

SUMMARY:

The twenty-one U.S. Ambassadors participating in the Ambassadors Conference on Narcotics at the White House have prepared recommendations to present to the President at their November 13 (1:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.) meeting. The recommendations suggest how the international narcotics effort could be enhanced in the areas of consumption/ demand reduction, trafficking and production. You have agreed to introduce the three Ambassadors making recommendations to the President (Brown (Thailand): Production; Gillespie (Colombia): Trafficking; Burt (FRG): Consumption/ Demand). The recommendations follow.

AMBASSADORS' RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Ambassadors have requested that tomorrow you suggest to the President that he prepare a letter for them to present to their host governments stressing the importance that he attaches to this issue, both as a domestic and international concern. This letter should be sent to the Ambassadors when they return to their posts next week.

A. Narcotics Production Working Group:

1. Immediately establish an intensive, comprehensive approach among U.S. civilian and military agencies to provide assistance in crop eradication and interdiction--functions which are inseparable and central to combatting narcotics production. Additional assistance should include more assets (equipment, supplies, maintenance and training), research and development (proper herbicides and application techniques are a priority), regional coordination and a complementary public awareness strategy.

2. The President should stress to the U.S. private business sector the social merit of contributing to the anti-narcotics production effort. The business sector can be instrumental in developing the proper herbicides and application equipment for use against narcotic crops, tracing and controlling the movement of precursor chemicals used to manufacture narcotics, and helping to locate markets for crops and to assist in legitimate business endeavors to replace narcotics cultivation in current producing regions.

B. Trafficking Working Group:

1. Repeal legislative restrictions on assistance to drug-producing and trafficking countries which presently hamper our abilities to help countries carry out effective narcotics control measures. At present, the United States is prohibited from providing meaningful assistance to foreign law enforcement agencies.

2. Create a central coordination and dissemination mechanism (perhaps an all-source intelligence clearinghouse) to deal specifically with narcotics-related intelligence. While there is a wealth of narcotics-related intelligence gathered by various agencies in the field, there is at present an inadequate analysis, coordination and dissemination of "strategic" intelligence.

3. Vigorously support multilateral agreements to prohibit money-laundering, support extradition treaties and establish asset seizure procedures. The draft United Nations Convention on Narcotics Trafficking, which is being considered by U.N. members, strengthens nations' abilities to address the range of narcotics-related problems by providing appropriate legal tools. The International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, scheduled for Vienna in June, 1987, promises to produce important international initiatives; to highlight the importance the U.S. attaches to the Conference and the draft convention, Mrs. Reagan should attend the U.N. Conference.

C. Consumption/ Demand Reduction Working Group:

1. Place the narcotics consumption issue on the agenda of the Economic Summit scheduled in Venice next spring. Establish an experts group to develop proposals to reduce narcotics demand and consumption on a worldwide basis. The Tokyo Summit adopted an Experts Report on Narcotics that focused on supply reduction and enforcement. An effort at Venice could tackle cooperation on the major consumption issues: increased drug abuse awareness, prevention, criminal penalties and rehabilitation.

2. Designate a Presidential "Just Say No" anti-drug mission to travel to Latin America, Europe and Asia to raise global awareness of the drug issue. The mission, possibly led by Mrs. Reagan immediately prior to the United Nations World Conference in Vienna (June, 1986), would launch a two-week "goodwill" mission to demonstrate U.S. commitment to the anti-drug issue, while providing an opportunity for meaningful international exchange on the issue. Consisting of anti-drug experts, celebrities, sports and media figures and former drug users, the mission members would meet and work with their counterparts in countries visited. They would engage in high profile meetings to spread the message that drugs are a universal concern and that societies can act together against the problem.

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