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**WHITE HOUSE
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Name of Document: BRIEFING PAPERS
FOR PRESIDENT'S
SCHEDULED
APPOINTMENTS FOR **DEC 18 82**

Subject Codes:

1) Subject: Live Radio broadcast of interview with correspondents from the following radio networks:

- A) Associated Press Radio*
- B) Mutual Broadcasting System*
- C) National Public Radio*
- D) RKO Radio Networks*
- E) Sheridan Broadcasting Network*
- F) United Press International*

2) Sequence of events for Christmas Party reception for the U.S. Secret Service

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THE SCHEDULE OF The President has seen _____
PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN



Saturday, December 18, 1982

11:20 am (30 min)	<u>Briefing for Radio Interview</u> (Gergen/Speakes)	(Tab A)	Cabinet Room
12:06 pm (5 min)	<u>Radio Address</u> (Gergen/Speakes)		Oval Office
12:15 pm (30 min)	<u>Radio Interview</u> (Gergen/Speakes)	(Tab B)	Roosevelt Room
4:30 pm	<u>The President and Mrs. Reagan drop by Military Tour</u> (Rosebush)	(available in a.m.)	State Floor
6:00 pm	<u>The President and Mrs. Reagan join Secret Service Christmas Party</u> (Rosebush)	(Tab C)	State Floor

Sunday, December 19, 1982

	<u>Personal Time</u>		Residence
3:00 pm	<u>The President and Mrs. Reagan drop by Open House for White House and EOB Staff</u> (Rosebush)	(available in a.m.)	State Floor

UNP 12/17/82
5:00 pm

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 17, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DAVE GERGEN *DF*
SUBJECT: Radio Interview on Saturday

As you know, you have another 30 minute interview this weekend -- this time with the six independent radio networks, following just a few minutes after your radio speech ends.

As background, I am sending you a few sheets tonight:

- Talking points on legal services based on your meeting this a.m. with Meese, Baker, Deaver.
- A short summary on the possible shutdown of the government.
- A copy of your statement issued tonight creating a bipartisan commission on the MX.

We are scheduled to sit down with you for a few minutes late Saturday morning, and Ken Duberstein will brief you then on the Congressional situation.

Incidentally, the Washington Post interviews were very impressed on Thursday and should have a positive story in Sunday's paper.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

- The inquiry by OMB into the facts is continuing.
- The current members of the board have completed their services (in other words, RR will not be renominating them next year).
- RR will seek nominees for the future who will agree to limit their charges.
- RR is also asking OMB to review the compensation and expenses of all boards, commissions and independent agencies.

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TALKING POINTS ON SHUTDOWN POSSIBILITY

- o The President is hopeful that Congress will yet send him an acceptable continuing resolution -- one that continues needed funding authority but does not contain budget-busting pork-barrel that is thinly disguised as a "jobs bill."
- o Many members who have voted for the so-called jobs bill have done so in the belief it is "free vote for jobs" that may be politically popular. Few actually expect the plan will become law.
- o The risk is that hundreds of thousands of federal employees will be held hostage in a political game being played by some in the Congress. Furloughed employees could lose pay for the time they are not at work.
- o This is an outcome the President wants very much to avoid, but he is also committed -- as he has been throughout his presidency -- to controlling federal spending. If Congress sends him pork-barrel legislation, this commitment may require a veto.

What's wrong with the "jobs bill?"

- o It would create far fewer jobs than the 300,000 jobs proponents claim for it. For example, the \$400 million in construction funding for military housing is more than twice what the Pentagon says is needed so half would probably not be spent, obviously creating no new jobs.
- o The jobs it would create would be expensive. Every new job in Bureau of Reclamation projects \$49,000; every GSA building project job, \$25,000.
- o Much of the money couldn't be spent -- or new jobs created -- for a year or more. The \$1 billion add-on for Community Development block grants wouldn't be spent until 1985 -- hardly helpful to those out of work today.
- o Adding \$5 billion plus to the deficit can only slow job creating growth in the economy and be counter-productive to the real objective of getting unemployment down for the long term.

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CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR ORDERLY SHUTDOWN IF CONGRESS
DOES NOT VOTE AN ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING RESOLUTION

The issue

- o The current continuing resolution authorizing the obligation of government expenditures expires at midnight December 17th.
- o Congress is presently considering a new CR to continue that authority which may prove unacceptable to the President. A presidential veto is a possibility.
- o In that event, since only the appropriations bill for HUD and some independent agencies has been passed by Congress and signed by the President, there would be no authority for funding routine operations of most government agencies and departments.
- o In the absence of appropriations, the Attorney General has ruled that it is a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act to obligate expenditures by the government.

The plan

- o Every department and agency has prepared contingency plans for orderly shutdown in the absence of appropriations and submitted their plans to OMB.
- o OMB circulated a memorandum throughout the Executive Branch at noon on December 17th, advising on procedures to follow.
- o Should there be no appropriations on Monday, December 20th, the government will be in a "funding hiatus" (temporary absence of appropriations) and federal employees will report to work only for the purpose of effecting an orderly shutdown. Non-excepted employees can expect to be furloughed by noon Monday.
- Possible exception to furlough requirement could come if the legislative situation on Monday presents a reasonable certainty that an acceptable resolution could be enacted that day. Even if that happens, employees would be barred from any work except that related to shutdown activities.

Excepted activities

- o Plans permit continuation of government activity in the following cases:
 1. those necessary to protect national security;
 2. those funded under the HUD, Independent Agencies appropriations bill already enacted. (It is possible other appropriations may be signed by the President excepting covered agencies from shutdown requirements. The Agriculture and Transportation Department bills come to the President for signature today.);
 3. those funded under multi-year or no-year appropriations;
 4. where needed to protect life and property, such as ongoing hospital care and emergency medical treatment, air traffic control, prison operation, law enforcement, etc.
- o Social Security checks would continue to go out and present beneficiaries need not be concerned about receiving their benefits.

Pay status of federal employees

- o Excepted employees kept at work in any of the four functions listed above would be paid for work done once the funding authority was enacted.
- o Pay status for furloughed employees is uncertain and would depend on length of the funding hiatus and language of the continuing resolution as finally enacted.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

December 17, 1982

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The action taken early this morning by the Senate with regard to the MX missile program is both welcome and wise. It expresses solid understanding and support for the need to modernize the land-based leg of the Triad. As the Senate recognizes, it is only through this Triad approach that we can hope to preserve an effective deterrent and go forward with negotiations toward real arms reductions.

Beyond that, the Senate was also expressing some rather serious concerns which I take very much to heart. Foremost among these was uncertainty with respect to the approach for basing the missile. This concern is reasonable since the survivability of this system must be assured and an effective basing plan plays the central role. This extremely complex problem deserves very careful and deliberate consideration, and I am pleased that this will be allowed to take place early in the new Congress.

Between now and the time the final decision must be taken next spring, it is essential that every Member of Congress and indeed as many as possible of the American people gain a full appreciation of alternative solutions to this problem. Toward that end, I pledge to the Congress and to all Americans the most exhaustive renewed analysis possible of every apparent option. To assist in this effort, I am today announcing my intention to appoint a bipartisan commission comprised of senior officials from previous administrations as well as technical experts. I will ask the members to work with the Department of Defense and join together in a bipartisan effort to forge a consensus as to the plan which will best assure the national security interests of our country in the years ahead.

The contributions of this panel of distinguished Americans will be extremely important. In addition, I pledge to the Congress the fullest possible coordination of the work of this commission with Senators and Members. It is essential that if we are to reach our common goals within the time required by last night's vote, the Congress play a central role in shaping this, the most important strategic modernization decision of the post-war period. Again, I would like to express my appreciation for the responsible position taken by the Senate and ask that this wisdom be reflected in the House, as together we join in this important undertaking.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DECEMBER 15, 1982

RADIO BROADCAST/RADIO INTERVIEW WITH INDEPENDENT NETWORKS

DATE: December 18, 1982
LOCATION: Oval Office/Roosevelt Room
TIME: 11:50 a.m. (55 minutes)
FROM: Larry Speakes

I. PURPOSE

To have a year-end panel discussion on current topics with correspondents for six independent radio networks. The discussion will be broadcast live.

II. BACKGROUND

The six correspondents for independent radio networks who regularly cover the White House requested this opportunity for a panel discussion. This will be the first interview of the President by a group of radio correspondents. Their networks broadcast to more than 4,395 affiliates across the nation.

The interview will follow the regularly weekly radio address.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Frank Sesno Associated Press Radio
Bill Groody Mutual Broadcasting System
Ted Clark National Public Radio
Joe Ewalt RKO Radio Networks
Bob Ellison Sheridan Broadcasting Network
Gene Gibbons UPI Audio

Staff

Larry Speakes

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House and wire service photographers only

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:50 a.m. President arrives Roosevelt Room, where he meets interviewers and briefly discusses format.
12 noon President goes to Oval Office.
12:06 p.m. RADIO ADDRESS TO THE NATION

12:11 p.m. Radio address ends. President proceeds to Roosevelt Room for panel discussion.

12:15 p.m. Interview begins (BROADCAST LIVE)

Announcer will open broadcast and introduce participants. Each interviewer will ask a question and a follow-up, then yield to the next correspondent. Correspondents will ask questions in sequence until time expires.

12:45 p.m. Announcer will close interview
(Approx)

Attachment: Briefing paper

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
Secret Service Christmas Party
December 18, 1982

FROM: Muffie Brandon

Muffie Brandon

- 5:45 p.m. Guests begin to arrive the Diplomatic Reception Room and are led up the Grand Staircase to the State Dining Room for refreshments.
- 6:05 p.m. Guests begin to get in place for the receiving line. The line will feed from the south door of the State Dining Room, into the Red Room, through the south door of the Red Room into the Blue Room, past THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN in front of the windows, through the south door of the Blue Room into the Green Room, and into the East Room or the Cross Hall.
- Guests may wish to return to the State Dining Room for more refreshments.
- 6:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN arrive the State Floor via the elevator and proceed to the Blue Room via the Cross Hall. Once they are in place for the receiving line, the receiving line will begin.
- 6:45 p.m. Following the receiving line, THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN will mix and mingle briefly with the guests, then return to the Residence via the elevator.
- 7:00 p.m. All guests depart.