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THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

Saturday - March 31, 1979

9:00    Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski - The Oval Office.

10:45   Drop-By Reception for Past District Governors
        of Georgia Lions International - The State
        Dining Room.

2:15    Depart South Grounds via Helicopter en route
        Andrews Air Force Base and Wisconsin for Obey
        Fundraiser in Wausau and Jefferson-Jackson
        Day Dinner in Milwaukee.

12:00    Return to the White House.
         midnight
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
3/31/79

Jack Watson

The attached was returned in the President's outbox today and is forwarded to you for your information.

Rick Hutcheson
FOR STAFFING
FOR INFORMATION
FROM PRESIDENT'S OUTBOX.
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ACTION FYI

VICE PRESIDENT
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BRZEZINSKI
MCINTYRE
SCHULTZE

ADMIN CONFID
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ARAGON
BOURNE
BUTLER
H. CARTER
CLOUGH
COSTANZA
CRUIKSHANK
FALLOWS
FIRST LADY
GAMMILL
HARDEN
HUTCHESON
JAGODA
LINDER
MITCHELL
MOE
PETERSON
PETTIGREW
PRESS
RAFSHOON
SCHNEIDERS
VOORDE
WARREN
WISE
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JACK WATSON
SUBJECT: Federal Contingency Plans - Three Mile Nuclear Facility

At the meeting this afternoon in the Situation Room the following decisions were made:

- I will assume the chair of the interagency task force to coordinate Federal assistance to Pennsylvania as needed and approved;
- In this role, I will serve as the federal link to the Governor, local authorities and all relevant federal officials in the field who may be called upon to assist.

All that follows is focused on the operations and support by federal agencies of state and local government in coping with the effects of the accident. Separate lines of control and communication are in place for handling the technical and scientific issues via NRC's man in the field, Dr. Harold Denton.

I have convened the appropriate agencies to begin coordinating the extant federal presence and to initiate necessary advance planning. I have done the following:

- Called Governor Thornburgh and advised him of my actions (detailed below). He was most appreciative. We will keep in continuing contact with each other as the situation unfolds.
- Directed the Regional Director of the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration (FDAA) in Philadelphia to proceed to Harrisburg to assume lead responsibility for the Federal government in planning operations and support to meet the needs of the people in the area.
Sent the Assistant Director of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency (DCPA) to Harrisburg to coordinate Federal consultation with state and local officials on existing evacuation plans. If evacuation is called for, the system would be operated by the four affected county governments. Currently evacuation plans exist to move people up to ten miles from the site. I have asked that plans be set if evacuation must extend to 15 and 20 miles from the site.

- Asked that DoD's Director of Military Support prepare plans to provide temporary housing and feeding of people if evacuation occurs,

- Asked Frank's office to brief the Pennsylvania delegation on our activities and staff coordination lines.

- Asked HEW and its Center for Disease Control to prepare plans to provide necessary medical screening and services in the event of (a) a worsening of the exposure and/or (b) an evacuation decision.

- Asked that FDAA work with the Governor's office to prepare necessary emergency and/or disaster declaration requests so that a minimum of time is taken in processing them if the Governor decides to make such requests.

There is no question that we are operating on a contingency and stand-by basis. We want to be ready to act if called upon, but there is agreement at every level that the lead remains with the state officials.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JACK WATSON

SUBJECT: Status Report -- Three Mile Island Nuclear Facility Report #3

Since my report earlier today, the following developments have occurred:

(1) I met with the working group representing all appropriate federal agencies for two hours this afternoon.

- The status of contingency planning for a possible evacuation is satisfactory. We are staying in close and constant touch with the work being done at the state and local levels, and the federal support mechanisms are all coming into place. DoD has appropriate logistical support units on alert. The Red Cross is moving some materiel into position, and FDAA is coordinating the federal activities in the field.

- I asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (through Commissioners Gilinsky and Bradford who attended the meeting this afternoon) to develop (a) the criteria to be used in determining whether a precautionary evacuation is indicated; and (b) the nature and extent of such an evacuation in light of likely radiation dispersal patterns, anticipated wind direction and velocities, etc.

- It is clear that the major discretionary decision the Governor and we will face in the next 2 - 3 days is whether to evacuate, as a precaution, before intervening at the reactor site to dissipate the hydrogen bubble. Current estimates indicate that every intervention option under consideration carries risks to the public health and safety.
(2) I have briefed Harold Brown on our contingency planning and have good communications with, and support from, DoD.

(3) An AP story which was on the wire tonight based on various named and unnamed sources from the NRC Operations Center in Bethesda has seriously raised public anxiety levels in Pennsylvania. I immediately talked to the Governor about the story who was very concerned about its effects on an already anxious population in the vicinity of the site. Harold Denton briefed the press in Harrisburg in an effort to allay fears and clarify the situation.

- I also talked tonight with Chairman Hendrie and Commissioner Galinsky of the NRC and asked that they tighten and improve control of the NRC public information process out of Washington.

- I also spoke tonight with Herman Dieckamp, President of General Public Utilities Company, and suggested that the Company discontinue its separate press briefings on the situation at the site, leaving that responsibility to Harold Dent. He agreed to do so.

- I have alerted the Governor to your planned site visit. He was most gracious and will work to make your visit productive. I said that I would be back in touch with him tomorrow to keep him fully advised of our plans for such a visit.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
March 31, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STU EIZENSTAT

SUBJECT: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

I feel strongly that unless it is unsafe for your health, you ought to go to Harrisburg tomorrow or Monday for an on-site inspection and report. This would show leadership and personal concern. Our current posture appears to be one of indifference.

I share that concern about our current posture. I think a trip in Monday may be a worthwhile. We should make the decision on Sunday.

After thinking about it and talking to Jenkins, I recommend that you mention this incident in your speech today—along the lines of you comments to the editors.
Hugh Carter

The attached was returned in the President's outbox today and is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HUGH CARTER

SUBJECT: Weekly Mail Report (Per Your Request)

Below are statistics on Presidential and First Family:

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cc: Senior Staff

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(1) SUPPORT FOR THE CHILD CARE ACT OF 1979 S.4 (94% Pro)

In an apparent write-in campaign, parents citing that this is the International Year of the Child, contend that S.4 would provide affordable, quality child care.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 31, 1979

MR. PRESIDENT:

Bob Strauss got word from a Teamster negotiator that a settlement could be as soon as sun-up. It may be outside the guidelines but not excessive. Even if you are pleased (which you may not be) with the terms, don't praise the settlement because it may affect the union ratification vote.

PHIL
Zablocki fundraiser, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 3/31/79

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Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 3/31/79

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Obey fundraiser (#1), Wausau, Wisconsin, 3/31/79

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Obey fundraiser (#2), Wausau, Wisconsin, 3/31/79

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

3/31/79

Stu Eizenstat
Bob Lipshutz

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**ADMIN CONFID**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**SECRET**

**EYES ONLY**

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**Action**

- Campbell letter given to
- Reubeneshon to deliver
- Have back letter delivered promptly

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**Vice President**

- Eizenstat
- Jordan
- Kraft
- Lipshutz
- Moore
- Powell
- Watson
- Wexler
- Brzezinski
- McIntyre
- Schultze

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**Adams**

**Andrus**

**Bell**

**Bergland**

**Blumenthal**

**Brown**

**Califano**

**Harris**

**Kreps**

**Marshall**

**Schlesinger**

**Strauss**

**Vance**

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**Aragon**

**Bourne**

**Butler**

**H. Carter**

**Clough**

**COSTANZA**

**CRUIKSHANK**

**FallowS**

**FIRST LADY**

**Gammill**

**Harden**

**Hutcheson**

**Jagoda**

**Linder**

**Mitchell**

**MOE**

**Perrerson**

**Pettigrew**

**Press**

**Rafshoon**

**SchneiderS**

**Voorde**

**Warren**

**Wise**
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STU EIZENSTAT
       BOB LIPSHUTZ

SUBJECT: The Ethics Act Amendments

On Monday, Congressman Danielson will hold a one-day hearing on the Administration's proposed technical amendments to the Ethics Act. The amendments have already been transmitted by Scotty Campbell, who will testify for the Administration, to the Congressman as well as to Senator Ribicoff. Scotty believes that his testimony will be strengthened if he can indicate your personal support for the technical amendments. We believe that can be effectively done through a letter to him, as well as a similar letter to Judge Bell, indicating your strong support for the Ethics Act and your approval of a limited number of technical amendments.

If you approve, Scotty will present your letter at the hearing. Attached are identical letters to Scotty and Judge Bell that should serve this purpose.

(TWO SIGNATURES REQUESTED)
To Attorney General Bell

Last year we worked closely with Congress to pass The Ethics in Government Act, which sets important ethical standards for Federal employees. It will stand as a landmark statute in providing the public with greater confidence and trust in the way in which the Federal government operates.

It is essential that the Act be implemented as effectively, fairly, and promptly as possible. I am pleased that you are taking steps to ensure such an implementation.

The regulations which you have approved provide sound and equitable interpretations of the Act. The technical amendments to the Act that you have proposed clarify important provisions and should eliminate legitimate concerns of Federal employees about certain post-employment restrictions.

When these are taken together, there should be no doubt that the intent of the Act will be fulfilled, and the public confidence in the conduct of government affairs will rest on a firmer foundation. Of equal importance, Federal employees interested in serving the public will not be harmed in future private employment by the requirements of the Act.

It is important that you work closely with the Congressional leaders to gain rapid enactment of the technical amendments. The Act's implementation should not be delayed. That can be avoided through prompt Congressional approval of the technical amendments.
I am ready to help you in any way necessary to encourage Congressional action. We need a strong, but fair, Ethics Act; and the enactment of these technical amendments, together with the regulations, will ensure the public as well as Federal employees of such a balanced approach.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
The Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530
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Sincerely,

[Signature]

The Honorable Alan K. Campbell
Director
Office of Personnel Management
Washington, D.C.
telephone conversations with dr. denton
(3-mile island, pa)
3/31/79 and 4/1/79

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Denton - 8:00 a.m. 3-31-79

12 people -
Mem. 1" line
for venting bubble
Monitoring H2
Holding: 1000 psi
1100-1200 ft3
29 pm off gases
jury rig gases
contaminant

W 280°F

12:15 p.m.

Recombining
absorbing H2
Temp's dropping slowly
flow pattern better
Core quiet
No He in sample, but Fe Co.

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THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

Sunday - April 1, 1979

9:50  Depart South Grounds via Motorcade en route First Baptist Church.

10:00  Sunday School.

11:00  Morning Worship Service.

3:45  Depart South Grounds via motorcade en route St. Patrick's Church.

4:00  Attend Amy Carter's Violin Recital.

5:30  Return to the White House.