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Name of Document: BRIEFING PAPERS FOR  
PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULED  
APPOINTMENTS FOR

Subject Codes:

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1) Subject: Schedule for Presidential trip  
to the Capitol for meeting with  
Republican Congressional  
Leaders

TR 001.  
PL 005.04  
FG 031.

2) Meeting with Republican  
Congressional Leadership  
to discuss the President's  
economic legislative  
proposals.

LE  
BE 004.

3) Meeting with selected Senators  
to discuss the Social Security  
cost-of-living adjustment.

WE 007.  
FG 035.

4) Schedule for Presidential trip to  
the Irish Embassy for welcome  
to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

CO 073.  
HO 099.  
SO 003.

5) List of invitees for meeting with  
General Roberto O. Viola, President-  
Designate of Argentina

CO 008.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

8:04 AM. WENT TO PHOTO Tuesday, March 17, 1981  
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*8:15*  
~~8:05~~ a.m. (approx.) The President departs the White House en route the Capitol for meeting with GOP Congressional Leaders (TAB A) S-207  
(Max Friedersdorf)  
Open Press Coverage for Opening Remarks

*9:40*  
~~9:30~~ a.m. (30 mins.) The President meets with a group of Senators (TAB B) S-230

*10:13*  
~~10:00~~ a.m. The President concludes and returns to The White House

*10:20*  
10:30 a.m. (15 mins.) *PER. WFL - am/fb/mro until 10:36*  
Staff Time Oval Office

10:45 a.m. (15 mins.) National Security Briefing *B. Clark, D. Murphy,* Oval Office  
(Richard V. Allen)  
*11:15 CONCLUDE*

*11:15*  
~~11:00~~ a.m. (15 mins) *11:22* Meeting with James Baker, Edwin Meese, Michael Deaver, James Brady, David Gergen, and Max Friedersdorf Oval Office

*11:53*  
11:45 a.m. The President departs en route the Irish Embassy for luncheon (TAB C) Irish Embassy  
*TAKE TO IRISH PRIME MINISTER BY PHONE*

*38*  
~~1:15~~ p.m. (approx.) The President concludes and departs en route the White House

*1:46*  
4:00 p.m. (60 mins.) *ARR. W.H.* The President meets with Roberto Viola Oval Office  
President-designate of Argentina

*4:46*  
5:00 p.m. (30 mins.) *CONCLUDE* (provided separately)  
Staff Time - *MILITARY OFFICE S. PATRICK'S* Oval Office  
*DAN PARRY*

*5:30*  
6:00 p.m. *HARRIS* Return to residence

*6:15* *QUIT*

*6:30* *DEPART FOR WASHINGTON HOTEL*  
*RECEPTION FOR JOHN BUCK -*

*6:47* *DEPART FOR W.H.*

*6:50* *ARR. RESIDENCE*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE  
Tuesday, March 17, 1981

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| 9:30 a.m.<br>(30 mins.)             | The President meets with a group of Senators (TAB B)                                                                                                                                  | S-230         |
| 10:00 a.m.                          | The President concludes and returns to The White House                                                                                                                                |               |
| 10:30 a.m.<br>(15 mins.)            | <u>Staff Time</u>                                                                                                                                                                     | Oval Office   |
| 10:45 a.m.<br>(15 mins.)            | <u>National Security Briefing</u><br>(Richard V. Allen)                                                                                                                               | Oval Office   |
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| 1:15 p.m.<br>(approx.)              | The President concludes and departs en route the White House                                                                                                                          |               |
| 4:00 p.m.<br>( <del>30</del> mins.) | The President meets with Roberto Viola President-designate of Argentina<br><u>Gen'l. Vernon Walters</u> (provided separately)                                                         | Oval Office   |
| 5:00 p.m.<br>(30 mins.)             | <u>Staff Time</u>                                                                                                                                                                     | Oval Office   |
| 6:00 p.m.                           | <u>Return to residence</u>                                                                                                                                                            |               |

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

*Helene Con Donnell*

To: Officer-in-charge  
Appointments Center  
Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on Tuesday, March 17, 19 81

for THE PRESIDENT of WH:  
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

General Roberto O. VIOLA, President-Designate of Argentina  
Ambassador Jorge A. AJA ESTIL, Argentine Ambassador to the US  
General Luis SANTIAGO MARTELLA, Chief Adviser to General Viola

Secretary of State Alexander HAIG, Jr.

Ambassador Thomas O. ENDERS, State Department, ARA

Ambassador Harry W. SCHLAUDEMANN, US Ambassador to Argentina

Donald BARNES, State Department Interpreter

*genie ~~Walters~~ Vernon Walters*

WH Staff

Richard V. Allen

Charles Tyson, NSC

Roger Fontaine, NSC (notetaker)  
MEETING LOCATION

Building WHITE HOUSE

Requested by Dona Proctor

Room No. OVAL OFFICE

Room No. 351 Telephone 5694

Time of Meeting 4:00 pm

Date of request March 16, 1981

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to three (3) names or less.

APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742

STAFF AND PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

8:10 a.m. Board motorcade at Diplomatic Entrance.

8:10 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs the Residence en route Diplomatic Entrance for motorcade boarding.

*Hold in S.P. ent.*

8:14 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs The White House en route the U.S. Capitol.

(Driving time: 8 minutes)

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS

Lead S. Studdert

Spare Medical Officer

Limo THE PRESIDENT MB  
M. Deaver STOCKMAN  
M. Friedersdorf

Follow-up

Control ~~J. Canzeri~~  
D. Fischer  
Military Aide

Staff I ~~J. Baker~~  
R. Allen  
~~M. Anderson~~

Staff II J. Brady  
Official Photographer

Press Van I

Press Van II

Tail

8:22 a.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives the U.S. Capitol, Senate steps.

Met by: SEN. BAKER  
SEN. MICHAEL

Mr. Howard Liebengood, Senate Sergeant-at-Arms

Mr. Larry Smith, Deputy Senate Sergeant-at-Arms

LIVE TV COVERAGE

STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

All staff are to refrain from getting in the TV picture.

THE PRESIDENT, escorted by Mr. Liebengood and Mr. Smith, proceeds up the steps to S-230, Office of the Majority Leader.

PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

Press will follow up the steps, then be escorted to press area on 2nd floor, adjacent to Ohio Clock.

8:26

THE PRESIDENT arrives S-230.

Met by:

Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr. (R-Tenn.)  
Congressman Robert H. Michel (R-Ill.)

POOL PHOTO COVERAGE

STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

The following are to accompany THE PRESIDENT into S-230: J. Baker, M. Deaver, M. Friedersdorf, J. Brady. Other meeting participants will be escorted to S-207 (open seating). Staff not participating in meeting proceed to S-233, staff holding room.

8:35 a.m.

THE PRESIDENT, escorted by Senator Baker and Congressman Michel depart S-230 en route S-207.

STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

J. Baker, M. Deaver, M. Friedersdorf, and J. Brady proceed to S-207 (open seating).

✓ 8:36 a.m.

THE PRESIDENT enters S-207 and proceeds to the head table, preceded by Senator Baker and Congressman Michel.

LIVE "TODAY SHOW" COVERAGE  
CAPITOL PRESS POOL COVERAGE

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

- \* THE PRESIDENT
- Office of Management and Budget Director  
David A. Stockman ✓
- Secretary of Treasury Donald T. Regan ✓
- Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block
- Council of Economic Advisors Chairman  
Murray Weidenbaum ✓
- Republican National Committee Chairman  
Richard Richards ✓

Senate

- \* Howard Baker, Majority Leader of the Senate
- \* Ted Stevens, Majority Whip of the Senate
- James McClure, Chairman of the Republican Conference
- Jake Garn, Secretary of the Republican Conference
- John Tower, Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee
- Bob Packwood, Chairman of Commerce & Senatorial Campaign Committee
- Paul Laxalt
- Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- Mark Hatfield, Chairman of Appropriations Committee
- Pete Dominici, Chairman of Budget Committee
- Bob Dole, Chairman of Finance Committee
- Bill Roth, Chairman of Governmental Affairs Committee
- Jesse Helms, Chairman of Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry Committee
- Chuck Percy, Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee

House

- \* Bob Michel, Minority Leader of the Senate
- \* Trent Lott, Majority Whip of the House
- Jack Kemp, Chairman of Republican Conference
- Dick Cheney, Chairman of Republican Policy Conference
- Jack Edwards, Chairman of Republican Conference
- Clair Burgener, Vice Chairman of Republican Conference
- Guy VanderJagt, Chairman of National Republican Congressional Committee
- Bill Broomfield, Ranking Republican Member, Foreign Affairs Committee
- Barber Conable, Ranking Republican Member, Ways & Means Committee
- Silvio Conte, Ranking Republican Member, Appropriations Committee
- Delbert Latta, Ranking Republican Member, Budget Committee
- John Rhodes, Dean of House Republicans
- Frank Horton, Ranking Republican Member, Government Operations Committee
- William Wampler, Ranking Republican Member, Agriculture Committee

Staff

~~F. Meese~~  
J. Baker  
~~M. Deaver~~  
M. Anderson  
~~R. Allen~~  
J. Brady  
M. Friedersdorf  
K. Duberstein  
P. Moore

*L. SPARKS*

*E. MEASE ARRIVES 9:15*

Scenario of GOP Leadership Meeting

Senator Baker makes brief remarks.

Congressman Michel is introduced by Senator Baker, who steps to Cong. Michel's right and remains standing.

Congressman Michel makes brief remarks, then introduces THE PRESIDENT, steps to his left and behind THE PRESIDENT, and remains standing.

*8:36*

THE PRESIDENT makes brief remarks of two minutes.

Upon conclusion of THE PRESIDENT's remarks, all take their seats.

PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

Press are escorted out and the microphone removed.

9:30 a.m. Meeting concludes.

9:30 a.m. THE PRESIDENT is escorted by Senator Baker to S-230.

*9:40* 9:31 a.m. THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Senator Baker, arrives S-230 for private meeting.

*10:01 CONCLUDE*

Meeting Participants

To be announced.

STAFF AND PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

9:35 a.m. Staff and press proceeds to Law Library Door for motorcade boarding.

9:40 a.m. Private meeting concludes.

9:40 a.m. THE PRESIDENT, escorted by Mr. Liebengood and Mr. Smith, departs S-230 en route the Law Library Door for motorcade boarding.

*10:13*  
~~9:45~~ a.m.

THE PRESIDENT departs the U.S. Capitol en route The White House.

(Driving time: 8 minutes)

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS

Lead

Spare

Medical Officer

Limo

THE PRESIDENT *Em/JB*  
~~M. Deaver~~  
 M. Friedersdorf  
*D. Stockman*

Follow-up

Control

~~J. Canzeri~~  
 D. Fischer  
 Military Aide

Staff I

E. Meese  
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Staff III

J. Brady  
 S. Studdert  
 Official Photographer

Press Van I

Press Van II

Tail

9:53 a.m.

THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House and proceeds to The Oval Office.

TALKING POINTS: POST LEADERSHIP MEETING, MARCH 17, 1981

- This meeting has been very encouraging. I sense that the Congress really wants to work with us as a team. I also sense that there is a deep feeling running throughout the country -- that we are going to beat back inflation, make this economy strong again and put people back to work.
- The Republican party is clearly united in this big job. And we are confident that we are working cooperatively with the Democrats. In the end, this is not a partisan problem: it is a national problem.
- I'm impressed by the courage I've seen shown by the men and women of Congress. They are standing up to the pressures of the narrow interests -- they are answering the call of the American people.
- Today, we received word that we can expect action to go forward and that we will have some definite progress to report by this summer's recess.
- The earlier we can pass this package, the sooner we will get on top of inflation. The sooner the Congress acts, the sooner we will create more jobs. The earlier they take charge of these proposals, the earlier we will once again restore the United States of America to the position of being economically strong across the globe.
- But, we're not going to let up. All of us have to keep pressure on ourselves. We must never slow down our progress.

# THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 16, 1981

## MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 1981

LOCATION: Rooms S-230, S-207, U.S. Capitol, Senate Wing

TIME: 8:25 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (1 hour, 5 minutes)

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *MLF*

### I. PURPOSE

To discuss the President's economic legislative proposals with members of the Republican Congressional Leadership.

### II. BACKGROUND

The President meets on a regular basis with the Republican Congressional Leadership. This will be the second Leadership meeting on the Hill. (The previous meeting was bipartisan.) Agenda items include the tax reduction bill, the budget reductions, the dairy price support legislation, and Presidential reorganization authority. (See Attachment A)

### III. PARTICIPANTS

See Attachment B

### IV. PRESS PLAN

The first few minutes will be covered "live" by the morning news shows. During the "on camera" time the President will speak in support of his economic recovery package. (See Attachment C)

### V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The President arrives at the Senate Wing of the Capitol and meets privately at 8:25 a.m., for five minutes, with Senator Howard Baker (R-Tenn.), the Senate Majority Leader, and Rep. Bob Michel (R-Ill.), House Republican Leader. At 8:30 a.m. the President and the Leaders join the other Leaders in Room S-207, across the hallway from Senator Baker's office. (See Attachment D)

8:35 -  
8:36 - #207

Attachments: A, B, C, D and Talking Points

*Baker - Michel - RR*  
*2 min - 2 min - 2 min*

ATTACHMENT B

PARTICIPANTS

OMB Director Dave Stockman  
Secretary of Treasury Donald Regan  
Secretary of Agriculture John Block  
Chairman of the CEA, Murray Weidenbaum  
Chairman of the RNC, Richard Richards

SENATE

Howard Baker, Majority Leader of the Senate  
Ted Stevens, Majority Whip of the Senate  
James McClure, Chairman of the Republican Conference  
Jake Garn, Secretary of the Republican Conference  
John Tower, Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee  
Bob Packwood, Chairman of Commerce & Senatorial Campaign  
Committees  
Paul Laxalt  
Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
Mark Hatfield, Chairman of Appropriations Committee  
Pete Domenici, Chairman of Budget Committee  
Bob Dole, Chairman of Finance Committee  
Bill Roth, Chairman of Governmental Affairs Committee  
Jesse Helms, Chairman of Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry  
Committee  
Chuck Percy, Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee

HOUSE

Bob Michel, Minority Leader of the Senate  
Trent Lott, Majority Whip of the House  
Jack Kemp, Chairman of Republican Conference  
Dick Cheney, Chairman of Republican Policy Conference  
Jack Edwards, Chairman of Republican Conference  
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Delbert Latta, Ranking Republican Member, Budget Committee  
John Rhodes, Dean of House Republicans  
Frank Horton, Ranking Republican Member, Government Operations  
Committee  
William Wampler, Ranking Republican Member, Agriculture Committee

ATTACHMENT B (continued)

PARTICIPANTS

STAFF

Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
~~Mike Deaver~~  
Martin Anderson  
~~Dick Allen~~  
Jim Brady  
Max Friedersdorf  
Ken Duberstein  
Powell Moore  
Ed Rollins

*Lanny Spector*

REGRETS

Congressman Ed Madigan  
Congressman Jimmy Quillen  
Vice President  
Lyn Nofziger

*INACCURATE*

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

8:30 a.m. -- Presidential opening remarks.  
(5 minutes)

8:35 a.m. -- President calls on Senator Baker for Senate  
(5 minutes) legislative report.

8:40 a.m. -- President calls on Congressman Michel for House  
(5 minutes) legislative report.

8:45 a.m. -- President calls on Rep. Barbar Conable, ranking  
(5 minutes) Republican on Ways and Means Committee, for a  
report on the tax reduction hearings.

8:50 a.m. -- President calls on Senator Bob Dole, Chairman  
(5 minutes) of the Senate Finance Committee, for a report  
on the tax bill prospects in the Senate (no  
hearings underway.)

8:55 a.m. -- President calls on Rep. Del Latta, ranking  
(5 minutes) Republican on the House Budget Committee for  
a report on the budget hearings in the House.

9:00 a.m. -- President calls on Senator Domenici, Chairman  
(5 minutes) of the Senate Budget Committee, for a report  
on budget markup in his Committee.

9:05 a.m. -- President calls on Senator Helms for a report  
on the expected vote in the Senate today on  
the dairy price support elimination of the  
April 1 adjustment.

9:10 a.m. -- President calls on Rep. Bill Wampler, ranking  
(5 minutes) Republican on the House Agriculture Committee,  
for a report on the dairy price support issue  
in the House.

9:15 a.m. -- President calls on Rep. Frank Horton (R-N.Y.),  
(5 minutes) ranking on the House Government Operations Com-  
mittee, for a report on Reorganization legislation.

9:20 a.m. -- President calls on Senator Bill Roth (R-Del.),  
(5 minutes) Chairman of the Senate Government Operations  
for a report on Reorganization legislation.

9:25 a.m. -- President opens meeting to further discussion.  
(5 minutes)

9:30 a.m. -- President concludes meeting.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH: SENATORS DOMENICI, BAKER, GORTON, HATCH  
SIMMS, GRASSLEY, QUAYLE, BOSCHWITZ,  
ANDREWS, KASTEN, KASSENBAUM AND ARMSTRONG  
*Tanner*

TIME: 9:30 - 10:00 - March 17, 1981

PLACE: S-230, The Capitol

I. PURPOSE

To discuss Social Security cost-of-living adjustment --  
and persuade Senators not to reduce the adjustment.

II. BACKGROUND

Meeting set up at Domenici's request -- as discussed  
with you orally by Jim Baker (See attached memo from  
Domenici to Baker.)

III. TALKING POINTS

Please see attached "Talking Paper" prepared by  
Dave Stockman

Staff

*Meece*      *Anderson*  
*Schwartz*  
*Reich*  
*Stockman*  
*Baker*  
*Brady*

MEMORANDUM

March 16, 1981

TO: JIM BAKER, WHITE HOUSE  
FROM: SENATOR PETE V. DOMENICI, CHAIRMAN, SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE  
SUBJECT: ATTACHED MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT ON INDEXED FEDERAL PROGRAMS

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At Senator Howard Baker's suggestion, I am sending through you to the President a short memorandum concerning those programs in the federal budget that increase automatically according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The issue is a delicate one, in light of the President's expressed desire to protect elderly and disabled recipients of social security and other benefits against the effects of budget austerity. However, many of our members believe that reducing the cost of indexing is highly desirable -- both as an inflation-fighting step and as a significant step toward controlling the 37 percent of the budget that is both indexed and entitlement in nature.

This issue is highlighted by the need to go beyond those cuts already proposed by the President by approximately \$30 billion in outlays in Fiscal 1983 and by \$44 billion in outlays in Fiscal 1984 in order to achieve the balanced budget goal the President has set. I should add that bipartisan support for indexing changes now exists on the Budget Committee. We will be unable to avoid discussing and, perhaps, making a decision on the issue.

We are asking for a meeting with the President as soon as possible to discuss this issue. Our markup starts today -- March 16th -- and the issue could crop up quickly during that markup.

TO: THE PRESIDENT

MARCH 16, 1981

THROUGH: JIM BAKER

FROM: SENATOR PETE DOMENICI, CHAIRMAN, SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: INDEXING OF FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

Several Senators on the Senate Budget Committee, including both Republican and Democratic members, during the past week have expressed strong support for changing the way in which cost-of-living increases are made in "indexed" federal benefit programs such as Social Security, Civil Service Retirement, and other programs. Support for changes in indexing stems from six main considerations:

- (1) Indexing of federal programs will increase spending between 1981 and 1982 by more than \$22 billion, even under your Administration's fairly optimistic economic projections. The 1984 cost of indexing, over what these programs would cost if there were no indexing, will be about \$55 billion if the Administration's economic goals are achieved.
- (2) If the current inflation estimates are low, future costs of indexing will be even higher and will threaten your balanced budget goal. It seems prudent to build savings into those programs which are especially inflation sensitive.
- (3) Acting now to reduce the cost of indexing will relieve pressure on Social Security trust funds and help avoid the necessity for a major increase in payroll taxes.
- (4) Politically, it seems wise to achieve some of the budget savings in your economic plan by holding increases in indexed programs somewhat below what would otherwise occur. This would allow some funding relief for programs which many members of Congress believe have been attacked too fiercely in your economic plan.
- (5) We believe most elderly and disabled Americans who are the primary beneficiaries of indexed programs would understand, and even applaud, a modest hold-down for the next two years or so of their cost-of-living increases, if it were presented to them as part of the overall effort to control the federal budget and bring down inflation.
- (6) Under the economic projections on which your budget is based, federal spending would be reduced by \$3.8 billion in Fiscal 1982, \$4.2 billion in Fiscal 1983 and \$4.5 billion in Fiscal 1984 if cost-of-living increases were limited to the lower of increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or increases in average wages. Alternatively, a "cap" on cost-of-living increases equal to 85 percent of the rise in CPI would produce savings of \$5.2 billion in Fiscal 1982, \$7.6 billion in Fiscal 1983 and \$10.3 billion in Fiscal 1984.

Several members of the Senate Budget Committee and I would like to meet with you at your convenience, but as early as possible in light of our markup sessions this week, to discuss this problem and receive your reaction to the suggestion that the Committee address the indexing question. That issue will surface in our Committee and elsewhere in Congress, whether or not we bring it up.

## TALKING PAPER

### ON SOCIAL SECURITY COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT

A. We have a strong campaign and policy commitment to not tampering with Social Security Cost-of-Living (COLA) Adjustments

In both numerous campaign statements and in the February 18 economic message, I pledged that social security cost-of-living adjustments would be spared in our effort to achieve deep reductions in federal spending growth. These statements are now a matter of basic Administration commitment. If we retreat on this issue at this early stage of the legislative process, both the social safety net and our credibility will spring large holes.

B. The economic and budget case for reducing the cost-of-living adjustment is not compelling for the following reasons:

1. While indexed programs contribute to budget growth, they do not cause inflation per se. Excessive money supply growth and overall federal deficits are the real cause, and our comprehensive economic program is designed to eliminate both;
2. We have identified nearly \$50 billion in budget reductions among discretionary programs and lower priority federal commitments. Before any consideration is given to the COLA issue, these reductions should be achieved first.
3. As a practical matter, anything less than full inflation indexing for social security amounts to a reduction in real

benefits (after inflation) for 33 million retired Americans. These senior citizens have already had a large share of their lifetime savings destroyed -- bonds, pensions, life insurance values and savings accounts -- by government created inflation over the last decade. They shouldn't be asked to pay twice.

4. As a technical matter, the CPI has indeed over-stated the true rate of inflation for the past two years. However, for technical reasons, this over-measurement, due to CPI index weighting and composition, occurs only when inflation, interest rates and housing prices are rapidly rising. Our total economic plan will reverse this trend, with the result that future CPI based adjustments will again be an accurate measure of cost-of-living increases for Social Security.

C. The politics of COLA could threaten our entire program

1. We do not believe rank and file Democrats have any intention of actually voting -- when it counts -- to modify the cost of living index. But if we are lured into supporting a \$3 - \$4 billion budget savings by modifying the COLA, they will almost certainly unleash a political attack against the whole economic program by cultivating apprehension among our elderly supporters.

2. Finally, if we trade-off budget savings in other program areas for savings via COLA modification, we run a large risk of losing both, and thereby failing to meet our bottom line spending and deficit targets.

STAFF AND PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

11:45 a.m. Board motorcade at Diplomatic Entrance.

11:45 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs The Residence and proceeds to board motorcade at Diplomatic Entrance.

11:50 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs The White House en route Irish Ambassador Sean Donlon's Residence.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTSLeadSpare

Medical Officer

Limo

THE PRESIDENT

*MKA, J. BRADY*Follow-upControl~~M. Deaver~~~~J. Canzeri~~

D. Fischer

Military Aide

Staff~~J. Brady~~

S. Studdert

Official Photographer

Press Van IPress Van IITail

12:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives the Ambassador Sean Donlon's residence, 2244 "S" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

## Met by:

Ambassador and Mrs. Sean Donlon (Paula)  
(Ambassador of Ireland)Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fitzgerald (Noreen)  
(Irish Minister of Finance)

## OPEN PRESS COVERAGE (outside only)

THE PRESIDENT, escorted by Ambassador and Mrs. Sean Donlon and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fitzgerald, proceeds inside to reception area, where reception has been in progress since 11:45 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT greets guests.

See Tab A for guest list.

STAFF AND PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

Staff and press will be escorted to holding area and served sandwiches.

12:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and guests are seated for lunch.

Lunch is served.

PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

1:10 p.m. Press escorted to dining room.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT  
FOR  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1981

EVENT: LUNCHEON AT IRISH AMBASSADOR DONLON'S RESIDENCE

THE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION

Luncheon

Toast

WEATHER

Mid 40's

Partly Cloudy

20% Chance of Precipitation

DRESS

Men's Business Suit

ADVANCE

O'WILES, LANNY  
McKUHNS, JIM

LEAD  
PRESS

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STAFF AND PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

11:45 a.m. Board motorcade at Diplomatic Entrance.

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11:50 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs The White House en route Irish Ambassador Sean Donlon's Residence.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS

Lead

Spare

Medical Officer

Limo

THE PRESIDENT

Follow-up

Control

M. Deaver  
J. Canzeri  
D. Fischer  
Military Aide

Staff

J. Brady  
S. Studdert  
Official Photographer

Press Van I

Press Van II

Tail

12:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives the Ambassador Sean Donlon's residence, 2244 "S" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Met by:

Ambassador and Mrs. Sean Donlon (Paula)  
(Ambassador of Ireland)  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fitzgerald (Noreen)  
(Irish Minister of Finance)

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE (outside only)

THE PRESIDENT, escorted by Ambassador and Mrs. Sean Donlon and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fitzgerald, proceeds inside to reception area, where reception has been in progress since 11:45 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT greets guests.

See Tab A for guest list.

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Staff and press will be escorted to holding area and served sandwiches.

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LUNCHEON - IRISH EMBASSY - MARCH 17, 1981

MR. AMBASSADOR, MRS. DONLON, HONORED GUESTS: I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE ON THIS SPECIAL DAY FOR IRISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. TODAY REMINDS US OF THE TRULY EXTRAORDINARY TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN THE LAST CENTURY MILLIONS OF IRISHMEN LANDED ON OUR SHORE TO ESCAPE FAMINE AND OPPRESSION.

OURS IS TRULY A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS, AND AMONG THE PROUDEST AND BEST OF THESE WERE THE IRISH. THEIR DESCENDENTS ARE THE CEMENT THAT WILL ALWAYS BIND OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I AM PROUD TO BE PART OF THAT TRADITION.

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I AM HONORED TO HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOU, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE TRADITIONAL SHAMROCK, WHICH SYMBOLIZES THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US, AND I THANK YOU AS WELL FOR THE OTHER KIND GIFTS, PARTICULARLY THE BEAUTIFUL SCROLL OF THE REAGAN IRISH FAMILY TREE.

YET, MOST OF ALL, I APPRECIATE, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE BIT OF IRISH HOSPITALITY YOU ARE PERSONALLY EXTENDING TO ME ON THIS DAY WHEN I KNOW YOUR PRESENCE IS IN DEMAND -- NOT JUST IN WASHINGTON, BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, WHERE ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS OBSERVED WITH A FERVOR EQUAL TO THAT IN IRELAND.

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TODAY IS A DAY WHEN THERE ARE ONLY TWO KINDS OF  
AMERICANS. THOSE OF IRISH DESCENT -- AND THOSE WHO WISH  
THEY WERE. I SUSPECT THAT WHEN I RETURN TO THE WHITE HOUSE  
MY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER -- WHO ALSO HAPPENS TO HAVE  
A BIT OF IRISH BLOOD -- WILL RUSH TO ME WITH A REPORT THAT  
OUR SATELLITES ARE OBSERVING THAT THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS  
TURNING INTO A SHADE OF IRISH GREEN. IT REMINDS ME OF  
THESE HEARTFELT WORDS OF DION BOUCICAULT (BOO-SEE-KOH):

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WHEN LAW CAN STOP THE BLADES OF GRASS,  
FROM GROWING AS THEY GROW;  
AND WHEN THE LEAVES IN SUMMERTIME THEIR  
COLOUR DARE NOT SHOW;  
THEN WILL I CHANGE THE COLOUR TOO, I WEAR  
IN MY CAUBEEN;  
BUT TILL THAT DAY, PLAZE GOD, I'LL STICK TO  
WEARIN' O' THE GREEN.

THE JOY FOR LIFE AND HAPPINESS IN THE HEARTS OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF IRELAND IS A BLESSING SHARED BY THE ENTIRE WORLD EVERY ST. PATRICK'S DAY. BUT AS WE OBSERVE THIS DAY OF CELEBRATION, WE CANNOT FORGET THE CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE THAT CONTINUE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. WE PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF THE INNOCENT, AND FOR THE CONVERSION OF THOSE ENGAGED IN THIS SENSELESS TERRORISM. THOSE ENGAGED IN SUCH VIOLENCE MUST KNOW THAT THEIR ASSAULTS VIOLATE EVERY HUMANE STANDARD OF CIVILIZED MEN AND WOMEN. THE WORLD HOLDS THEM IN CONTEMPT.

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WE HAVE NO DEEPER WISH THAN THAT BY NEXT ST. PATRICK'S DAY, REASONABLE MEN AND WOMEN ON BOTH SIDES IN NORTHERN IRELAND WILL BRIDGE LONGSTANDING DIVISIONS THROUGH GOOD WILL AND COMPROMISE. SUCH EFFORTS CONTINUE TO HAVE THE FULL BACKING OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND THE UTMOST SUPPORT OF THEIR PRESIDENT.

AND NOW, MR. AMBASSADOR, MRS. DONLON, HONORED GUESTS, I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE IRISH AND AMERICAN PEOPLES.

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