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THE WHITE HOUSE
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From

JANUARY 24, 1979

MR. PRESIDENT

DO YOU WANT TO GET A HAIRCUT
TOMORROW?

YES _____

SCHEDULE NEXT THURSDAY

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Secretary Blumenthal

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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1979

cc Mike
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Inflation/Steel Trigger Price Program

During the January 15th cabinet meeting you asked about the inflationary consequences of the steel trigger price program. This memorandum elaborates the points I made at that time.

The Trigger Price Mechanism is designed to enforce the Antidumping Act. That Act clearly has inflationary consequences because, if it is enforced, import prices will be higher than they would be if imports could be "dumped".^{1/}

During 1977, U.S. steel companies, faced with alleged massive dumping of foreign steel in the U.S. market, filed 23 antidumping petitions covering all major steel mill products from our major trading partners. Based upon the recommendation of an interagency task force headed by Anthony Solomon, the TPM was created to cope with the steel dumping problem in a manageable way that also promoted our international trade goals.

The TPM basically speeds up the antidumping investigation process by triggering Treasury investigations when steel is imported below the cost of the most efficient foreign steel producer, currently the Japanese. To the extent the TPM has speeded up the antidumping process and discouraged dumping, it has had an inflationary impact.

However, if the Antidumping Act is to be vigorously enforced as you have declared, I believe the TPM provides a less inflationary enforcement mechanism than other alternatives.

^{1/}The Antidumping Act requires that U.S. imports be priced at "fair value" -- at or above the home market price or production cost in the producing country (whichever is higher).

First, the TPM is keyed to the production costs of the most efficient steel industry in the world -- the Japanese -- and is, therefore, at the lowest level appropriate under our Antidumping Act. Pursuit of the 23 individual dumping cases which had been filed prior to TPM would probably have resulted in more inflationary steel impact costs. All of those cases have been withdrawn.

Second, the TPM is not a minimum price system and thus retains competition and comparative advantage as elements in the marketplace. Any foreign producer is perfectly free to enter the U.S. market below trigger -- and a number are doing so -- so long as that producer is covering its "fair value".

Third, the TPM is less inflationary than quotas or voluntary restraint agreements which, by cutting off imports above some pre-determined level, insulate the domestic industry even more from import competition.

During 1978, trigger prices were adjusted upward by 10.6 percent, due almost entirely to the dramatic appreciation of the yen. For the first quarter of 1979, although Japanese production costs increased by ten percent in dollar terms (totally because of yen appreciation), we utilized discretion built into the TPM to increase trigger prices by only seven percent. That the TPM reflects the yen's appreciation is only natural: Japanese TVs, automobiles and other goods are also becoming more expensive in the U.S. market because of the yen's appreciation.

Finally, I would observe that the domestic steel companies have committed to abide by your wage-price guidelines. Thus, the price increases of domestic steel will be no greater than price increases allowed other domestic industries under your anti-inflation program. The most recent trigger price increase was closely coordinated with Charles Schultze, Fred Kahn, and Barry Bosworth.

Mike

W. Michael Blumenthal

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Jody Powell
Jerry Rafshoon

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cc: Phil Wise
Fran Voorde

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1979

Today - how do you pronounce the interviewer's last name in Spanish? Please see

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JODY POWELL *JP*
JERRY RAFSHOON *JR*
SUBJECT: Mexican Television Proposal for
Presidential Pre-Visit TV Interview

Mexican television has proposed a 15 minute TV interview with you in the White House in early February to permit prime-time showing throughout Mexico (and to Hispanic-oriented stations in 30 major American media markets most of which are in the Southwest U.S.) the week before your February 14 arrival in Mexico.

Our Embassy in Mexico and ICA have a high degree of confidence in the integrity and professional competence of the proposed interviewer. Mexican television leadership shares our hopes for a constructive, positive Presidential visit. We expect the fullest cooperation and a shared view of content and presentation.

important Mexican television would submit questions in advance and they understand the possibility that some subjects might be considered too sensitive to discuss on television.

The Mexican interviewer, Jacobo Zabłudovsky, interviewed you as a Presidential candidate in 1976. He was impressed by your Spanish and has requested that the last part of this interview be in Spanish.

We believe a TV interview that would focus on the broader beneficial aspects of the U.S.- Mexican relationship and our joint expectations for closer, more productive relations in the future would contribute to creating a positive atmosphere for your visit.

We recommend that you participate in this 15 minute television interview early in February.

Approve Disapprove

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The Vice President

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cc: Zbig Brzezinski

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
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January 23, 1979

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: The Vice President *WJ*

SUBJECT: Visits to the Nordic Countries
and South America

This memorandum follows up on our January 18 luncheon discussion to confirm your approval of my paying official visits to the Nordic countries and the Netherlands during April 13-22, 1979, and to Venezuela and Brazil for the Presidential inaugurations on March 12 and 15, 1979.

Nordic Countries and The Netherlands

A visit to the five Nordic Countries would solidify relations with our Norwegian, Danish and Icelandic allies, demonstrate to neutral Sweden and Finland our commitment to the stability of the Nordic region and, of importance, counter growing Soviet efforts to impose a special relationship on the Nordic states. These allies and friendly neutral countries believe, with some justification, that we take them for granted. Despite their importance to us, they have not had a visit by either a President or a Vice President since Vice President Lyndon Johnson's visit in 1963. Prime Minister Ullsten of Sweden noted this point during our talk on January 18.

Soviet moves in the Nordic region have included calculated violations of Norwegian territorial waters, non-compliance with Norwegian sovereignty on Svalbard, intransigence on northern boundary and resources questions, and a proposal to initiate joint military exercises in Finland. This pattern of Soviet pressure has had a ripple effect in Denmark, Sweden and Iceland. The frequency and intensity of these Soviet actions call for a high-level U.S. response in the form of the proposed visit.

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The Norwegians are the most important focal point of Soviet pressure, and the visit would reassure them of the seriousness of our NATO commitment to defend the Northern Flank. It might, for example, be possible to arrange for me to observe a NATO exercise while in Norway.

I would plan on a stop in the Netherlands, another NATO ally long neglected in terms of high-level visitors, at the conclusion of the Nordic visit.

With your approval, I will proceed with firm plans for an April 13-22 visit to the Nordic countries and The Netherlands. An early announcement of this visit in the next week or two would begin to give us the political benefit of press interest in each of the capitals and a favorable feeling among the Nordics that we are showing higher priority to our relations to each of them. This will not be lost on the Soviets.

APPROVE _____ ✓ _____

DISAPPROVE _____

Venezuela and Brazil

The Department of State and Zbig Brzezinski have strongly recommended that I head the U.S. delegations to the inaugurations of President Herrera of Venezuela on March 12 and President Figueiredo of Brazil on March 15. Both State and the NSC believe, and I concur, that it is important to demonstrate high-level interest in the new governments of two of the most important countries in South America. In addition to the symbolism of such a trip, there will be important substantive issues which I would be able to address in your behalf with the new leaders at the very beginning of their Administrations, to help ensure that our relationship starts off on the right foot. My participation in these inaugurations would demonstrate the continued importance you place on relations with Venezuela and Brazil, building on your visit of a year ago.

I have discussed both inaugurations with Rosalynn. She has informed me that she would prefer not to attend the inaugurations.

With your approval, I will proceed with planning for a mid-March visit to Venezuela and Brazil.

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Hamilton Jordan
Frank Moore

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January 23, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HAMILTON JORDAN *H.J.*
FRANK MOORE *F.M. / Leo Francis*

SUBJECT: Hospital Cost Containment and
National Health Insurance

As a result of the meeting with Secretary Califano last week, we have been discussing ways to best manage our efforts on behalf of hospital cost containment legislation and national health insurance.

In line with your previous decision that highest priority Presidential initiatives should be managed by White House task forces, we recommend that:

1. You authorize the creation of a legislative task force and that you appoint Dick Moe, the Vice President's Chief of Staff, as its Chairperson. It is understood that key persons from HEW (Champion, Heineman, Warden, etc.), will serve on the task force, as will persons from various units within the White House.

Approve Disapprove _____ Discuss _____

2. Once you have made a decision on which way you want to go on NHI (comprehensive vs. "Phase I"), responsibility for management of the issue will be folded into the existing task force on hospital cost containment.

Approve Disapprove _____ Discuss _____

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January 24, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JACK WATSON *Jack*
SUBJECT: Brief Photo Session with Dianne Feinstein
Mayor of San Francisco, California

As you know, Dianne Feinstein assumed the mayoralty upon the shooting death of George Moscone last December. She was previously President of the Board of Supervisors and was elected by the Board to serve the unexpired term of Mayor Moscone.

She probably will run for a full term in November, 1979, although she has been defeated for the post twice, once by Alioto and once by Moscone. She is regarded as a moderate and was a Carter delegate to the 1976 Convention. Feinstein played a leading role in the California delegation and was very helpful to us at that time and during the entire campaign. She is likely to face stiff opposition in the election from groups such as organized labor.

Mayor Feinstein is 45 years old and a widow. I met her at the funeral. She is in Washington for the U. S. Conference of Mayors' midwinter meeting, and I have arranged for her to see most of the Senior Staff and Cabinet while she is here.

My staff and I have been working with the Mayor on a wide range of problems and concerns she discussed with me when I was in San Francisco for Mayor Moscone's funeral. I met with her and her Deputy Mayor for an hour this morning to review our progress on various issues -- she has expressed great appreciation for our attention and help during a difficult period for her and for the city.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: EDWARD SANDERS *ES*

I thought you would be interested in the attached letter from Hy Bookbinder concerning the Friday, January 19 meeting.

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Attachment

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Mr. Edward Sanders
Senior Advisor to the
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Ed:

I appreciate very much the fact that I was included in the meeting last week on the current situation in Iran and the Middle East generally. It was a particular pleasure to have the President join us and get his own insight as to where we are at the moment.

Once again, Ed, the President demonstrated how effective and credible he is in this kind of direct communication with concerned individuals. While I have not personally participated in many meetings with this President or other Presidents, I believe that one of Friday's participants — who has participated in many such meetings — was correct in assessing this meeting as "probably the best meeting ever held by such a group" at the White House. I think this was so not because of any special breakthroughs in policy or even in information exchanged, but in the frankness and honesty with which all participants participated — both with the President and with the Vice President and other officials.

Needless to say, problems and differences remain. But we are encouraged by the determination as expressed by the President to put past differences aside and for the United States to resume its active role as convenor and mediator in order finally to obtain that first peace with Egypt. Although not referred to in his presence, I believe that our group was enheartened by the reported comment of his to Ambassador Evron, to the effect that we look upon Israel as an important and strategic ally. So important do we consider that, you will recall, we were all insisting at the meeting that greater prominence be given to those remarks of the President.

Thanks, Ed, for arranging this meeting. I'm sure it will help all around.

Sincerely,

Hyman Bookbinder
Washington Representative

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Stu Eizenstat
Bob Lipshutz
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cc: Bob Linder

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January 23, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BOB LIPSHUTZ *BL*
STU EIZENSTAT *SE*

RE: CAB Decision: Pan American World
Airways, Inc. (Docket 34436)

The CAB proposes to suspend a 2 to 3% increase in the normal economy fare and a 7% increase in the first class fare proposed by Pan American for its U.S.-Mideast and U.S.-Far East markets. The Board would disapprove the economy fare increase because it still includes an allowance to cover mandatory, extra services that many passengers do not want, and would disapprove the first class fare increase because it is tied to an arbitrary excess baggage charge. You have recently approved identical orders on several occasions.

Interested agencies have no objection to this order, which becomes final unless you disapprove it by January 25. We recommend approval.

✓ Approve

_____ Disapprove

J

4:15 PM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

JANUARY 23, 1979

RECEPTION WITH NATIONAL FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS
East Room at 4:15pm

by: TIM KRAFT TK

I. Purpose To thank the National Finance Council members of the Democratic National Committee for their financial support.

II. Background, Participants, Press

A. Background: This is the first meeting of the year of the National Finance Council. There are many new members and many who will be making their first visit to the White House.

B. Participants: See attached list.

C. Press: Closed, no press.

III. Talking Points

- 1) Thank everyone for coming, welcoming them to the White House. Recognize Chairman John C. White, Treasurer Evan Dobbelle and Chairman of the National Finance Council, Chuck Manatt. (It is particularly important that Manatt be recognized as he was not recognized by the President at the DNC Dinner in October in Washington, D.C.)
- 2) Approximately 100 of the 350 guests are farmers. It would be appropriate to note that farm exports are on the rise and farm income is up 20%.
- 3) Each of these persons has contributed \$5,000 or more to the Democratic Party. Their primary concern is the economy. The importance of curbing inflation and balancing the budget should be stressed.

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January 24, 1979

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TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: GRETCHEN POSTON *Gp*
SUBJ: KENNEDY CENTER PERFORMANCE FOR CHINESE

I have talked to Willie Nelson and due to a recording session, he is unable to accept your invitation to perform at the Kennedy Center.

cc: Frank Moore
Jerry Rafshoon

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