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1. Hooks and Wilson visit today: Bradley to brief President five minutes before meeting. Dole/Anderson
2. Senate Finance Committee GOP will meet with President at 1:30 p.m. today. Friedersdorf
3. Split up Peace Corps/Action: Veto signal sent to Senate, but failed to stall action; Senate vote indicates bill vetoable. Friedersdorf
4. Cabinet meeting today: Agenda includes Davis-Bacon, reconciliation and tax package.
 - On Davis-Bacon, a number of departments would like partial repeal; Donovan advocating administrative ways to make less onerous; Meese views Cabinet discussion today of Davis-Bacon as information, not decision, meeting.
5. Helms-Collins amendment denying use of Justice funds in busing litigation: While Administration against busing, this bill bad process and could impede Justice from defending suits brought by minority organizations to promote busing. Discussed with Carter in transition; we supported Carter position to oppose amendment. President has said opposes process, but would sign bill. Meese/Anderson
 - Need to discuss with Justice
 - Then with President
 - Then develop policy
 - Interim guidance: looking at bill carefully; President's view on busing well known.
6. CPI Guidance: Up at 8.5% annual rate vs. 5+% for last month; this result of three month old mortgage rate increases being added; food and gas down. First time in several years that year to year inflation rate has dropped under 10% (9.8%). Don't want to crow about favorable inflation trend, else we take pressure off reconciliation and tax package.
7. Legal services: Senate has voted \$100 million in legal services (vs. for Legal Services Corp.); House has voted for funding LSC; hope to get Senate version in conference. Harper

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8. <u>Military Pay Bill</u> : Keep to 14.3% increase (no strings) despite Senate attempt to increase above budget.	Harper
9. <u>Banks' responsibility regarding student loans</u> : Administration will send letter to Senate committee (requested by Stafford); we do not want to absolve banks of their responsibility.	Harper
10. <u>Medicaid Cap</u> : Paper coming to Meese regarding Governors' Williamson proposal on this; chances are cannot go along.	
11. <u>Casein Imports</u> : President committed to USDA study of alleged import problem during negotiating dairy price support legislation; agreed with Howard Baker to study, but question on timing.	Anderson/ Friedersdorf

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1. Israeli Elections: Have to wait until end of day; refer inquiries to State. Allen/Speakes
2. Press Deputy: Pete Roussel introduced.
3. Immigration: President will review; there probably will not be decision today; will have to move with Cuban-Haitian matters soon. Anderson/Hodsoll
4. National Association of Counties Preparations: All materials in. Williamson
5. White House staff contacts regarding matters being litigated and rule making: Need memo setting guidelines on this; must totally avoid contact regarding matters being considered by Justice. Fielding
6. Staff discussions of policy matters in newspapers: This must stop. Noted were OMB/DOT discussions in POST and story on B-1. Meese
7. Positive POST story on CETA cuts: We should use this in showing our economic package is not really hurting. Ursomarso
8. Footwear decision aftermath: Nothing much in press; some fire from affected Senators.
9. Clean Air Act: Meetings yesterday with business went well. Dole
10. Materials for Boll Weevils on tax package: Need to counter efforts by Speaker and Rostenkowski to split Boll Weevils off from our Gramm-Latta coalition. This will be tough battle; Dem's saying need to vote party lines on at least the tax package, and conservatives don't like deficits. Suggested line:
 - Democratic plan not tax cut; it is only reduction in tax increases.
 - By providing for different tax rate cuts depending on income, it's less equitable; it does not relate the cuts to what people pay.
 - There is more chance of savings and investment resulting from cuts in upper brackets.Darman to monitor Friedersdorf/Dole/Nofziger/Ursomarso

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11. <u>MX and B-1 Decision:</u> There will be no Presidential decision until consultations completed. Suggestion that next week affected relevant Congressmen should come down for briefings: President has no timetable on either MX or B-1.	Allen
12. <u>DOT Airline Crew Decision:</u> Lewis is now reviewing Task Force results; this strictly a DOT safety matter.	Fuller
13. <u>National Urban League invitation to V.P.:</u> Need recommendation on this; President will be in Ottawa; Vernon Jordan much less unsupportive of President than NAACP.	Dole
14. <u>D.C. Voting Amendment:</u> Need report on this for tomorrow's staff meeting. President opposed during Campaign, but continuing opposition could add to anti-Black image.	Anderson
15. <u>Stockman Subpoena for pre-contract documentation (Union Oil -- DOE):</u> Subpoena abated. We should not provide documents relevant to a pending contract. Question of whether deal with Congressman Moffett holds; OMB to write letter.	Harper/Fielding
16. <u>Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline:</u> Cabinet Council on this this afternoon. Senior Staff alerted that this important issue; attend if they like (Nofziger/Dole).	Anderson
17. <u>Issues coming up in next two weeks:</u> Need to be aware of a number of controversial issues coming up: -- Natural gas decontrol -- Immigration -- Volunteer outreach to Vietnam veterans -- Oil emergency preparedness legislation (should be allocation power for DOE) -- Telecommunications policy -- COLA/indexing policy -- SPR allocation -- Enterprise zones	Meese/Fuller

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1. Habib Lunch Today: To include V.P./Meese/Baker/Deaver/Allen. We will wait until after meeting to decide whether to issue statement. Nance
2. Congressional Briefings on B-1 and MX: Need to lay this on with President. Deaver/
Friedersdorf
3. Congressional Dinner for House Members Supporting Budget/Reconciliation Package: Need to schedule (188 GOP plus 29 Dems); hope to encourage to vote for tax package. Deaver/
Friedersdorf
4. Selling Effort on Tax Package: Need to work on GOP; (read Michel interview Copley News Service being circulated). Friedersdorf to pull together list of requests from GOP Congressmen for appointments. Noted that business not working as hard on tax package. Also noted will get some Northern Democratic support for tax package. Friedersdorf/
Darman/Dole
5. Immigration and Refugees: Will be put on Cabinet agenda Tuesday, 7/14. Fuller
6. Davis-Bacon: Will be put on Cabinet agenda Wednesday, 7/15. But need to check with Donovan whether can postpone; some question as to whether 7/15 date firm. Fuller *WLB*
7. Policy matters being considered in Cabinet Councils over next two weeks:
 - Natural Gas Decontrol and Fuel Use Act
 - Volunteer Outreach to Vietnam Veterans
 - Oil Emergency Preparedness Legislation
 - Telecommunications
 - COLA/Indexing
 - Strategic Petroleum Reserve Allocation
 - Enterprise Zones
 - Alaskan Gas Pipeline

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8. <u>Clean Air Act:</u> To be considered by Cabinet week of 7/13.	Fuller
9. <u>Housing Commission:</u> Additional names for Housing Commission to be considered at this afternoon's Personnel Meeting. Meeting with President drop-by.	Gray/James
10. <u>Fielding Memos on Contact with Independent Regulatory Agencies and Justice:</u> These passed out; discussion for tomorrow's Senior Staff.	Fielding
11. <u>Joint Economic Committee Hearings on Block Grants:</u> OMB holding meeting this afternoon; Legislative Affairs to check on Hill status.	Harper/ Friedersdorf
12. <u>Schedule Legislative Strategy Meeting for tomorrow PM.</u>	Darman
13. <u>National Association of Black Manufacturers:</u> Need to plug in since supportive of President.	Dole

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1. AWACS and F-15s: Timing for informal consultations with Congress not decided; wire stories erroneous; consultations with other parties (Saudis, et al) in final stages. Allen/Baker
2. Legislative Strategy Meeting: Next one scheduled for Friday. Darman
3. Tax Bill: Will go to Senate floor in 7/15-17 time frame. Friedersdorf
4. Clean Air Act: Need to decide at Legislative Strategy Meeting when to go forward with package; Howard Baker believes better after recess; two views in EOP. Gorsuch will discuss Clean Air Act tactics with Howard Baker today without regard to when Administration goes forward with package. Hodsoll
- Trans-boundary air pollution problem with Canada noted. Team going to Ottawa for Ottawa Summit consultations should assure have all facts. Fuller
5. Non-proliferation Policy Statement: Statement will be released Thursday; White House briefing in EOB room 450; Kennedy and Guhin to brief. (Noted NYT contains article on non-proliferation statement.) Allen
6. Trade Policy Statement: Brock testifies today with paper appended to his testimony; we will make this available from STR; it represents another example of the lead Cabinet member setting forth Administration position. Gergen/Fuller
7. Conventional Arms Transfer Statement: To be released tomorrow. Allen
8. National Airport Policy: White House not informed on contents; need to review before release; if horse out of barn, need to posture in way that permits support. (NOTE: Decisions like this should in future be vetted by White House staff prior to releasing.) Fuller
9. Press Attempts to get White House Staff to Grade Cabinet Officers: Don't participate.
10. Military Manpower Task Force: This will be announced today. Anderson/Gergen

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11. <u>Cabinet/NSC/Cabinet Council/Cabinet Level Committee Meetings:</u>	Fuller
-- Need to sum up at end of meeting with public guidance as to line we should take with press on what took place.	
-- Need to tell Brock that he should limit attendance at TPC Meetings.	
12. <u>Hosea Williams Trip to Japan: Letter to Embassy in Japan should be from Allen on behalf of President. (NOTE: Williams aggrandizing his position on this.)</u>	Allen
13. <u>Defense Authorization Bill and Computer Multi-Year Procurement Bill: Need Administration positions.</u>	Meese/Fuller
14. <u>Davis-Bacon:</u> Do not need decision until 8/15.	
15. <u>Cabinet Council on Natural Resources: Natural gas pricing and river basin commissions being considered today.</u>	Anderson/Fuller

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1. <u>Congressional Reconciliation Strategy Meeting:</u> Depending on Stockman's advice, may wish to schedule Baker, Domenici and Michel regarding reconciliation strategy at 9:45 a.m. time slot.	Baker
2. <u>Observation of President Coming to Work:</u> White House staff admonished not to take people to colonnade to watch President coming to work.	
3. <u>EOP Budget Items:</u> OMB still working on restoration of \$4 million for regulatory reform; OPD still at zero in House (but Senate OK). Expect to work in conference on OPD.	Friedersdorf/ Harper/Anderson
4. <u>Trudeau Bilateral:</u> Will focus primarily on Ottawa Summit. Bilateral discussions in passing (at lunch).	Allen/Darman
5. <u>Congressional Meeting (Ranking GOP Members) with President on B-1 and MX:</u> This listening session. President has not received final briefings. No decision; still quite far away from decision.	Friedersdorf/ Allen
6. <u>Multifiber Agreement:</u> President committed in Campaign to renewal and strengthening (tie to percentage of growth). Anderson to check on policy and what is happening in Geneva. This to be reviewed again at future senior staff meeting.	Anderson
7. <u>Guidance Reported Haig/White House Split on Begin:</u> This could cause problems regarding additional deliveries to Israel. Need to get to Catto (DOD) and Fischer (State) to develop common line.	Allen/Gergen/ Speakes
8. <u>California Fruit Fly:</u> Department of Agriculture quarantine will take place this morning. California legislature wants helicopter spraying to eliminate fruit fly problem; Brown refuses to spray for environmental reasons. Need to check out facts.	Fuller
9. <u>New Zealand Butter:</u> Refer to Agriculture.	Fuller
10. <u>Chicago/Harvard/MIT Special Legislation to Help Financing:</u> Need to check on this.	Anderson
11. <u>Postal Service Labor Negotiations:</u> White House should not become involved; but need to stay apprised.	Fuller

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1. Ft. Chaffee: Hope to finalize analysis of Bainbridge vs. alternatives today. Announcement should be made by Justice. Announcement on gradual release (beginning September) Atlanta Penitentiary petty criminals should come after Chaffee announcement. Need to check on Clarence Brown's power regarding appropriations for Bainbridge. Hodson
2. Gaston Thorne Meeting with V.P.: Should be tough with Thorne; suggestion that Rentschler sit in on meeting. Low key announcement of meeting with President. Allen/Murphy
3. Presidential Tax Package Lunch: At request Baker/Dole/Tower need to arrange this Tuesday. Friedersdorf
4. O'Connor Meeting with President: Need to arrange meeting for Wednesday. Deaver
5. Volcker Meeting with President: Need to arrange meeting Thursday. Anderson
6. Recruitment of Women Announcement: Good record here; but should publicize next week with photo op; this week's news already heavy. Dole/Gergen
7. Cabinet Meeting Today: Will deal with reconciliation strategy and budget (restricted attendance) and immigration; probably no decision on latter. Fuller
8. Guidance on POST Story on National Security Briefings: Numbers attending national security briefings had been increasing; therefore decided to have national security planning meetings (with more restrictive attendance) instead. Meese/Allen
9. "Deaver to the Rescue" Story Re: Ottawa Summit: This inaccurate; did not come from White House. Gergen
10. California Fruit Flies: This is state problem; Feds have responsibility to quarantine when state takes inadequate measures (Note: we have denied Federal facilities for helicopters due to possibility of environmental opposition; there are more than enough air fields in California to handle private helicopter spraying operations). Fuller

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- 11: National Energy Plan Guidance: Wall Street Journal Anderson/Gergen
has article on this stating Plan to be major
departure; need to look into this and provide
guidance.

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1. Immigration: Meeting with Laxalt to be added to agenda at 10:30; AG to be invited. Hodson/Friedersdorf
2. AWACS: Package to be ready next week. Allen/Darman
3. Donovan to the Rescue in the Baseball Strike Guidance: His presence to attend one meeting requested by Federal Mediation Service. President unaware. Fuller
4. CIA Director: President has full confidence in Casey; he knew about the reported business items in Casey's past before Casey was confirmed. These matters may have also been known during Casey's confirmation in the Nixon Administration. Gergen
5. Burns to President regarding Ottawa Summit: Burns should report to the Secretary of State who will report to the President. Need to do this in nice way. Allen
6. Secretary of Interior: President continues to have confidence in Jim Watt notwithstanding conservation groups. Gergen
7. Press Stories that President Yesterday Left in Advance of "Football" Guidance: President was at all times equipped to deal with any emergencies. Gergen
8. Synfuels Contracts: Need position on three Synfuels contracts; this tied in with contempt proceeding against Edwards; Toby Moffett involved. Thomas to get details from Meese and report to Harper; also need to check with Fielding on legal status. Thomas/Harper/Fielding
9. FEMA Appropriations: Need to make sure that GOP Congressman Mitchell can go along with Administration supporting Democratic budget number (\$125 million vs. \$174 million). Question whether Meese has taken care of Mitchell. Garrick
10. Pay Cap: We will not permit pay cap to go up 4.8% along with General Schedule pay increase in light of budget cuts. Harper

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11. <u>Conference on Aging: Senior Staff urged to get in thoughts as to delegates and observers; California/Florida/New York under quota.</u>	Dole
12. <u>Soviet Academy of Sciences Invitations Guidance: White House staff should decline.</u>	Allen
13. <u>Carey Criticism of Economic Package: Koch and D'Amato have responded to this in New York papers.</u>	Williamson
14. <u>Multi-fiber Arrangement: Cabinet Council MFA decision to be run by Senior Staff to be sure it meets Campaign commitment. Geneva discussions currently in preliminary stage; possibility of slightly decreasing rate of imports and opening up slightly for smaller countries U.S. market.</u>	Anderson

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1. Legislative Strategy Meeting: Immediately after Senior Staff (to include Meese, Deaver, Darman, Fuller, Gergen, Friedersdorf). Baker
2. Postal Strike: This appears to be worked out; no comment on Bolger communication. Speakes
3. Immigration: Decision announcement Friday, (White House noon briefing followed by Justice detailed press conference). Information to be provided to Allen for Mexican Ambassador in advance. Hodsoll
4. Refugees in Puerto Rico: Need to have Presidential phone call to Governor; suggest also V.P. phone call to Mayor of San Juan. White House and Justice in sync on public affairs. Williamson
5. Ottawa Summit: Great success. Praise to everyone, particularly re U.S. domination of press.
6. White House swearing-in of Rostow: Need to check into, but normally would not. Deaver
7. Tax Package: Need to pull out stops with business groups. Dole
8. Block Grants: Need to take as strong a line as possible on this (Wall Street Journal article noted). Williamson
9. Synfuels Contracts: Will be discussed at today's Cabinet Council on Natural Resources. No decision. Contempt citation of Edwards noted. White House staff need to avoid discussion of contracts with outsiders. (Noted that Noble back on job.) Anderson/Fielding
10. Prosecution of those who register for draft: OMB bureaucracy involved, but no Administration decision on this. Need policy. Anderson
11. Appropriations Process: HUD coming in way over mark despite Stockman letter implying threat of veto. This does not augur well for budget process. Harper
12. GNP figures: Commerce will announce today that GNP down 1.9%; inflation at 7.8%; no sign of pick-up this year. Need to stress need for tax package in this respect.

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| <p>13. <u>Casey Investigation Guidance:</u> All information
being supplied consistent with Privacy Act.</p> <p>14. <u>Presidential News Conference:</u> Possibility towards
end of July. Need to keep this very confidential</p> <p>15. <u>Lunch with Southeast Editors on Taxes:</u> President
has prepared remarks; Regan to take Q & A's.</p> | <p>Speakes</p> |
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1. California Visit: Need to generate business events for President while in California. Darman
2. Budget & Tax Bill Signings: Depending on Congressional timing, may sign bills in D.C. or in California. Need to pull together reception of supporters (outside of Congress) if ceremony occurs in D.C. Friedersdorf/
Dole/Williamson
3. Labor Day Events: President will address Carpenter's Union September 2/3. Other events to follow. Deaver
4. CPI Figures: Weidenbaum reported that latest CPI equates to an annual rate of 8.8% which is good news: continued price restraint, i.e., well below double digit.
5. DOE Contempt: Government Operations Committee may cite Edwards for contempt of Congress. Position on labor contracts may affect Congressional action. Fielding/Fuller
6. Ashbrook Abortion Amendment: John Ashbrook has offered an amendment to the Treasury, Post Office and general Government Appropriations bill, barring Government expenditures for abortions -- including administrative expenditures relating to abortions. The bill appears to make no exception for the endangered mother. What is the Administration position? Harper to provide copy of written bill. Harper
7. Selective Service Prosecution: What is position on prosecution of 100+ youths who did not sign up for draft? Fielding
8. NRA Attack: Nofziger pointed out that NRA is attacking an ABC film on guns; none of the scenes depicted are from this Administration. Fuller

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1. Immigration: There will be a meeting at 8:45 a.m. with the President, Baker, AG, Regan, Friedersdorf, Fuller and Hodsoll to determine timing and one final issue of substance. Hodsoll
2. Schedule Item: Clark will be added to the President's schedule at 10:15 a.m.
3. Speech Conference: Gergen/Dolan/Elliott will meet with the President. Gergen
4. Guidance on Israeli/Lebanon Cease-Fire: Don't know how long the cease-fire will continue, but we are hopeful; no hostile military activities either way. (We called it a de facto cease-fire; Israelis called it return to peaceful conditions; POST has thoughtful editorial.)
5. Casey Guidance: Will be provided later today (subject to telephone calls). Wick parties for Casey should be turned off if possible. Baker/Nofziger
6. Appropriations Process: Still question marks; three bills out. Harper
7. Ashbrook Right to Life Amendment: RR commitment remains firm, but should not be part of appropriations bill. Need to address issue straight up or down. Friedersdorf
8. Tax Speech: Will go Monday at 8:00 p.m.; relevant members Senior Staff should be available to work on speech with President Sunday; need to work out timing with nets. Gergen
9. Extension Voting Rights Act: We will not go in with position now. Anderson/Friedersdorf
10. Ottawa Summit: ICA summary of European press should be retyped to send out to constituency groups (including "FIRST MONDAY"). European press very favorable to President. Allen/Gergen/Ursomarso
11. Next Week's Schedule:
 - Need to keep as clean as possible for tax package
 - Scratch Cabinet Tuesday Fuller
 - Attempt to delay Atlanta trip to Thursday Williamson
 - Delay NSC to Thursday and Friday Allen

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12. Synfuels Contracts: President needs to discuss with Domenici and McClure; delay decision (if turn down) until after tax package through. Fuller

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1. Schedule: GOP Congressmen will be added to President's schedule for tax package selling purposes. Gribbin
2. Private Groups on Tax Package: Securities industry and cattlemen may buy on to Ways and Means package; but have number of groups with us. Need to publicize list of these groups. Dole/Gergen
3. V.P.: Will be back tonight.
4. Press Story on Covert Action Guidance: No truth in this. Gergen
5. Selective Service Prosecution of Those Who Have Not Registered: Report coming in from Justice. Fielding
6. Tax Speech: Need to get calls to Congress for President's program (referred to in speech). Gribbin (list of Congress)
Nofziger (on State GOP)
Dole (on interest groups)
Williamson (on Govs/ Mayors)
7. Appropriations Process This Week: Harper
 - Treasury/Postal Service: Reservations but not opposed
 - Agriculture: Opposed
 - State/Justice (Wednesday): Opposed
 - Transportation (Thursday): Opposed
8. Edwards Contempt Citation: Full Committee will vote on this Thursday. Fielding/Fuller
9. Telecommunications: Meeting on this at 4 p.m. Meese

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1. Schedule:
 - Prince Bandar scheduled at 2:15 p.m. (Allen)
 - Hightower scratched at 1:30 p.m.
 - RR calls to Senators on IDA replenishment at 9:45 a.m.
2. Tax Package Guidance: Need to get word out that Administration closing gap on obtaining approval of tax package. If O'Neill really winning, wouldn't fly in Congressman Carter (dying of cancer); we expect 20 or more Boll Weevils to vote with us. Gergen
3. Tax Package Support: Calls to Congress and all major groups laid on. Gribbin/Dole
4. Classification: Do not use "confidential" when not national security, use "administratively confidential". Darman
5. Surgeon General Legislative Waiver on Age: Administration to support bill providing for Surgeon General over 64, and support necessary signatures for discharge petition. Gribbin
6. Selective Service Registration Prosecution: Justice will provide additional notice and time to comply. Fielding
7. Synfuels Contracts: All information now before President; decision very shortly. (There will be a meeting with McClure and Domenici on this today.) Fuller
8. Poly Petroleum Bill: We will oppose. (This involves claim of environmental interference with offshore oil leases in Santa Barbara channel.) Harper
9. Telecommunications Policy: Cabinet Council on Commerce and Trade will deal with this today; staff advised not to talk about this issue until decision made. Harper
10. Response to President's Tax Speech: Telephone calls and telegrams highly favorable.
11. Immigration: Will move forward with this Thursday morning in conjunction with AG's testimony. Need to raise issue of pre-telephone calls Wednesday PM at next Senior Staff meeting. (Agreed that can go with immigration even if final tax vote not completed.) Hodsoll

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1. Tax Package: Course all information through Darman as conduit to command posts on Hill. Senate expected to vote at noon; House by 6 p.m.
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 - House Democrats against indexing, except possibly Luken.
 - President to call Glickman.
 - Congressman Dicks to see President at 10:15 a.m.
2. Synfuels: Decision will be made today; V.P. has views; these and other views to Darman. Darman
3. Telecommunications: Unanimity within Cabinet achieved yesterday. Need to strengthen legislative proposal; new version will be circulated later this week. Fuller
4. Atlanta Speech: New draft in; need time on President's schedule today at noon. Draft plays off tax program; no commitment on Voting Rights Act. Speech to be circulated to Senior Staff for substantive comment this morning. Gergen
 - President to shake hands with Abernathy on leaving.
5. Collins Anti-Busing Amendment: Fielding to check with Justice to see if separation of powers a problem; decision before vote on amendment which is being tacked on to State-Justice appropriations bill. Fielding
6. Wampler School Prayer Amendment: No position since don't know substance of amendment. Harper
7. Immigration: Will go tomorrow. 8:00 a.m. hand-out of materials (including President's statement) from White House, followed by testimony at 9:00 a.m., followed by AG press conference about noon. Hodsoll
8. Mineral Leasing Act: Cabinet Council on Economic Affairs to resolve this morning. Fuller
9. GI Forum: Need to check with Meese on this. Thomas

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1. Schedule: AID presentation at 3 p.m. after Cabinet meeting (presentation of check on how AID saved USG \$28 million). Fuller
2. Davis-Bacon: Announcement will be made on or before 8/15. Meese to review decision memo. Fuller
3. Cabinet Meeting Today: Will consider Clean Air Act, fraud and waste and debt collection. Fuller
4. Controllers Strike: Decision will be made today as to whether at least 50% of controllers will come back to work; with 50% on job plus supervisory personnel and military, can operate at 100% capacity. We are prepared to prosecute and fire those who do not come back to work Wednesday. Fuller
5. Reconciliation and Tax Bill Signing Ceremony: Reconciliation Bill will be passed today; question on tax; ceremony slated for tomorrow. Signing statement will be circulated to relevant Senior Staff by noon; this should include "didn't get into mess overnight -- won't get out of it overnight." The significance of indexation should also be noted. Friedersdorf/Canzeri
6. September Thank You Event: Event for those who helped on Tax and Reconciliation Bills will be slated for 9/14-15. Lists of potential invitees should be provided to Canzeri. Canzeri
7. Leslie Gelb Story on NSC: Gelb meeting with White House staff and others on NSC process; Meese will try to see him; has met with Murphy and Hodsoll. Meese/Gergen/Allen
8. Telecommunications Policy: This sensitive; DOC and Justice should take lead. Fuller
9. Continental/Texas International Airline Merger: White House staff should not talk about this; refer inquiries to Fielding. Fielding
10. Budget Problem Re Appropriation Bills Coming In Over Reconciliation: Need to get on top of this. OMB to prepare memo; also need talking points for President. Should be put on Legislative Strategy Meeting before end of week. Harper/Darman

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| 11. <u>Base Closings</u> : List circulating since 7/6; announcements held up pending completion of Tax Bill. Friedersdorf to review as to when to go; Hodsoll to review for possible immigration/refugee detention center sites. | Meese/Baker/
Friedersdorf/
Hodsoll |
| 12. <u>President's STAR Lunch</u> : Any items should be provided to Gergen. | Gergen |
| 13. <u>Domestic Economic Summit</u> : We will deal with this after the recess by having a meeting between the five Senators and Anderson/Weidenbaum and perhaps others. | Friedersdorf/
Anderson |
| 14. <u>Formulation of Begin Government</u> : Need to get message to Begin. | Allen |

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1. PATCO: Termination letters went out yesterday; employees have seven days to respond. 480 more than expected returned to work yesterday; expect 1,000 back today. Currently operating at 80% capacity. Lewis says 21 months to return to 100% operational capacity; need to clarify this. Fuller
2. Labor Day Speech: Need to coordinate on this. Anderson/
Nofziger
& others
3. General Labor Day Plans: Planning 5 day build-up to Labor Day speech (including speech in Chicago, radio speech, backyard picnic with blue collar families (from friendly unions)). May wish to market Labor Day proclamation; if so, this needs to be drafted two weeks in advance. Deaver
4. Synfuels Contracts: President's decision announced yesterday by Edwards.
5. Bills Signing: Number of bills are coming down from Congress which need Presidential signature by 8/17. Darman will circulate list to relevant parties. Need Senior Staff/OMB views on short turn around. Darman/Harper
6. Productivity Commission: Need to have Labor representation on this (AFL-CIO and Teamsters). Anderson/James have latest list of names. Should probably announce 2-3 weeks down the road after air controller action has abated. Anderson/James/
Darman
7. Justice Task Force on Discrimination Against Women: Need Cabinet recommendations on membership. Should try to move this as soon as possible. Dole

-- Need statement on what tax bill does for women; good points here.
8. Meeting Today: Meese/Baker/Weinberger/Haig/Allen/Friedersdorf/Gergen/Fuller or Darman.
9. PLO Guidance Re Style Page Article on Sadat Visit: Allen
Allen to get together with others to provide guidance. No change in U.S. position on PLO; distinguish Palestinians from PLO; as long as PLO a terrorist organization insisting Israel has no right to exist, U.S. will have no relations with PLO.

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10. Natural Gas Guidance: President asked at Cabinet Council meeting for more discussion and information on effects of decontrol; no decision reached. Gergen
11. Clean Air Act: Gorsuch statement playing well. Gergen
12. Thank You Letters to Administration Officials: Need to develop policy as to when President will sign such letters. Darman

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1. Unemployment: BLS statistics will show unemployment down from 7.3 to 7.0%
2. Telecommunications: New memo in from DOJ will be circulated. White House staff should not get involved in telecommunications issue; noted that OPD staff had visited AT&T installation. Hauser should provide memo to White House and EOP staff on AT&T case. Fuller/Hauser
3. Education Reorganization Plan Guidance: Under review; no decision. Fuller
4. Federal Employment Compensation Act: OK to go forward with bill on this (which includes compensation for disability provisions). Harper
5. Black Lung Legislation: Hold up on this; while economically wrong, black lung disease politically sensitive. Need analytical paper showing pros and cons. Harper
6. Recess Appointments: Need to be sure that these are cleared with Howard Baker. James/Friedersdorf
7. Major Announcements (e.g., MX and B-1) During August: Should include advance notification of Hill; noted we expect no such announcements (other than Davis-Bacon) before 8/16. Darman/Friedersdorf
8. Davis-Bacon: Need to get regs into Federal Register by 8/11.
9. Federal Affirmative Action Grants: These must be either withdrawn or amended by 8/26.
10. Justice Position on Busing and Desegregation: Meeting slated for 11:00 a.m. Fuller
11. Next Senior Staff Meeting: September 3. Hodsoll

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1. Debt Ceiling: Baker/Friedersdorf/Darman to get together after Senior Staff to discuss communication with Percy. Baker
2. Black Colleges Initiative: V.P.'s office to take lead and convene meeting including Anderson/Dole/DOE to pull together agreed proposal before Solidarity Day. (This useful initiative with Blacks.) Murphy
3. EOP/WHO Staffing Cuts: Need to develop plan to cut EOP/WHO staff by same 7% that being asked of agencies -- to set example. Also need to take another look at policy against volunteers. (NOTE: WHO now has allocation of 357 vs. 351 authorized (some vacancies) vs. 350 objective plus 120 detailees. Operating units (e.g., Correspondence) overworked; cannot make future cuts here. Darman
4. Alaska/Canada Gas Pipeline: Canadians have been in to see Anderson; OPD will look into this. Anderson
5. Natural Gas Deregulation: Need to bring this before Cabinet ASAP; will do this after complete budget discussion to avoid overload on press. Anderson/Fuller
6. Voting Rights: Justice paper will now be over here Monday. Will decide then how to proceed. Need to announce position before Friday next week; President leaves town Wednesday. Voting Rights issue will be run through Cabinet meeting before decision. Anderson/Fuller
7. AWACS: Need to bring swing group on AWACS down Monday next week to try to prevent them signing Packwood letter; also need to bring Packwood in and try to convince him (Packwood's nose out of joint at not being invited to Begin dinner). Packwood attempt to stop AWACS deal gaining support; could go over 50 Senators. Friedersdorf
8. Fall Offensive: This may be delayed a few days (from Tuesday of next week); talking points to be prepared by OMB. Harper
9. Solidarity Day Materials: OMB will deliver materials to Gergen today. Need to develop communications plan. Anderson will look at whether small business statement can be prepared. Gergen/Dole

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1. Schedule: Sugar Ray Leonard to visit President 11:30 a.m. today (photo op). White House press will not cover California/Texas delegation reception; delegations likely to talk about Social Security and AWACS.
2. Cabinet Council on Natural Resources: Postponed. Fuller
3. Early Warning and Clearance of Sensitive Testimony: Darman
Prospective sensitive testimony will be excerpted from calendar and circulated to Senior Staff so that they can check off those items which they think require handling. (Assistant AG for Civil Rights testimony on affirmative action and quotas insufficiently cleared with regard to language which might be offensive to Blacks.)
4. Preparations for President's Economic Speech Darman/
(Thursday 9:00 p.m.): Harper/Gergen
 - Speech draft will be circulated to restricted group this afternoon.
 - OMB preparing fact sheet (by end of day).
 - Communications will have materials ready for public by Monday.
 - Need also to prepare talking points for phone calls. Also list of Congress and Governors.
 - Productivity Commission not going forward at this time.
 - National Governors Association meeting and owners of California broadcasting stations meeting with President Thursday: need generalized presentation for them.
 - Legalities of loan guarantee proposals analyzed in Fielding memo.

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5. Policy matters affecting Canada/Mexico: Allen/Anderson
Need NSC/OPD mechanism to assure coordination of initiatives to avoid undue problems with neighbors. (Noted that US/EC/Japan trade talks cancelled, but letter from Brock to Canadians causing problems.) Cabinet Council on Commerce and Trade will consider these trade issues with President next week.
6. AWACS Guidance: Don't talk about numbers of Senators with or against us. Gergen
7. Guidance on Sadat providing assistance to Afghan rebels at our request: No comment. Allen
8. Agent Orange Accident: Need to coordinate HHS and VA on this. Anderson
9. Cancun Preparations: Staffing on specific issues through Cabinet Councils on Economic Affairs and on Commerce and Trade next week; then to NSC. Speeches referring to Cancun should be cleared through White House. Darman/Fuller

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1. Presidential Press Conference: Being considered for early next week. Baker/Gergen
2. Crime Package Guidance: Need to stop talking about crime package and complete preparations for International Association of Police Chiefs. Fielding
3. Clean Air Act: This remains legislative priority. V.P. should meet with leadership of House and Senate and key committee members to emphasize this and try to expedite development of bipartisan bill. Murphy/Hodsoll
4. World Bank Speech: This will not have major substance in it. Allen/Gergen
5. Cancun: Need to discuss this and develop position next week. Allen/Darman
6. White House Staff Cuts: White House staff needs to be cut as much as Departments and Agencies (12% on budget; 6.5% over 3 years on personnel); this will translate in WHO almost entirely into personnel cuts. Darman will discuss with White House staff unit heads. Darman
7. Economic Speech:
 - Calls to Economic Advisory Board: Anderson
 - Calls to Governors/Mayors and interest groups at 5:00 p.m.: Williamson/Dole
 - Fact sheet will be circulated for final clearance this morning: OMB/Darman
 - White House formal briefing tomorrow; meeting with out of town editors next week: Gergen
8. Thrift Industry Legislation: Need to talk about timing of Administration package. This should be put on Legislative Strategy Group agenda. Darman

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9. <u>Package to provide for Congressional away-</u> <u>from-home allowances in return for cost of</u> <u>living increases for Executive Levels V/IV/III:</u> Oppose.	Harper
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10. <u>Guidance on Today's CPI: August increase at</u> <u>annual rate of 10.6%; this shade under double</u> <u>digit for period since we took office.</u>	
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1. Guidance on Potential Wall Street Drop: Gergen
Wall Street more worried about what Congress might do; they support President's program, but are unclear as to whether he will be able to achieve budget cuts. Securities industry has written in to support President; Similarly, associations of commercial banks and savings and loans and Chamber of Commerce. ABC poll shows President's popularity up since speech.
2. AWACS: Allen still talking to Glenn. Allen
3. Termination of CSA: CSA will cease to exist on Thursday. Want to bring Reagan appointees in to meet President and receive congratulations. Also, Presidential Personnel looking for potential jobs for Reagan CSA appointees. Deaver/James
4. Speed Measurement Device Regulations: Need to get information on this and see whether can avoid; NHTSA is the relevant agency. Anderson
5. Cottage Industry Regulations: Donovan wants to repeal one of these (knitwear) but let other five stand until he has had a chance to investigate the situation. Organized labor doesn't want repeal. These regs were adopted in 1943. Designed to prevent sweat-shops in the home. Anderson ✓
6. Thrift Industry: Need to develop strategy as to how to get bill for thrift industry; need to move rapidly as Congressman St. Germain has bill which undesirable. Friedersdorf to meet with Anderson/Gray today. Anderson/
Friedersdorf
7. Northern Tier Pipeline: Need to develop strategy with affected Governors on this. Anderson/Holmer
8. Olympic Coins: Deaver will hold meeting on this today. Deaver
9. Awards to Outstanding Career Service Personnel: Fuller/Harper
Good idea for President or V.P. to meet with and present awards. Need to give boost to Civil Service and show that we manage them. Devine proposal coming forward for scheduling action.
10. CEQ Working Group on Global 2000: This was something of which White House aware, but not something we would wish to hype.

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11. <u>Advisory Commission on Productivity:</u> Should have labor nominees by Tuesday. Put back on Senior Staff agenda for Wednesday.	James
12. <u>Weinberger Materials on Soviet Military Threat:</u> Need to circulate to Senior Staff and Cabinet. White House should also provide materials to press, but refer detailed discussion to DOD.	Gergen/Darman/ Fuller
13. <u>Presidential News Conference:</u> Probably this week. AWACS could be opening statement (but also other candidates).	Gergen
14. <u>Unemployment Figures:</u> These coming out Thursday; not expected that there will be major change from last time (could be up a bit). Problem of Black teenage unemployment likely to persist.	