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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

UNPUBLISHED March 5, 1981 4:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE Friday, March 6, 1981

PHOTO: TIM MURDIM, USNEWIR 8:45 am Staff Time Oval Office - KR (30 min) (Baker, Meese, Deaver) - RR + HUD - PR + 3 (EM, SB, MKD) SITI Rm. 9:15 am Meeting with Richard V. Allen - 5 min - out Oval Office (45 min) No Press Coverage 9:20-517 pm 10:15 am Meeting with Governors Cabinet Room (TAB A) (45 min) Christopher Bond, Mo. Lee Dreyfus, Wisc. 11:05 - RR Pierre duPont, Del. 11:12 - concurre Wm. Milliken, Mich. Robert Orr, Ind. 11:15 - OVAL James Rhodes, Ohio James Thompson, Ill. Richard Thornburgh, Pa. (Rich Williamson) Press Photo Opportunity 4- 6 Roups 11:25__ GERGAN/ MOVE Augn- 1.15 - 11:28 11:30 am Meeting with Senator Paul Laxalt Oval Office (Larry Speakes) (30 min) (TAB B) 11:35 - No Press Coverage 12:00 12:08 Pre-News Conference Briefing Luncheon (1:43-own) Cabinet Room (90 min) (James Brady/David Gergen) (Tab C - materials 1:45em, JB, berean - ovar our. provided separately) 450 OEOB News Conference 2:00 pm (James Brady) (30 min)(TAB D) Full Press Coverage 2:34 - CONCUBE 3:30 pm Depart for Camp David for the Weekend 2: 40 Ara. out off. (Em, 18, m), HUD, OCK) 2:45 - RESIDENCE WHEELS UP- CAMP SAVIO **₹∵3**≶ MR. & MRS. WICK Dn. RUVE Smare Moone Down Prospeni MAS. KLINE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH EIGHT GOVERNORS

Friday, March 6, 1981
The Cabinet Room
10:15 a.m. (45 minutes)

From: Richard S. Williamson

I. PURPOSE

This meeting provides an opportunity for you to receive a seven-point proposal (see attachment 1) on the condition of the auto industry from Governors of eight states and to listen to their comments. All eight Governors are Republicans.

II. BACKGROUND

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III. PARTICIPANTS

Lovernor William Milliken, Michigan (Chair)

Covernor Christopher Bond, Missouri

Governor Lee Dreyfus, Wisconsin

Governor Pierre du Pont, Delaware

Governor Robert Orr, Indiana

Governor James Rhodes, Ohio

Governor James Thompson, Illinois

Governor Richard Thornburgh, Pennsylvania

Secretaries Regan, Baldridge, and Lewis will participate in the meeting, as will Dave Stockman.

In addition, Jim Baker, Ed Meese, Rich Williamson, Marty Anderson, Dave Gargen, Dick Darman, and Craig Fuller will attend.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Group photo opportunity at the beginning of the meeting.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

10:15 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

Group photo opportunity

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You will welcome the Governors and call on Governor Milliken.

10:20 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

Governor Milliken will outline the seven-point proposal and call on each Governor for specific comments (not necessarily in this order.)

- 1. Governor Bond - accelerated depreciation
- 2. Governor Dreyfus - general tax cut for individuals
- Governor du Pont import limitations
- 4. Governor Orr - tax credits for the purchase of a domestic auto
- 5. Governor Rhodes - regulatory reform
- 6. Governor Thompson - tax credits and anti-trust exemptions for research and development
- Governor Thornburgh investment tax credits

Remaining time - Q and A. Secretary Lewis available for questions.

Attachments:

- 1. Governors' Proposal
- 2. Arguments for Import Limitations
- Arguments Against Import Limitations
- A copy of the 3 March 1981 Automobile Industry Task Force Report

WASHINGTON

March 5, 1981

"AUTO SUMMIT" MEETING WITH EIGHT GOVERNORS

DATE:

Friday, March 6, 1981

LOCATION:

Cabinet Room

TIME:

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

FROM:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN
GOVERNOR

February 28, 1981

The President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As Governors of states with substantial employment related to the auto industry, we are acutely aware of the industry's economic plight. Evidence of the impact of the production cutbacks at domestic plants is everywhere—the inability of workers to find jobs; the undermining of the vitality of our nation's communities; a startling increase in the demand for public assistance; the effects on our national security and a decline in consumer confidence.

Just as none of us can escape the impact of the losses the motor vehicle industry has suffered at the hands of the recession and other forces, the nation as a whole will benefit from the industry's revitalization. One of every six jobs in America is related to the auto industry, including our steel, rubber, aluminum, castings, glass, machine tools, plastics and electronics industries. A program of assistance is as vital to the consumer and the worker as it is to government or the stockholder.

A new partnership to address these problems with decisive and intensive action is emerging. We urge you to play an ongoing role in this endeavor which will call for the best efforts of both labor and industry, as well as local, state, and, above all, the federal government.

We are convinced that there are elements essential to any federally coordinated revitalization plan; namely, creating a healthy economy; strengthening the competitiveness of the industry; and encouraging greater innovation and cost effectiveness within the industry.

First, the best and most helpful stimulus the auto industry can be given is a healthy, vital economy. We are pleased to see you taking actions which we hope will restore consumer confidence and reduce and stabilize interest rates. We also believe that in order to stimulate demand for autos, immediate steps must be taken to increase individual discretionary income through tax cuts. This action could come in one of two forms, either an across the board tax cut to all individuals or a substantial tax credit for the purchase of a new domestic automobile.

Second, through specific directed measures, the nation must seek ways to stimulate new production in the auto and other vital industries. We Governors, therefore, urge you to support a system of investment tax credits for renovation and replacement in existing facilities. Specifically, we ask your support for a 10 percent tax credit for investment to rehabilitate or replace nearby any obsolete plant and equipment by an auto or related basic industry. Such a credit, as well as current operating losses, should at minimum be allowed to be carried forward and back seven years.

We also believe an additional 10 percent credit should be allowed in addition to all other credits for such investment made by auto or basic industries in labor surplus areas. Such a credit would help stimulate investment in areas of traditionally high unemployment. This credit, too, at minimum should be allowed to be carried forward and back for seven years.

Third, any revamping of the federal taxation structure in order to reindustrialize this nation must address the issue of accelerated depreciation. We urge you to work for quick passage of a one-year write-off of hand tools in the motor vehicle industry which usually have a useful life only over the model year. The current two-year write-off does not reflect the actual life of these tools and, therefore, adds to the already high cost of retooling for new model lines.

We recommend that the industry tax credits outlined in this letter be enacted for a five-year period to enable the industry to make the structural changes necessary to regain competitiveness. After this five-year period, a review should be conducted to study the usefulness of the credits in stimulating and directing investment as intended by the proposals. If the credits prove to be highly valuable and effective, consideration could be given to extending them.

We also support a general reform of the depreciation schedules which would greatly simplify the present system of determining the tax life of an asset and provide for a significant amount of tax reduction, especially in the earlier years of the program. We encourage you to support a reform which retains a relationship between the economic and tax lives of assets but does not overtly encourage investment in a specific type of asset, particularly structures, or industry.

Fourth, it is also imperative that businesses in this country be aided in meeting national goals or in complying with federal regulations. We, therefore, urge your support for a multi-year 20 percent tax credit for research and development performed to meet federal fuel economy, environmental, safety, or other requirements placed upon industry or in striving to attain or contribute to meeting a national goal, such as energy independence.

We also believe that joint research and development initiatives to meet federal standards should be exempt from federal antitrust laws. Forcing businesses in the same industry to duplicate research to comply with federal requirements simply increases the cost and burden to business of complying. However, in no way do we wish to minimize the competitive spirit within an industry.

Fifth, we congratulate you for your recent actions of naming Vice President Bush as chair of a special deregulation task force and in signing an order preventing the promulgation of new regulations for 60 days. We believe these actions are a good start in slowing the growth of federal regulations. We believe, however, that special attention must be given to the auto and related industries in any regulatory review. We ask that you establish a special review committee chaired by the Secretary of Transportation which would perform final review of any proposed rule or regulation which impacts upon the auto industry. In addition, we would encourage you to prohibit any new auto related regulation to be promulgated or existing rule to take effect for a two-year period.

In general, we believe that the current process for promulgation of regulations should be replaced by a negotiating process between the industry and federal government. Such a process would seek to establish minimum standards, allow for both flexible standards and a longer duration for compliance in existing structures, and perhaps provide financial incentives for those companies able to exceed the goal or timetable for compliance.

Sixth, in any discussion dealing with the current plight of the auto industry, the issue of Japanese imports must be addressed. The domestic auto producers need an opportunity to earn a larger share of the domestic auto market. There is substantial precedent for voluntary trade agreements between the Japanese and United States. These agreements would provide the necessary competitive environment. For example, by agreement between British and Japanese producer associations, Japanese imports into the United Kingdom are held at about 11 percent of the market. In France, Japanese imports rose to 3.9 percent, but French government pressure has kept them below 3 percent since. By bilateral agreement, Italy limits Japanese imports to 2,000 cars and trucks out of a 900,000 vehicle market. Spain limits imports of automobiles to a value of \$500,000 per source country.

The current crisis facing the U.S. auto industry will not abruptly right itself. According to former Transportation Secretary Goldschmidt's January report, it will take a minimum of five years for the industry to return to full competitive strength. That time is needed to carry out the investments in new plants and equipment which are necessary to remove the current advantages the Japanese hold in process and product technology which now yield Japanese autos a \$1,000 to \$1,500 comparative cost advantage. We believe that the United States is due the same consideration from Japanese producers

that they have shown every other major auto market country. We, therefore, urge you to negotiate immediately a voluntary agreement with the Japanese limiting auto imports. We believe that absent such a voluntary agreement, there would exist a serious need to examine such options as local content legislation, an increased tariff or import restrictions. We do believe that the best solution to this situation is for Japanese producers to invest in U.S. production facilities. We would hope such a commitment from individual firms can be obtained in lieu of any other measures.

The Coalition of Northeastern Governors on February 22 also endorsed the basic components of the program we have outlined in this letter.

We realize this letter puts forward an ambitious list of actions. We do believe that these actions are necessary, both for the auto and related industries and for the workers of the nation. We are prepared to work with you and Congress to ensure full consideration of our recommendations and actions to assist this basic industry.

Sincerely,

Governor Milliken, Chair Michigan Governor Orr Indiana

Governor Bond Missouri Governor Rhodes Ohio

Governor Dreyfus Wisconsin Governor Thompson Illinois

Governor Thornburgh Pennsylvania

Arguments in Favor of Trade Restraint

- While restraint would be mildly inflationary to the extent the manufacturers choose to increase prices rather than increase volume, each 100,000 units of production shifted back to the U.S. restores 20,000 to 25,000 jobs to our economy. U.S. manufacturers now have sufficient capacity to supply 750,000 to 1,000,000 more small cars than the market is currently demanding.
- o Because of the excess capacity and because they must still compete with each other, the domestic manufacturers have strong incentives to hold their prices and to maximize production volume.
- o Restraints would create substantial cash flow for the domestic manufacturers at a time of great need for investment.
- o Restraints would ease the burden on Federally funded Transition Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and other unemployment programs and would reduce the pressure to continue TAA.
- o Restraints would preclude a price war induced by the Japanese to gain or retain market share. With a \$1,000 \$1,500 landed cost advantage, the Japanese could cut prices deeply, significantly reducing U.S. industry cash flow, and further threatening investment.
- o Restraints would give U.S. industry the temporary breathing space to become product competitive and cost competitive with the Japanese.
- o Voluntary negotiated restraints can be done under GATT and would be regarded by other nations as a sign of U.S. firmness. European countries, such as Great Britain already impose far more stringent quotas on Japanese cars. There is little "free trade" in autos.
- o Restraint would be a major Government bargaining point in getting agreements for responsible actions by industry management and by labor.
- o Restraint would add pressure for Japanese investment in the U.S.
- o Restraint would show a clean break with the indecisive policies of the previous administration.
 - o The imposition of trade restraint with the Japanese is expected by the elected officials and many of the affected workers in those States which are severely impacted, and in which many people voted against the unwillingness of the previous administration to help this industry.
 - o Restraints would signal the financial community that the Government is interested in keeping the auto industry healthy and would make financing easier.
- o Restraints will help the industry adjust to import competition, and in the long run achieve the President's objective of improving the U.S. competitive position in world markets. This would help overcome the fact that the industry cannot fully benefit from the President's tax program because most manufacturers (except GM) will be in a tax loss position for the next several years.
 - o Without restraints, Japanese producers are in the best position to take advantage of the market opportunities created by the President's program.

THE CASE AGAINST AUTO QUOTAS

1. A Quota Serves the Auto Industry Poorly

- o Any potential benefits are small and short term.
 - -- A quota creates <u>at most</u> 50,000 auto jobs (10% of present industry-related unemployment), many of of them temporary.
 - -- A one year quota generates <u>less</u> cash for auto producers than forgoing 6-12 months of scheduled auto worker cost of living increases.
- o The <u>long-term</u> competitive position of the domestic industry is likely to be damaged.
 - -- Quotas will give the Japanese the incentive -- and the profits -- to move more aggressively into the high profit luxury small car market.
 - -- A quota will reduce pressure for reform of managerial and labor practices that are essential if U. S. auto producers are to become more competitive with the Japanese.
- o The benefits to the auto industry of prompt implementation of the President's economic recovery program would dwarf any short term gains from a quota.
- o Investment analysts are virtually unanimous in their opinions that quotas are not essential to a successful industry turnaround.

2. A Quota Hurts Consumers

- o It will signal a return to Federal policies which "nickel and dime" the consumer price index into double digit inflation.
- o The estimated \$2-3 billion annual losses to consumers far outweigh the benefits for the industry and the union.

3. A Quota Undermines Other Administration Principles and Policies

- o A quota sets a precedent for further government intervention in the market place. Other industries will redouble their efforts for similar treatment.
- o Quotas will adversely affect the public's inflationary expectations, a critical element in the economic recovery program.
- o Any "understanding" with the UAW and the industry involving quotas is likely to lead to government monitoring and eventual regulation of wages, prices, and auto part imports.

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH SENATOR LAXALT AND WARREN LARUDE Friday, March 6, 1981 Oval Office 11:30 am

FROM: Larry Speakes

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Senator Laxalt and freelance writer Warren LaRude who is doing an in-depth story on Laxalt for the New York Times Sunday Magazine.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Laxalt has requested the meeting so that Mr. LaRude may observe the relationship between the President and the Senator. The article will depict Laxalt as a Western individualist, and will be a commentary on the impact and influence of Westerners in the Reagan Administration.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President Senator Laxalt Warren LaRude - RICH WILLIAMSON

Terry Arthur (photographer)
Larry Speakes

IV. PRESS PLAN

The article will be published in a future edition of the New York Times Magazine -- no later than May.

New York Times photo

White House photo

Mr. LaRude will tape record the question and answer portion of the meeting.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:30 - 11:45 am

After greetings, the President and Senator Laxalt discuss several items the Senator wants to talk about. (Agenda attached at TAB A.) Mr. LaRude will observe this portion of the meeting in order to get a flavor of the Reagan-Laxalt relationship.

11:45 am - 12 noon

Questions from Mr. LaRude. (Potential questions are listed at TAB B.)

Attachments:

TAB A Agenda for the meeting

TAB B

Potential questions from Mr. LaRude

AGENDA OF DISCUSSION FOR MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR LAXALT

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Lake Tahoe

The President has agreed in discussions with Senator Laxalt to rescind the order on the Tahoe Federal Coordinating Council set up by President Carter because they believe it is a duplication of effort of the Tahoe Regional Planning Commission, which is now in effect

Regulatory Reform

POTENTIAL QUESTIONS FROM WARREN LARUDE

Mr. LaRude is taking a philosophical approach to the article as a commentary on Western influence and attitudes in the Reagan administration. Some of the potential questions are:

- 1. What is the West -- the can-do philosophy -- the ability to tackle and solve problems?
- 2. What is the Western individualist?
- 3. What do Western attitudes mean to the East?
- 4. What was there about Paul Laxalt that brought the President and the Senator together?
- 5. What are the traits in Laxalt as a Westerner that make him successful in Washington?

THE WHITE HOUSE . WASHINGTON

March 5, 1981

LUNCHEON BRIEFING

DATE: March 6, 1981
LOCATION: Cabinet Room
TIME: 12:00 noon

FROM:

James S. Brady

I. PURPOSE: Briefing for Presidential Press Conference,

scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

II. PARTICIPANTS: Jim Baker | KANNA SMALL

Ed Meese Mike Deaver

Dave Gergen
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III. Briefing materials provided separately

WASHINGTON

March 2, 1981

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE

DATE:

March 6, 1981

LOCATION:

EOB, 450

TIME:

2:00 p.m.

FROM:

James S. Brady

I. PURPOSE:

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To hold second Presidential Press Conference

II. BACKGROUND

This will be the first Presidential Press Conference since the announcement of the Economic Recovery Program. Questions could deal with the Program itself, the March 10th Congressional package, the upcoming trip to Canada and El Salvador, among other items.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Members of the White House Press Corps

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open coverage

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

After introduction, the President will take questions for about thirty minutes, using the lottery system.

WASHINGTON

News Conference of The President

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1981 AT 2:00 PM
ROOM 450 - OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WILL ASK QUESTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- 1. JIM GERSTENZANG ASSOCIATED PRESS
- 2. HELEN THOMAS UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
- 3. TOM DEFRANK NEWSWEEK
- 4. TIM \$CHELLHARDT WALL STREET JOURNAL
- 5. STEVE HOLT WESTINGHOUSE BROADCASTING
- 6. CHARCOTTE BLAUNT SHERIDAN BROADCASTING
- 7. JOHNAHYDE DES MOINES REGISTER
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- 12. MICHAEL POSNER McLEAN MAGAZINE
- 13. DONNA SMITH OIL DAILY
- 14. FORREST BOYD INTERNATIONAL MEDIA SERVICE
- 15. TUNA KOPRULU HURRIYET, TURKEY
- 16. ALANJCROMLEY DAILY OKLAHOMAN
- 17. BILL GROODY MUTUAL BROADCASTING
- 18. LARRY BARRETT TIME

- 19. LESTER KINSOLVING GLOBE SYNDICATE
- 20. JOSETTE SHEERAN NEW YORK NEWS WORLD
- 21. GIL LEWTHWAITE BALTIMORE SUN
- 22. LOU CANNON WASHINGTON POST
- 23. PAT SLOYAN NEWSDAY
- 24. ANDY GLASS COX NEWSPAPERS
- 25. JACK KOLE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL
- 26. KEN LOUDEN PRENTICE HALL
- 27. GARY SCHUSTER DETROIT NEWS
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- 29. BRUCE DRAKE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS
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