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DRAFT TALE

DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

AMBASSADOR'S CONFERENCE ON NARCOTICS

November 12 - 13, 1986

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March 6, 1981 and Press
Conference

Early in the first year of his Administration, President Reagan described drug abuse as "one of the gravest problems facing us." The President warned that "we run the risk of losing a great part of a whole generation" if we fail to act, and he launched a nationwide campaign against drug abuse and drug trafficking.

In September 1982, the President's Federal Strategy For Prevention of Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking was published. It was followed by the publication of a National Strategy in September 1984. The strategy consisted of a comprehensive plan of action in five areas:

- o International Cooperation
- o Drug Law Enforcement
- o Drug Abuse Prevention
- o Drug Abuse Treatment
- o Research

Also included was a major initiative to rid our military of drug abuse.

In September 1986, President Reagan redoubled his efforts to combat illegal drugs. Along with Mrs. Reagan, the President called upon all Americans to join in the national crusade against illegal drug use. He announced six goals to lead us to a drugfree America:

- o Drug-free Workplaces
- o Drug-free Schools
- o Expanded Drug Abuse Treatment and Research
- o Improved International Cooperation
- o Strengthened Drug Law Enforcement
- o Increased Public Awareness and Prevention

On September 15, 1986 President Reagan signed an executive order establishing a policy against the use of illegal drugs by federal employees, whether on or off-duty. The order calls for procedures that will achieve a drug-free workplace while protecting the rights of the employee.

America is recognizing that success is possible when illegal drug use becomes unacceptable in our society. Public attitudes have strengthened against the use of illegal drugs. Drug abuse poses an obvious threat to public safety and national security. A new understanding exists: Drug abuse is not a "victimless crime" -- the costs are paid by all of society.

The First Lady set the tone of the national crusade when she stated, There is no moral middle ground. Indifference is not an option. We want you to help us create an outspoken intolerance for drug use."

President Reagan has committed the federal government to do all in its power to achieve a drug-free America. The initiatives stress leadership and cooperation with state and local governments as well as grass-roots efforts to get everyone involved in working toward a drug-free society.

Drug-free Workplaces:

The President's initiatives will accelerate work toward a drugfree Federal workplace, encourage state and local governments to develop drug-free workplaces, work with government contractors to establish drug-free policies and mobilize the Nation to fight illegal drugs in the workplace.

Drug-free Schools:

The President's initiatives include communicating practical information on how to achieve a drug-free school and encouraging all schools to establish a policy of being drug-free.

Expanded Drug Abuse Treatment and Research:

The initiatives will assist states and communities in providing appropriate treatment to illegal drug users. Additionally, rehabilitation and research at the federal level will be expanded.

Improved International Cooperation:

We will build on what has been accomplished and move forward with drug enforcement and prevention programs. This conference is part of the initiative.

Strengthened Law Enforcement:

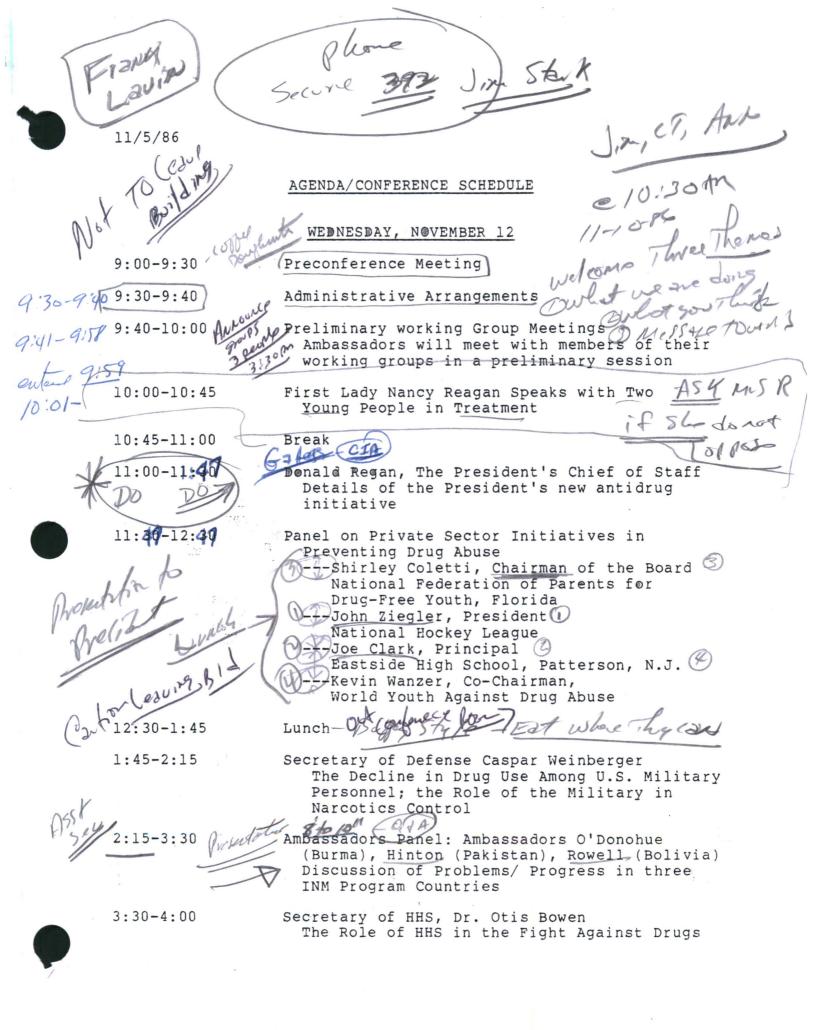
The President is taking additional initiatives to pursue drug traffickers and expand border interdiction.

Increased Public Awareness and Prevention:

Ultimately the demand for illegal drugs will be stopped only when all Americans recognize the personal dangers and societal harms which result from the use of illegal drugs. The answer is as simple as Mrs. Reagan's message to the young people: "Say yes to your life. And when it comes to drugs and alcohol, Just Say No."

President Reagan has asked you home so that you will have a personal understanding of what is currently going on in the United States; the intensity of interest and concern throughout the U.S. regarding illegal drugs and the seriousness which the President, Federal Government and American people are placing on eliminating drug abuse.

- o The President is no longer willing to accept drug abuse as uniquely an American problem.
- o The world has a wide spread perception that the American response to drug abuse is law enforcement. Obviously, we have a major law enforcement effort, but the President and Mrs. Reagan continually emphasize prevention, education and reducing demand for illegal drugs by focusing on the user, making it socially unacceptable to use illegal drugs and getting all Americans involved in the national crusade against illegal drug use. We need this balance as we present to the world the American response to illegal drugs.
- o It is important that you carry back the message to your host country that the U.S. is serious about stopping illegal drug use and that you look for ways to use your influence to encourage support and new initiatives in your host country.
- O Heightened international awareness is reflected in the United Nations conference on drug abuse in Vienna in June 1987. This conference will focus on promotion of drug education and community participation in prevention, aimed at reducing demand for illicit drugs. The conference will also address the conventional responses of strengthening law enforcement, crop substitution and other methods of reducing supply, as well as providing suitable medical to drug addicts. I encourage you to support this conference.



4:00-4:15 4:15-5:15

Drink Break

Ambassadors Working Groups

#1: Narcotics Trafficking: Ambassador Gillespie, Colombia, CHAIRMAN Ambassador Davis, Panama Ambassador Levitsky, Bulgaria Ambassador Lyman, Nigeria Ambassador Ökun, United Nations Ambassador Shlaudeman, Brazil Ambassador Reich, Venezuela Ambassador Rondon, Ecuador

#2: Narcotics Consumption/ Demand Ambassador Burt, FRG, CHAIRMAN Ambassador Chapman, UNVIE Ambassador Hallett, Bahamas Ambassador Hinton, Pakistan Ambassador Rabb, Italy

#3: Narcotics Production Ambassador Brown, Thailand, CHAIRMAN Charge Ealum, Afghanistan Charge Isom, Laos Ambassador O'Donohue, Burma Ambassador Pilliod, Mexico Ambassador Rowell, Bolivia Ambassador Sotirhos, Jamaica

The Working Groups will produce recommendations to the President for enhancing the international narcotics control program

Ambassador Watson, Peru

5:30-6:00

Working Group Chairmen Meeting

6:00-8:00

Reception for Ambassadors, Ben Franklin Room Department of State hosted by Secretary Shultz



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Justice's Roll 9:00-9:30 9:30-10:15 10:15-11:00 CIA Briefing on Narcotics, Robert Gates, Deputy Director, CIA Final Working Group Meeting - Release 11:00-11:15 Rehorsal 11:15-11:35 Vice President George Bush The Role of the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System 11:45-12:45 Lunch ANT SOSTING 12:45-1:00 Move to Cabinet Room Secretary of State George Shultz 1:00-1:30 Narcotics as a Foreign Policy Issue; Discussion of Ambassadors Recommendations to the President President Ronald Reagan 1:30-1:50 2:00-2:30 Press Readout: Two Ambassadors and Selected Administration Spokesman Gilaspie - Brown Foreign Press Giles Pil - Rowell McNorl-Lohou With Host County TU. TAPAS TRANS world Net Friday

(Rohrabacher/ARD) November 7, 1986 9:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: GENERIC DRUG MESSAGE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1986

I appreciate this opportunity to speak with you about one of the most serious challenges we face as a Nation. Today more and more of our fellow citizens are becoming aware of the heavy cost of illegal drug use. Drugs destroy families, prevent young people from getting the education they need, and keep tens of thousands of adults off the job. The loss to our economy can be measured in the billions. But how do you measure the loss to the country in ruined lives?

Drug-related crime also exacts an enormous toll -- in lost and destroyed property, high insurance rates, and the mounting burden on our police and law enforcement officials. And there's also the violence, personal injury and fear suffered by our friends and loved ones.

Drugs pose a threat to every American family and to our very way of life. Yet there is no reason to despair. By working together, we Americans have proven time and again that there is no challenge too great, no obstacle to our well-being that cannot be overcome. The solution, however, is not easy. Putting the drug epidemic behind us will require commitment from all of us.

Tough and efficient law enforcement is only part of the answer. We've done much in recent years to bolster our law enforcement and interdiction efforts. The battle against drugs being fought by our courageous drug enforcement agents, local and

State police, the Coast Guard and others, deserves our applause and support.

But the battle will not be won until each of us realizes that everyone of us is on the frontlines. That's why I'm talking with you today. I want to enlist you in America's crusade against drugs.

Our primary step must be the creation of an atmosphere of intolerance for drug use, be it in the workplace, in the school, or in the home. Your contribution may be as simple as not tolerating illegal drug use at a party, or as sophisticated as developing a strong, drug-free policy for a major corporation. Both contributions are effective and both are essential.

I hope you will go out of your way to talk with others about what can be done to stop drug abuse. You may also be surprised at how willing most people are to help and to work together. Stopping the use of illegal drugs is too important to the future of our country, to the health and safety of our children, to let the other guy take care of it.

Our crusade isn't aimed at filling our jails with drug users; it's aimed at reaching out and helping them live drug-free lives. We care about them and about our neighborhoods and our country. That's why it's time to "Just Say No" to drugs. That's why it's time to help others make that same decision. Together we can get this job done. Together, we can build a drug-free America. I know I can count on you. Thank you and God bless you.



EMBASSY OF THE-UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Quito, Ecuador

August 25, 1986

Dear Carlton:

Dena Cruz dropped by last week, asking to see me. Since I cannot see "drop-ins", which are many here, I sent my secretary to find out who she was. Apparently, she simply wanted to drop off some narcotics material and then disappear into Quito.

By the time I read your letter we could not find the lady "in a Hawaiian print" though my car cruised the neighborhood in search of her. We called your office in Washington twice, but you had no address for her.

I am sorry I missed her, but perhaps she escaped our "hospitality". The same night she was here, August 20, I hosted a large political-media reception. The President of the Congress and most active of the anti-narcotics deputies were present, and we reminded them of the need for more effective narcotics legislation. It would have been a perfect opportunity to have someone from your office.

The next night DCM Bob Morley had a narcotics reception, with all the eradication-enforcement-interdiction folks. Another missed opportunity for Ms. Cruz.

Yes, I will be in Washington in October and look forward to seeing you -- and meeting Dena!

Marian, Susan and the dog are fine. The latter prefers french fries to biscuits.

Warm regards,

Fernando E. Rondon

Ambassador

The Honorable Carlton E. Turner, Director, Drug Abuse Policy Office, The White House, Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

October 17, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM:

JAMES R. STARK

SUBJECT:

U.S. Ambassadors Conference on Narcotics

Attached at Tab I is a Presidential schedule request for a 30-minute meeting with U.S. Ambassadors attending the rescheduled Ambassadors Conference on drug abuse. This conference was originally scheduled for October 6-7 but was delayed because of the Iceland Summit. A copy of the first package is attached at Tab JI.

Frank Lavin and Carlton Turner concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Rod McDaniel to sign the Presidential Schedule Proposal at Tab I.

Approve	Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I - Presidential Schedule Proposal

Tab II - Stark Memo to Poindexter of August 30, 1986

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director

Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

REQUEST: Meeting with U.S. Ambassadors attending a

conference on drug abuse.

PURPOSE: To brief U.S. ambassadors on the President's

drug abuse program and discuss initiatives for expanding international cooperation.

BACKGROUND: This meeting was originally scheduled for

October 7 as part of the Ambassadors Drug Conference, which will bring twenty-three U.S. ambassadors to countries with drug problems to Washington for briefings and discussions with White House officials and Cabinet members on U.S. programs to fight the war on drugs. The conference was

postponed due to the Reykjavik meeting with

Gorbachev.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION: None.

DATE & TIME: The week of either November 17 or 24. (The

afternoon of November 25 is preferred. If this date is approved, the conference will be

scheduled for November 24-25.)

DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Cabinet Room or Roosevelt Room

PARTICIPANTS: The President, 23 U.S. Ambassadors, Secretary

George Shultz, Donald Regan, John Poindexter,

Dr. Carlton Turner, Ann Wrobleski (State/INM), James Stark (NSC staff)

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: President greets Ambassadors (5 minutes),

makes remarks on drug initiative (5 minutes). Three Ambassadors respond with brief remarks (10 minutes); general discussion (10 minutes).

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided.

MEDIA COVERAGE: TV pool for start of meeting. Remainder of

meeting to be closed.

PROPOSED "PHOTO": White House photo with each Ambassador.

RECOMMENDED BY: John M. Poindexter and Carlton E. Turner

OPPOSED BY: None.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 30, 1986

SIGNED

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM:

JAMES R. STARK

SUBJECT:

U.S. Ambassadors Conference on Narcotics

The purpose of this memo is to describe initial efforts to arrange a conference in Washington of U.S. Ambassadors to countries with drug problems. Attached at Tab I is a joint memo from you and Carlton Turner to Don Regan describing the proposed conference, its participants (Tab A) and its agenda (Tab B). At Tab II is a Presidential schedule request for a meeting with the Ambassadors. The conference is tentatively proposed for October 6-7, 1986.

State's proposed program for the conference is attached at Tab III. Subsequent to that memo, Frank Lavin, Carlton Turner, and I met with State representatives to discuss possible changes. We reached the following conclusions.

- -- State will take the lead in arranging the conference, and will coordinate with Carlton Turner's office and NSC.
- -- To emphasize White House involvement, the meeting will take place at the Old EOB, probably in the Indian Treaty Room. The meeting with the President will be in the West Wing.
- -- An additional goal of the conference will be to present each Ambassador with a tailored package of talking points and/or proposals to take back to his host country.
- -- Ambassador Bruce Chapman of the U.S. Mission to the Vienna Office of the United Nations will be an additional invitee. Ambassadors Designate will not be invited unless they have been confirmed by the date of the conference. In their absence, the Charge will attend.
- 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.

State will work with Senators Lugar and Fascell to arrange events on the Hill for give and take. This approach is judged the best way to ensure appropriate Congressional participation and will avoid confrontations that would surely occur if only selected Congressional representatives were invited to participate here at the White House. Additionally, an evening reception is being considered. This is tentative and would first be cleared with White House Legislative Affairs and Mitch Daniels' office.

- Rather than inviting Dr. Rosenthal from the private sector, it was agreed to substitute a panel on drug prevention which would include representatives from a corporation, sports, a parent group, and a school principal.
- We have added an additional "workshop" period to the agenda to allow the ambassadors more time to discuss narcotics issues and policy among themselves. It is envisioned that they will divide into separate groups, each of which will come up with a short series of recommendations to present to the President on the second day.
- Several changes have been made to the agenda. These are reflected at Tab A of the memo to Don Regan.
- State will work directly with the White House Press Office, USIA, and the NSC Public Diplomacy staff to formulate a comprehensive press plan.

Frank Lavin and I will continue to meet on a regular basis with Carlton Turner and State/INM (Ann Wrobleski) to provide guidance and monitor the progress of the conference arrangements. Trank Lavin, Jackie Tillman, Ken Hissell and Ron Sable concur.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you approve the general concept of the conference as described above and in Tab III.

Approve ____ Disapprove 2. That you sign the joint memo to Don Regan at Tab I. Approve Disapprove for Red McDaniel's signature 3. That you sign the Presidential schedule proposal at Tab II.

Disapprove ____

Attachments

Tab I - Poindexter/Turner Memo to Regan Tab A - Conference Participants Tab B - Proposed Agenda

Tab II - Presidential Schedule Request

Tab III - Platt Memo to Poindexter of August 19, 1986

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON



September 10, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD T. REGAN

FROM:

JOHN M. POINDEXTER

CARLTON E. TURNER

SUBJECT:

U.S. Ambassadors Conference on Narcotics

As part of our overall drug abuse activities, the President approved an August 4 DPC proposal to hold a conference in Washington for U.S. Ambassadors to countries with narcotics problems. The purpose of the conference will be to brief the Ambassadors on White House 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 U.S. and world publics our commitment to fighting drug abuse.

The conference has been tentatively scheduled for October 6-7. In order to stress direct White House involvement, it will be held in the Old Executive Office Building, and will include a meeting and photo opportunity with the President in the West Wing. A list of participants and a proposed agenda for the conference are attached at Tabs A and B respectively. Please note that you are tentatively scheduled to talk to the Ambassadors about the President's drug initiative on October 6, immediately after Mrs. Reagan's remarks.

Attachments

Tab A - List of Participants

Tab B - Proposed Agenda

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CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

Invited Ambassadors:

Major Drug-Producing, Trafficking and Consuming Countries: (12)

Bolivia -- Ambassador Ed Rowell
Colombia -- Ambassador Tony Gillespie
Peru -- Ambassador-Designate Alexander Watson or Charge
Ecuador -- Ambassador Fred Rondon
Brazil -- Ambassador Harry Shlaudeman
Jamaica -- Ambassador Michael Sotirhos
Mexico -- Ambassador-Designate Charles Pilliod or Charge
Burma -- Ambassador Dan O'Donohue
Thailand -- Ambassador Bill Brown
Laos -- Charge Harriet Isom
Pakistan -- Ambassador Deane Hinton
Afghanistan -- Charge Maurice Ealum

Trafficking Countries: (5)

Bahamas -- Ambassador-Designate Carol Hallett or Charge Panama -- Ambassador Arthur Davis Turkey -- Ambassador Robert Strausz-Huppe Nigeria -- Ambassador-Designate Princeton Lyman or Charge Bulgaria -- Ambassador Mel Levitsky

European Trafficking and Consuming Countries: (3)

United Kingdom -- Ambassador Charles Price Italy -- Ambassador Maxwell Rabb Federal Republic of Germany -- Ambassador Richard Burt

Multilateral Organizations: (2)

The United Nations -- Ambassador Vernon Walters
U.S. Mission to the UN, Vienna (UNVIE) -- Ambassador Bruce
Chapman

(Note: If Ambassadors-Designate have not been confirmed by the date of the conference, the Charge will attend.)

CABINET OFFICIALS, HIGH RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND GUESTS OF HONOR:

White House

President Ronald Reagan
Vice President George Bush
First Lady Nancy Reagan
Chief of Staff Donald Regan
Drug Abuse Policy Advisor Dr. Carlton Turner

Cabinet Officers

Secretary of State George Shultz Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger Attorney General Edwin Meese III Secretary of Health and Human Services Otis Bowen

Other Government Representatives:

Department of State/INM -- Ann Wrobleski
Department of Justice/DEA -- Jack Lawn
Department of Health and Human Services/ADAMHA -- Ian Macdonald
Office of Personnel Management -- Constance Horner

U.S. Congress:

Discussions to be arranged through Senator Richard Lugar, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Congressman Dante Fascell, Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Private Sector:

Selected young drug abusers in treatment
Private sector representatives from business, sports, parents
groups, and schools

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AGENDA

Introductions and Moderation by Dr. Carlton Turner

October 6 (AM): The Demand

FIRST LADY NANCY REAGAN: Opening remarks. Introduces panel of three young drug users in treatment to discuss why they took drugs and why they stopped.

CHIEF OF STAFF, DONALD REGAN: The White House initiative: explanation of President's plan, what it will entail, ending the cycle of demand for drugs.

DR. OTIS BOWEN, HHS: Presentation on extent of drug abuse in the U.S., current availability of drugs, what HHS is doing to address demand and treatment.

PANEL ON PREVENTION: Representatives from the private sector: business, sports, parents groups, education (school principal) to discuss programs for preventing drug abuse.

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, WILLIAM BENNETT: The role of educators in reducing demand for drugs: what works and what doesn't.

October 6 (PM): Demand and Enforcement

VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH: Opening remarks; interdiction, narcotics control and NNBIS; National Security Decision Directive.

ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE: No passive users; discussion of U.S. efforts to get tough on drug abuse. Update on U.S. marijuana campaign, legal tools (asset seizure and forfeiture), DEA demand reduction programs.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, CASPAR WEINBERGER: Turning the corner on drug abuse in the military; also discussion of the role of the military in narcotics control.

EVENING: Reception hosted by Secretary of State Shultz at the Department of State.

October 7: The Supply

Introductions and Moderation by Ann Wrobleski

SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ: Opening remarks; narcotics control as a foreign policy priority. Narcotics as a threat to national security, democracy and social institutions. The increased multilateral and bilateral focus on narcotics.

CONGRESSIONAL DISCUSSIONS: Senator Lugar and Congressman Fascell to arrange give and take discussion sessions with appropriate members. This will give the Ambassadors the Congressional perspective on stopping the supply of narcotics, sanctions against drug-producing countries and legislative initiatives pending in Congress.

U.N. AMBASSADOR VERNON WALTERS: The challenge of multilateral action against narcotics -- a view from the United Nations. Update on upcoming World Conference, draft Convention on Narcotics Trafficking, increased activities at the United Nations.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1986

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director

Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM:

TO:

RODNEY B. MCDANIEL NY

REQUEST:

Meeting with U.S. Ambassadors attending

conference on drug abuse.

PURPOSE:

To brief U.S. ambassadors on the President's drug abuse program and discuss initiatives for expanding international cooperation.

BACKGROUND:

Twenty-two U.S. ambassadors to countries with drug problems will be meeting here on October 6-7 for briefings and discussions with White House officials and Cabinet members on U.S. programs to fight the war on drugs. This conference was approved by the President at the August 4 DPC meeting.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION:

None.

DATE & TIME:

October 6 or 7, 1986. The afternoon of October 7 is preferred; see attached agenda.

DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION:

Cabinet Room or Roosevelt Room

PARTICIPANTS:

The President, 22 U.S. Ambassadors, Secretary George Shultz, Donald Regan, John Poindexter, Dr. Carlton Turner, Ann Wrobleski (State/INM),

James Stark (NSC staff)

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Washington, D.C. 20520 #6089

August 19, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Program for October Ambassadors Meeting to Discuss Narcotics

As requested, a proposal for the Ambassadors Conference to discuss narcotics is attached. The proposal includes suggested dates for the Conference, a list of invitees and the goals of the conference.

Micholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachments: As Stated

PROPOSED NARCOTICS PROGRAM FOR U.S. AMBASSADORS October 6-7, 1986

The purpose of recalling U.S. Ambassadors to countries which face or may face serious narcotics production, trafficking or consumption problems is two-fold; U.S. Ambassadors would be addressed by the President and Cabinet Members, including Secretary of State Shultz, on the status of U.S. efforts to combat narcotics in this country and abroad, and second, our Ambassadors would have an opportunity to provide an assessment of progress on the narcotics issue overseas.

There are two goals which we hope to accomplish during the two-day meeting in Washington. First, we wish to convey to the Ambassadors the sense of urgency with which the U.S. government is approaching the issue of drug demand reduction. We also wish to create the opportunity for U.S. Ambassadors to discuss increased regional cooperation which could lead to a more effective international narcotics strategy.

The first day of the Conference would center on discussions on the demand for drugs; the focus of the second day would be supply. An evening reception will be scheduled for the eighth floor at the Department of State.

To these ends, the Department of State proposes the following list of Ambassadors to be invited to the meeting, and provides an agenda and topics for discussion. Also suggested are Cabinet Members, Members of Congress and special guests to be invited to address the Ambassadors. It is hoped that the President will address the group at the end of the second day.

INVITED AMBASSADORS:

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MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS (1)

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Vice President George Bush
Secretary of State George Shultz
Attorney General Edwin Meese III
Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger
Secretary of Health and Human Services Otis Bowen
Secretary of Education, William Bennett
First Lady Nancy Reagan
Chief of Staff Donald Regan

Alternative Government Representatives:

State (INM) -- Ann Wrobleski
Justice Department (DEA) -- Jack Lawn
HHS (ADAMHA) -- Dr. Ian Macdonald
Office of Drug Abuse Policy -- Dr. Carlton Turner
Office of Personnel Management -- Constance Horner

U.S. CONGRESS:

Senator Paula Hawkins, Chairman, Senate Caucus on Drugs Congressman Dante Fascell, Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee

PRIVATE SECTOR:

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Jedian Treaty Rm (Jean Land)

OCTOBER 6 - 7, 1986

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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Preliminary working groups 9:30am

9:50am Administrative arrangements

10:00am Mrs. Reagan CT INTRODUCTIONS

10:10am Drug addicts BIOS

Questions and Answers 10:20am

10:45am Break COFFEE, SOFT DRINKS (Row)

11:00am Don Reagan TALKING POINTS

11:30am Secretary Bowen CLEAR MAC

12:00pm Lunch -- Rm 22 BUFFET, SET UP

1:30pm DOD Deputy Secretary Taft

2:00pm Panel on PSI CLEAR IN PARTICPANTS

3:00pm Break SOFT DRINKS (ROW)

Secretary Bennett Rm 476 (Karny Ext 2335) 3:15pm

Working groups - Rm 324 (Ext 5109) 3:45pm

5:30pm Reception -- Ben Franklin Rm (State) INVITATIONS

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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9:00am Working Groups COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS

10:00am Schultz CLEAR IN ASST SECS

10:40am Break and assemble in Cabinet Room

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11:20am Vice President Bush

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1:30pm Gates

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NARCPLAN

AMBASSADORS CONFERENCE ON NARCOTICS

PRESS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLAN

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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.
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- --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.

PRESSØPLAN

Friday, ØOct. Ø3

--Event: Backgrounder at State: Wrobleski

Sunday, ØOct. Ø5

--Event: Sunday Talk Show

"Meet the Press" NBC: Regan/Wrobleski

ACTION: Denny Brisley

Monday, Oct. 6

--Event: Opening of meeting

TV pool coverage

ACTION: Larry Speakes

Tuesday, ØOct. Ø7

-- Event: AM Talk show: Shultz/Whitehead

ACTION: Denny Brisley

-- Event: Opening of meeting:

TV pool coverage

ACTION: Larry Speakes

-- Event: White House Readout following meeting:

Amb. Rowell (Bolivia)

Amb. Price (U.K.)

Amb. Hinton (Pakistan)

ACTION: Don Mathes

--Event: Foreign Press Center Readout:

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Amb. Strausz-Huppe (Turkey)

Amb. Brown (Thailand)

ACTION: Don Mathes

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ACTION: Denny Brisley

Wednesday, Oct. 8

--Event: AM Talk shows

Ambassadors as available ACTION: Denny Brisley

--Event: WORLDNET

(We want to set up WORLDNET broadcasts to Latin America, Europe, East Asia, and the Near East, if

practicable, depending on interest and

availability of the Ambassadors)

ACTION: Denny Brisley

--Event: Interviews with host country media:

(One each, to be set up through Foreign Press Center, with ambassadors from Latin America, Europe, East Asia, Near East, and Africa)

ACTION: Don Mathes

--Event: Interviews with VOA:

(selected interviews for language services,

possible panel show)
ACTION: Don Mathes

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 30, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM:

JAMES R. STARK

SUBJECT:

U.S. Ambassadors Conference on Narcotics

The purpose of this memo is to describe initial efforts to arrange a conference in Washington of U.S. Ambassadors to countries with drug problems. Attached at Tab I is a joint memo from you and Carlton Turner to Don Regan describing the proposed conference, its participants (Tab A) and its agenda (Tab B). At Tab II is a Presidential schedule request for a meeting with the Ambassadors. The conference is tentatively proposed for October 6-7, 1986.

State's proposed program for the conference is attached at Tab III. Subsequent to that memo, Frank Lavin, Carlton Turner, and I met with State representatives to discuss possible changes. We reached the following conclusions.

- State will take the lead in arranging the conference, and will coordinate with Carlton Turner's office and NSC.
- To emphasize White House involvement, the meeting will take place at the Old EOB, probably in the Indian Treaty Room. The meeting with the President will be in the West Wing.
- An additional goal of the conference will be to present each Ambassador with a tailored package of talking points and/or proposals to take back to his host country.
- Ambassador Bruce Chapman of the U.S. Mission to the Vienna Office of the United Nations will be an additional invitee. Ambassadors Designate will not be invited unless they have been confirmed by the date of the conference. In their absence, the Charge will attend.
- 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.

State will work with Senators Lugar and Fascell to arrange events on the Hill for give and take. This approach is judged the best way to ensure appropriate Congressional participation and will avoid confrontations that would surely occur if only selected Congressional representatives were invited to participate here at the White House. Additionally, an evening reception is being considered. This is tentative and would first be cleared with White House Legislative Affairs and Mitch Daniels' office.

- -- Rather than inviting Dr. Rosenthal from the private sector, it was agreed to substitute a panel on drug prevention which would include representatives from a corporation, sports, a parent group, and a school principal.
- -- We have added an additional "workshop" period to the agenda to allow the ambassadors more time to discuss narcotics issues and policy among themselves. It is envisioned that they will divide into separate groups, each of which will come up with a short series of recommendations to present to the President on the second day.
- -- Several changes have been made to the agenda. These are reflected at Tab A of the memo to Don Regan.
- -- State will work directly with the White House Press Office, USIA, and the NSC Public Diplomacy staff to formulate a comprehensive press plan.

Frank Lavin and I will continue to meet on a regular basis with Carlton Turner and State/INM (Ann Wrobleski) to provide guidance and monitor the progress of the conference arrangements.

Frank Lavin, Jackie Tillman, Ken Kissell and Ron Sable concur.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you approve the general concept of the conference as described above and in Tab III.

	Approve		Disapprove
2.	That you sign	the joint memo to Don	Regan at Tab I.
	Approve		Disapprove
3.	That you sign	the Presidential sche	dule proposal at Tab II.
	Approve		Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I - Poindexter/Turner Memo to Regan Tab A - Conference Participants Tab B - Proposed Agenda

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Tab III - Platt Memo to Poindexter of August 19, 1986

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD T. REGAN

FROM:

JOHN M. POINDEXTER

CARLTON E. TURNER

SUBJECT:

U.S. Ambassadors Conference on Narcotics

As part of our overall drug abuse activities, the President approved an August 4 DPC proposal to hold a conference in Washington for U.S. Ambassadors to countries with narcotics problems. The purpose of the conference will be to brief the Ambassadors on White House 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 U.S. and world publics our commitment to fighting drug abuse.

The conference has been tentatively scheduled for October 6-7. In order to stress direct White House involvement, it will be held in the Old Executive Office Building, and will include a meeting and photo opportunity with the President in the West Wing. A list of participants and a proposed agenda for the conference are attached at Tabs A and B respectively. Please note that you are tentatively scheduled to talk to the Ambassadors about the President's drug initiative on October 6, immediately after Mrs. Reagan's remarks.

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Tab A - List of Participants

Tab B - Proposed Agenda

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

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Multilateral Organizations: (2)

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U.S. Mission to the UN, Vienna (UNVIE) -- Ambassador Bruce
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(Note: If Ambassadors-Designate have not been confirmed by the date of the conference, the Charge will attend.)

CABINET OFFICIALS, HIGH RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND GUESTS OF HONOR:

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President Ronald Reagan
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Drug Abuse Policy Advisor Dr. Carlton Turner

Cabinet Officers

Secretary of State George Shultz Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger Attorney General Edwin Meese III Secretary of Health and Human Services Otis Bowen

Other Government Representatives:

Department of State/INM -- Ann Wrobleski
Department of Justice/DEA -- Jack Lawn
Department of Health and Human Services/ADAMHA -- Ian Macdonald
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U.S. Congress:

Discussions to be arranged through Senator Richard Lugar, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Congressman Dante Fascell, Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee.

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director

Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

REQUEST: Meeting with U.S. Ambassadors attending

conference on drug abuse.

PURPOSE: To brief U.S. ambassadors on the President's

drug abuse program and discuss initiatives for expanding international cooperation.

BACKGROUND: Twenty-two U.S. ambassadors to countries with

drug problems will be meeting here on October 6-7 for briefings and discussions with White House officials and Cabinet

members on U.S. programs to fight the war on drugs. This conference was approved by the

President at the August 4 DPC meeting.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION: None.

DATE & TIME: October 6 or 7, 1986. The afternoon of

October 7 is preferred; see attached agenda.

DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Cabinet Room or Roosevelt Room

PARTICIPANTS: The President, 22 U.S. Ambassadors, Secretary

George Shultz, Donald Regan, John Poindexter, Dr. Carlton Turner, Ann Wrobleski (State/INM),

James Stark (NSC staff)

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: President greets Ambassadors (5 minutes),

makes remarks on drug initiative (5 minutes). Three Ambassadors respond with brief remarks

(10 minutes); general discussion (10

minutes).

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided.

MEDIA COVERAGE: TV pool for start of meeting. Remainder of

meeting to be closed.

PROPOSED "PHOTO": White House photo with each ambassador.

RECOMMENDED BY: John M. Poindexter and Carlton E. Turner

OPPOSED BY: None.

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August 19, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Program for October Ambassadors Meeting to Discuss Narcotics

As requested, a proposal for the Ambassadors Conference to discuss narcotics is attached. The proposal includes suggested dates for the Conference, a list of invitees and the goals of the conference.

Micholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachments: As Stated

PROPOSED NARCOTICS PROGRAM FOR U.S. AMBASSADORS October 6-7, 1986

The purpose of recalling U.S. Ambassadors to countries which face or may face serious narcotics production, trafficking or consumption problems is two-fold; U.S. Ambassadors would be addressed by the President and Cabinet Members, including Secretary of State Shultz, on the status of U.S. efforts to combat narcotics in this country and abroad, and second, our Ambassadors would have an opportunity to provide an assessment of progress on the narcotics issue overseas.

There are two goals which we hope to accomplish during the two-day meeting in Washington. First, we wish to convey to the Ambassadors the sense of urgency with which the U.S. government is approaching the issue of drug demand reduction. We also wish to create the opportunity for U.S. Ambassadors to discuss increased regional cooperation which could lead to a more effective international narcotics strategy.

The first day of the Conference would center on discussions on the demand for drugs; the focus of the second day would be supply. An evening reception will be scheduled for the eighth floor at the Department of State.

To these ends, the Department of State proposes the following list of Ambassadors to be invited to the meeting, and provides an agenda and topics for discussion. Also suggested are Cabinet Members, Members of Congress and special guests to be invited to address the Ambassadors. It is hoped that the President will address the group at the end of the second day.

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