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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 3, 1986 *WWS* *RR*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER *WWS for*
SUBJECT: OPSAIL Backgrounder and Talking Points

(Mitterrand)
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Attachments

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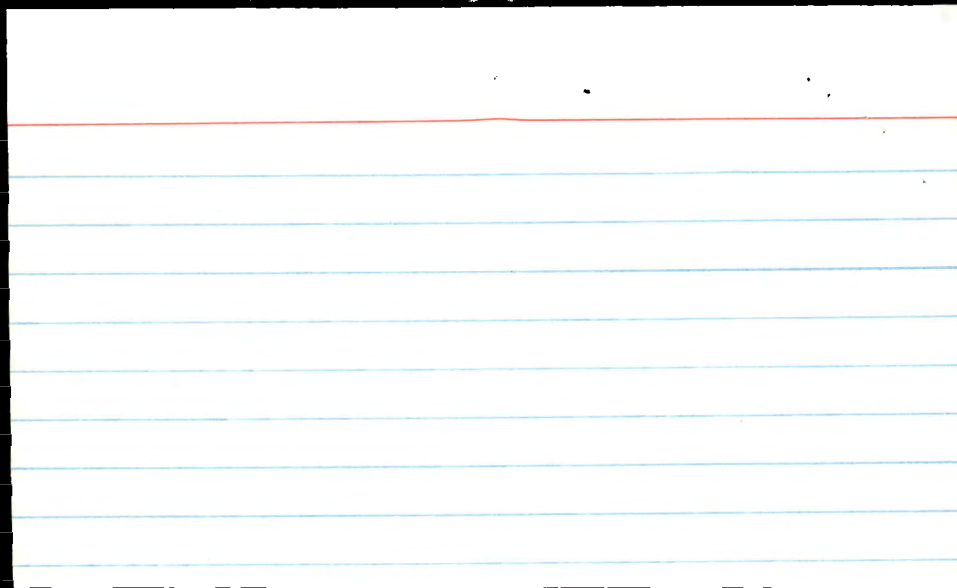
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OPSAIL TALKING POINTS

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TALKING POINTS

- This is the largest parade of tall ships ever assembled. Twenty-two ships from all over the world (19 countries) are in the formal parade.
- OPSAIL represents dramatic demonstration of international goodwill and unity. Commemorates themes of liberty and freedom.
- I am told there are as many as 40,000 vessels in the rivers and harbor today, from the Queen Elizabeth II and the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy to the smallest row boat.
- Understand two French destroyers and a helicopter carrier are among the 40,000.
- The "BELEM" is a beautiful ship. Heard it was built 90 years ago. I understand she will lead the parade when they come back up river.
- Statue of Liberty perfect symbol of this magnificent day.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

ACTION

July 2, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB *me***SIGNED**

SUBJECT:

OPSAIL Backgrounder and Talking Points

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President forwarding background information, including a book, on OPSAIL 86. Suggested talking points the President may wish to use during the parade of tall ships are attached at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the memo to the President at Tab I.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

On Travel

Michael Castine concurs.

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Tab I	Memo to the President
Tab A	Suggested Talking Points
Tab B	OPSAIL Book

H.J.C.

National Security Council
The White House

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John Poindexter	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>A</u>
Rodney McDaniel	<u>6</u>	<u>dm 7/2</u>	<u>PN</u>
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cc: VP Regan Buchanan Other _____

COMMENTS

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