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THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

Monday - October 10, 1977

11:30 Depart Camp David via Helicopter en route
The South Grounds.

12:05 Arrive South Grounds.

2:00 Meeting on Tax Reform. (Mr. Stuart Eizenstat).
(2 hrs.) The Cabinet Room.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

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WASHINGTON

INFORMATION

10 October 1977

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TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: RICK HUTCHESON *RH*
SUBJECT: Memos Not Submitted

1. EIZENSTAT MEMO in response to your note on bowhead whales. Stu says he is working with an interagency group to identify options for responding to the International Whaling Commission's recent ban on Eskimo hunting of bowhead whales. The involved agencies, the Eskimos and the whale preservation movement agree that some greatly reduced hunt would be consistent with preserving the species, but that the sudden imposition of the ban puts the natives in a very difficult situation.
2. LIPSHUTZ MEMO. For the next 2-3 weeks, an informal task force will put together a package regarding various matters of concern to the Maine Indian Tribes, along with a basic resolution of the land claims, based on Judge Bill Gunter's recommendation.
3. GRIFFIN BELL MEMO in response to your note about the need to minimize Federal prison construction. The Attorney General says he has asked DoJ officials to reexamine existing programs to determine whether reductions can be made in planned prison construction. (OMB will be presenting an assessment of this in the Fall budget review; on that basis, you marked this request as "done.")

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 7, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

Re: Federal Prison Construction

In response to your recent note concerning the need to minimize Federal prison construction, I have asked Department officials to reexamine existing programs and policies to determine whether reductions can be made in planned prison construction.

The Department's present construction program is intended to replace three obsolete Federal institutions -- Atlanta, Georgia, Leavenworth, Kansas and McNeil Island, Washington -- and to alleviate overcrowding of existing facilities.

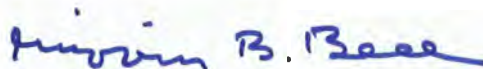
As you are aware, the population of both Federal and state prisons has risen sharply during the past several years. The Federal prison population now stands at a record high of 30,400, an increase of 35% over January 1, 1975, when the figure was 22,400. As a result of this increase, Federal institutions are severely overcrowded and presently operate at 32% over rated capacity. Most projections tend to indicate a continued increase in the number of inmates confined, at least in the short term.

Several steps have been taken in the Federal system to relieve the problem of overcrowding. The use of halfway houses for inmates nearing release has been expanded significantly. In addition, we are attempting to interest the Department of Defense in establishing additional minimum security prison camps such as those already in existence at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

Beyond the steps taken by the Department of Justice, the Federal Judiciary has expanded the use of alternatives to incarceration. Of the 86,000 offenders presently serving sentences imposed by Federal courts, only one-third are incarcerated. The remainder are in alternative programs such as diversion, probation and parole.

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I assure you that we will continue to examine carefully the need for additional Federal prisons and will attempt to maximize the use of appropriate alternatives to incarceration.



Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

8-27-77

To Griffin Bell
Bert Lance

I'm convinced from my Georgia experience that new prison construction should be minimal.

Please assess for me present plans & projections and advise how alternatives can be used.

Consult with Tim Parham & Ellis MacDougal if necessary.


Jimmy Carter

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bob Lipshutz 
SUBJECT: Indian Claims -- State of Maine

In a final attempt to obtain a consensus to resolving this matter, for the next two or three weeks an informal "task force" will try to put together a package regarding various matters of concern to the Indian Tribes in Maine, along with a basic resolution of the land claims themselves based upon Judge Bill Gunter's recommendation.

This will include putting together the various programs which benefit Indian tribes, as they would apply to the Maine tribes in the future, which are common to Indian tribes throughout the country, and thus present an overall picture to the tribes, including the proposed settlement of the land claims themselves.

The persons who are working with me on this are Steve Clay (on behalf of Bill Gunter) and Elliot Cutler of OMB and Leo Krulitz, General Counsel for the Department of Interior.

I am keeping the Maine delegation informed, through Senator Ed Muskie.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 1, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STU EIZENSTAT *Stu*
SUBJECT: Bowhead Whales

In response to your note on bowhead whales, here is the status of the issue:

An interagency group and my staff are working to identify the options for responding to the International Whaling Commission's (IWC) recent ban on Eskimo hunting of bowhead whales.

The whale preservation movement, the Eskimos and the involved agencies agree that some greatly reduced hunt would be consistent with preserving the species, but that the sudden imposition of the ban puts the natives in a very difficult situation. It is agreed that formally objecting to the IWC decision would harm our international whale conservation efforts. It is also generally agreed that a complete ban would not be enforceable.

There is a special meeting of the International Whaling Commission in December, and the agencies are working on an option which would involve instituting a solid regulatory and scientific program acceptable to the Commission and seeking a limited reinstatement of native subsistence hunting, prior to the 1978 Spring hunt.

The situation with the natives is very delicate and volatile, and there are some disagreements among the agencies regarding our formal response to the International Whaling Commission, but I think an equitable solution is possible in the interests both of whale preservation and protection of native rights.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9-29-77

To Stu

I don't want
to approve hunting
of bowhead whales

T.C.



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 10, 1977

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Bob Thompson
Congressional Liaison
The White House

FROM: Douglas J. Bennet, Jr. *DB*
Office of Congressional
Relations

The Secretary is sending the President a night note on tomorrow's Panama meeting. It simply lists the Senators present (Byrd, Eastland, Cranston, Stevens, Stennis, Jackson, Nunn, Inouye, Goldwater, Sparkman, Case, Church and Baker) and mentions the results of today's meeting with Senator Byrd. It also offers the talking points which are attached.

Attachments:

Talking Points for
October 11 Meeting

*MR. PRESIDENT-
TALKING POINTS
FOR MEETING WITH
SENATORS ON PANAMA.*

H.J.

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