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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Frank Moore  
Dan Tate



We believe that you should immediately call the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Treasury and designate them as the lead Administration persons in the oil import fee fight. It is entirely possible that Secretary Miller will defer to Secretary Duncan as the single lead but pledge support. That is fine provided, however, Secretary Miller will make the full lobbying resources of his Department, including as much of his time as is necessary, available to assist Secretary Duncan.

It is too early to say precisely the form that the resolutions of disapproval will take in the House and Senate. We are certain, however, that the disapproval resolutions will move virtually concurrently and the two most likely fora are Congressman Vanik's trade subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee which meets tomorrow and will probably attempt to attach the disapproval resolution or similar anti-fee measure to the debt limit bill.

We cannot concentrate fully on the two Committees. We must anticipate the measure getting to the floors of both Houses and must begin immediately our lobbying of non-Committee Members. All of us on your staff will cooperate fully with the Secretaries in both strategy planning and lobbying, but experience has shown us that their cooperation and full effort can be assured only if they have the direct responsibility assigned by you.

It is also critical that they understand that their personal involvement is both expected and necessary. This will be one of the most difficult struggles we have undertaken. Their personal commitment as demonstrated by their direct involvement must be crystal clear to the Members of Congress.

Time is of the essence. We do not have the luxury of several days of preparation for this effort.