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MEMORANDUM FOR PETER WALLISON

FROM: KEN KRIEGER 

SUBJECT: IRAN/CONTRA CHRONOLOGY

Rhett Dawson asked that we provide you the enclosed chronology prepared by Rod McDaniel of meetings he attended regarding Iran/Contra.

Do this over
and put it
inside.

McDANIEL'S IRAN-CONTRA REFERENCES

NOTE 1: This chronology was developed from a diary used by RBM to record action items and to brief other staff officers for follow-up; thus the diary is not a record of everything said at a particular meeting. This chronology is an attempt to recapture the general sense of the event, not a literal transcription of diary entries.

NOTE 2: Collateral references -- obtained from after-the-fact sources -- are included in parentheses.

NOTE 3: NSB means the 9:30 daily National Security Briefing of the President by the National Security Advisor, normally attended by (in addition to the President) the Vice President, Don Regan, and the Deputy National Security Advisor.

(2-3-86 RBM becomes Executive Secretary)

3-20-86 NSPG on Contra Situation and Legislative Strategy
 o Discuss how get by until Congress passes aid legislation -- no decisions

(5-12-86 RBM starts attending NSB)

5-12-86 NSB: Poindexter mentions McFarlane trip to Iran scheduled for May 19

5-16-86 NSPG on Central America
 o Status of legislation versus staying power of contras
 o General discussion of possibility of getting third country \$ to tide contras over? (OLN NSC cog) -- no decisions/no specifics

5-19-86 NSB: Poindexter discussed Israel, S. Korea as possible sources of contra support

5-21-86 NSB: Discuss hostages, McFarlane trip 25-27 May; recommend that we stonewall, if leaks, deny involvement

(5-25-86 McFarlane travels to Tehran)

5-28-86 NSB: Discuss hostages and planning for possible JSOC rescue

5-29-86 NSB: Debrief Iran trip w/McFarlane, North, Teicher, Regan, Poindexter, VP
 o They wanted total delivery before release -- we said no
 o Contact will continue
 o McFarlane argues for no more meetings until all hostages released
 o They agreed to communication setup

*McD-28
 1/21/87
 XWK*

5-30-86 JMP meets w/North, Teicher to discuss next steps

- o Agreed on desired sequence: Call, resolve trip mechanics;
Hostage release;
Defensive help
- o Goals: Afghan resistance help
Lower anti-US rhetoric
Solve Iran-Iraq war
- o North to do memcon of McFarlane trip and keep

6-6-86 NSB: Discuss hostage locating TF, near real-time rescue plan (P ok's concept), possible phony ransom scheme to cheat hostage holders

6-9-86 NSB: Discuss status of contra aid legislation, possible strategy if fail -- private aid campaign

(6-13-86 North briefs RBM on status of contact w/interlocutors)

6-20-86 NSB: Discuss status of contra aid legislation
Discuss Iran: no meeting until they agree to release hostages
Discuss JSOC rescue capabilities

7-3-86 NSB: Discuss hostage situation -- Congressman Dornan report - "some good news" (from Syria?)

(7-8-86 North discusses w/RBM his role in new contra management structure)
(Says Vince C. not witting of Project Democracy)

7-18-86 NSB: Discuss latest communications w/Iran interlocutors

(7-21-86 OLN/Cave meet with intermediary)

(7-26-86: Jenco released)

7-28-86 NSB: Discuss Jenco debrief, reaffirm won't ask Kuwait to release Dawa prisoners

7-30-86 NSB: Discuss Iran next steps, approve sale of spare parts, plan meet interlocutors in Europe

(8-6-86 North briefs RBM on new Iranian contact, will attempt to meet soonest)

8-14-86 NSB: Discuss contra aid legislation and alternatives to tide contras over, including private efforts.
Discusses Iran assets frozen by Carter and hostage situation

(9-2-86 Keel becomes Principal Deputy National Security Advisor)

9-9-86 NSB: Discuss new interlocutor, prospects for hostage release, potential for direct/indirect rescue operations

(9-9-86 Reed abducted; 9-12 Cicippio abducted)

9-12-86 NSB: Discuss new Lebanon kidnappings, dual citizens at their own risk

(9-19-86 North/Cave meet with new interlocutor)

9-23-86 NSB: Discuss recent communications with new interlocutor

(9-29-86 Daniloff issue resolved)

10-3-86 NSB: Discuss Iran, reaffirm don't want either Iran or Iraq to win, signs bible

(10-6-86 North/Cave meet with new interlocutors)

10-6-86 NSB: Discuss hostages

10-7-86 NSB: Discuss aircraft down in Nicaragua, not USG, don't know who involved, be cautious in public statements

(10-10/10-11: Iceland Summit)

(10-20-86: Decision to retaliate for Soviet expulsion by bringing Soviets/US to same level)

(10-21-86 Tracy abducted)

(10-26 North/Cave meet with new interlocutors)

(11-2-86 Jacobsen released)

(11-3/4-86 Lebanese magazine article and Rafsanjani speech on Iran connection)

11-6-86 NSB: Discuss Iran in view of Jacobsen release, likelihood others will be released; no comment posture

11-7-86 NSB: Discuss Iran internal situation -- continue no comment to give chance hostages get out

(11-9-86 North/Cave meet with interlocutors)

11-12-86 NSB: Discuss Iran, decide to brief Congressional leadership, Regan urges make public statement soon

11-13-86 NSB: Iran -- P says should have gone public sooner,
decide to make TV speech tonight

11-14-86 NSB: Iran -- no further commitments to Iran; distribute
finding to State, DOD; Poindexter says no winking
or nodding to Israel

11-17-86 NSB: Iran -- discuss situation

11-18-86 NSB: Iran -- Poindexter says Crowe not briefed

11-21-86 NSB: Iran -- channel still open

(11-24-86 Senior Advisors meet on Iran)

(11-25-86 Poindexter resigns, North reassigned to DOD)

11-26-86 NSB: Iran -- let Iran make next move

3-20 NSPG - Enter

o 60 days stock after 31 March

5-12 P - NSS

• Hostages: 6 w/ 19th (P-don't tell press)

5-16 NSPG Central America

DCI: VNO reconciliation ↑

+6K = 10-11K contacts in Nue

Revenue next few mos if no \$

\$3M left → July

Arms for 90 days

□ JMAP: NSDD on negotiating track - consults

Cap: Agree w/ reprogramming
w/ third countries

DCI: 3rd countries: Taiwan, S. Korea, Israel

DTR: contacts as govt?

(Phil: VNO not interested)

JMAP.

▷ Will to all check on reprogramming
w/ contacts (Cherry, Michael)

▷ 3rd - CLN

5-19 ~~2004~~ NSB W/P

5/Contacted

Israel? (stamp of approval)

S. Kadd? (chem: Reeling not far
of demo process)

| 5-21 N S B

2 Hantare sed : 25-27 May
Strenwell / long - involvement

5-28 USB

P: H only has 2?

- OTR - Another heap stub?

- "Linux Jso c cy"

5-29 NSB

o I wanted total delivery before release

- Said no

- will come back.

- Another meeting: release first?

- agreed to set up comm - I's agreed

5-30 CIA + AT&T w/ JMI

c Afghan humanitarian help?

c Liqueur: call, Trip mechanism, C2?

H release

Defensive help

c Garner rhetoric?

c same Iran-Iraq war

c M'ernson - CIA key

6-6 15.5

o Hostage locating TF

- near red line plan - ok

- ransom - cheat

6-9 NSA

- Contra : Tigo scheme ?
Appropriation bill - CR - etc ?
Private campaign - joint session
with aid ?

4-20 NSB

o Contreras

- [- 30 days ammo left
- McCurdy / Mitchell / Hamilton
- Commitment re McCurdy
- Speech: House?
- OTR → Camp David
- Coy → Will Ball

o Hastoy

- No meeting until agree to release
- discuss ISOC cap



7-3 NSB

• Hartage rit

Samen 'Some good news'



7-10 050

- from my

7-28 N.S.3

o Hostages - Jarbo returns them

RR: Should see him

Syria?

Same place 9 mos

killed hostages - \$1M?

Kuwait - no - don't ask

7-30 NSJ

Hostages. Parts OK

RICK | K meet w/as in Eur - intent to
insert comm

Escape route for

location?

I primer swap

8-14 N S S

o Contra Bill

- Trust Democracy

- R.R.: Hardman lend supplies?

- o Schwab-

o Dean - spy?

- Carter - \$ frozen assets?

- Hostages -

9-9 NSO

o Hostages.

- 1 at a time vs all
- Raj nephew - package, then
- Paying off someone who can get them for us
- R.R.: Take hostages of our own?

9-12 NSB

c Hostage : USG Policy? (Horn with)

9-23 NSG



c Hostages

- Rafi aware of Pak query
- Kangi - KGS
- New 2 (lip-wise?)

10-3 USD

o Hostage

Rx: Don't want either side to win Pres
Sible

| 10-6 NSB

o Sandiloff & hostages (one killed D)
RR: How get message re Kuwait 12?

(JMP: Public statement by (Hegh)
Terry Waite

10-7 NSB

- o Contra Aircraft - US cit's, not govt ?
- cautious - not Singapore

11-6 NSB

- o Hostage Jacobson
Meet w/ AP et al
Interviewed in
Need get all - in view of publicity
No comment posture
RR: Speculators making more difficult
getting hostages.

1 B-7 NSB

o Amin - Dean

RR: Trying to buy people who could help
Moderates v radicals - no comment.

RR: Chias story (w. time) - Syria

Brief: Hamilton / Hale / Syed

-- willing to brief? (RR: Not as long as
hostages)

(Congress status in review?)

RR: No way can comment without further damage
to chances of getting hostages out.

11-12 NSS

o team : 2 this weekend?

Ref statement - 1 Com encrypted on tapes

RA: Public Statement: Legal

Paling in Iran 2 79

Not ransom

Can it discuss dip contacts
not too contacts

May to Wein/Sachsberg: not ransom

OTR: Brief leadership

Public statement by Friday

Noraltis Iran / Iraq / Taiwan

any parts also possible

(Bud in Sep 29)

Stems w/ Press, offer brief today - do Fax?

11-13 NSS

Lean speech - Telling too much
Army - specifies South Pacific
No change in balance
Defensive - AA have parts
Tonight - TV 8:00 PM 15-min
Additional shipments - No
(OTR - how big? (tons))
Less than on 747 or C-5 (cargo plane?)
RR: Should have gone public sooner

Wannan?
Oindut
Rich

11-12 NSS

o Jack Anderson : Arms & Israel
(VA - Chemistry ?) (Do-I in Congress)

11-18 US3

o Crime knew about man? (OTK case)
(v.s. who attended what meeting)
(Melling?)

11-20 NSB (AGK, DTR, VP)

o Iran

- channels still open
- McFarlane - requested
- Congress: organization / legal battery
- Sanders (Cable news, saying different story to each)
- Hussein - RA personally
- Iraq - VP: call in ambassador deal w/ legitimate arguments

11-26

NSA

UP, OTR, A&K

• Iran - where go from here

- OTR: what alternative to arms - assets

- RA: Let Iran move - hostages out
first.