

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DICK MOE

SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR WEDNESDAY LUNCH, JULY 6, 1977

I. Reaction to B-1 Bomber Decision

- Reaction on the Hill and elsewhere has been excellent. It's a real shot in the arm for liberals, and it's bound to help us in dealing with them on other issues.
- It has also enhanced your credibility on economy in government. People now realize you are serious about this commitment, across the board.
- Finally, most everyone was deeply impressed by the process through which you arrived at the decision. It was rational and objective, and that in itself was unprecedented in these matters and demonstrated real leadership.
- You might consider asking Ray Marshall to move quickly to see what can be done to cushion the blow from the expected layoffs from Rockwell, especially in California.

II. Voter Registration

- Continued progress, but nothing dramatically new. We're now over 200 votes and we think we can see how we can get the rest.
- I talked with Danny after your meeting with him. You clearly got his attention and, I believe, softened him up. I called George Dunne with the same thing in mind

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in anticipation of his talking with Danny during the recess, but his response wasn't very encouraging. We'll just have to wait and see what Danny comes back with.

- The two most important things yet to be done, in my judgment, are your meetings with key Southern delegations and a full-court press by the House leadership just before the vote. If they do the kind of job on this that they did on the Hatch Act and pay raise, I have no doubt we'll be OK. I suggest we get the leadership in shortly after the recess and ask for this kind of effort.

III. Congressional Public Financing

- Dick Clark reports that he has the 60 votes needed for cloture, although it may take more than one cloture vote to shut off the expected filibuster.
- He and Alan Cranston have approached Byrd about scheduling the bill for floor action, and Dick is optimistic that Byrd will agree to do so.
- Frank Moore's people and Treasury have been helpful in lining up cloture votes, but if they come up one or two short the first time around, we may have to weigh in.

IV. Middle East

- I believe your remarks at last Thursday's Press Conference limiting public comment on the specifications of a Middle East settlement prior to your meetings with Prime Minister Begin have been well received by the American Jewish Community.
- Bob Lipshutz and I met last week with Rabbi Sternstein of the Zionist Organization of America prior to ZOA's annual convention in Jerusalem next week. I encouraged Sternstein to take greater note of the positive elements in my San Francisco speech, reflecting your support for Israel.
- I believe your meeting this afternoon with the American Jewish community leaders will provide further important reassurance to the community.

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Guinea (If you have not yet discussed this with the President)

- I had a useful meeting with Prime Minister Beavogui (bayahVOghee) of Guinea last week, and sent you a brief memorandum summarizing the highlights.
- Of greatest significance to me were Guinea's decision to end Soviet reconnaissance flights out of Conakry, the statement by the Prime Minister that his country no longer has any doubts about your African policy and enthusiastically supports that policy, and his expressed desire, in behalf of President Sekou Toure, to have improved relations between Guinea and the U.S.
- I think it would be very helpful if State and the NSC were to analyze this high level Guinean message and develop a recommended U.S. response.

VI. Meeting with Swedish Foreign Minister

- I met with Foreign Minister Soder of Sweden last week. I took the occasion of the meeting to urge Sweden to join with us in encouraging UN Secretary General Waldheim to prepare fully and immediately for the UN role in Namibia.
- The Foreign Minister's principal concern -- concern repeatedly expressed to me by visiting Norwegian ministers -- is over the Cargo Preference Act.
- While Swedish shipping does not begin to compare in magnitude with Norway's, the Swedes are worried about the current shipping slump and hope that you will not act to require more oil imports to be carried on US flag tankers.
- The Foreign Minister was very pleased with your B-1 decision, announced earlier that day, saying that it was a welcome and concrete manifestation of your efforts to bring the arms race under control.

VII. Organized Crime

- I've reviewed the memo from the Attorney General on Organized Crime. (a copy of the memo is attached)
- This is an area where I think we should have a major initiative, possibly a message or statement in early fall.

- There is some concern, reflected in staff discussions with the Domestic Council and outside law enforcement experts, that a statement of this kind would not be well received unless we take a hard look at several things. These include:

- Possible re-orientation of functions of the Justice Department central staff and the U.S. Attorney's offices, so that more of the routine caseload is shifted outside of Washington, freeing up resources here to concentrate on the big, multi-jurisdictional cases, setting priorities, and managing the caseload.
- Mobilizing State and local as well as federal resources to deal with organized crime and possibly other forms of serious crime.
- Possible use of some of the funds in LEAA to deal with organized crime.
- Since a number of these issues involve organizational questions that the Reorganization Project is now working on, I think it would make sense to involve them in this effort.

VIII. Feedback from NEA



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July 8, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DICK MOE

SUBJECT: MONDAY LUNCH TALKING POINTS - July 11, 1977

I. Voter Registration

- The bill is tentatively scheduled for a week from tomorrow - the 19th and 20th - for House Floor action. The leadership has started a whip count and we should have the results Thursday.

OK - As you know, the leadership has to go all out for us if we're to win. They're committed but not yet energized, and I hope you can ask them for a full court press either at tomorrow's leadership breakfast or at a separate meeting. You might ask them to stay behind for five minutes. I'm convinced only a strong personal appeal from you will result in the kind of effort we need.

OK - Finally, this is the last week we have for you to meet with some of the key delegations. May I work with Frank Moore to schedule one or two meetings?

II. Public Financing

- Dick Clark had a good talk with Bob Byrd about scheduling this bill for floor action and, while Byrd gave no firm commitments, Clark believes he is very receptive to the idea and will bring it up when he sees an opening.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DICK MOE

SUBJECT: MONDAY LUNCH TALKING POINTS - July 18, 1977

I. President's Schedule

- I've been thinking about our conversation Friday about the terrible burdens of your schedule. If there's any way I can help lift some of that burden from you, please let me know.

II. Voter Registration

- I'm sick about having to go for the optional bill, but we really had no choice. The votes just weren't there and the leadership wasn't prepared to go ahead.
- The optional bill will still be a significant step forward, however, and I'm convinced a number of states will opt for the plan.
- I will speak to the House Democratic Caucus Wednesday morning at Tip's request, and I'm hopeful of getting nearly unanimous Democratic support for the bill.
- There will be an effort on the part of some younger members, led by Don Bonker of Washington, to try to attach a mandatory post-card amendment to the bill, but I don't know what its prospects are. They plan to keep it quiet before the vote.

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- You should know that Frank Moore and his staff have been extremely helpful throughout this effort. In fact I'm getting consistently good reports on Frank from the Hill and I think he's doing a very effective job.

III. Neutron Bomb

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- The Senate as an institution was placed on the defensive on this issue and we made it more difficult for them to support us.

IV. Intelligence Reorganization

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- What role would you like me to play in resolving the differences between Stan Turner and Harold Brown?
 - Here's my view of where I think we are and where we should try to head.

V. Chad

- Following our breakfast on Friday, I had a very cordial meeting with Vice President Djime (GEE-may).
- I told him that I had discussed his country's concerns with you and that you had indicated that the United States wants to be of assistance to Chad -- that we are concerned by this violation of Chad's territorial integrity.
- I said that while I could not be specific as to the type of equipment at present, that we are looking into the possibilities earnestly and intensively and that his visit would ensure that his country receives a prompt response.
- Assistant Secretary Moose of the State Department participated in the meeting. He indicated separately to me that the State Department will be in touch with the French and other countries early this week to discuss the nature of assistance to Chad.

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July 22, 1977

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DICK MOE

RE: MONDAY LUNCH TALKING POINTS - July 22, 1977

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I. Southern Trip

- I've heard nothing but favorable reviews about your trip, particularly the town meeting in Yazoo City. This is clearly a perfect format for you, and I hope you'll continue to use it.

II. New Jersey

- I had a good trip into the state for Brendan Byrne. Under their state matching formula, they figure they raised about \$400,000. It's going to be a very tough race, but there's a good chance Byrne could pull it out.

III. Voter Registration

- The leadership tentatively plans to bring the bill up this week. Even with the optional amendment, it still promises to be very close so we're working on members one-on-one again. We've picked up almost the entire North Carolina delegation and others scattered elsewhere, but we've also lost a few original supporters. We should now have about ten or twelve Republicans.

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Frank Thompson and Dick Moe met with Mendel Davis about his and Dawson Mathis' amendment. The long and short of it is that we have agreed to support

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the amendment in the unlikely event that the House votes to retain the mandatory nature of the bill. Otherwise everyone agrees it's not necessary, and they won't even offer it.

IV. Public Financing

- This bill will be brought up in the Senate today. Under an agreement with the Republicans, there will be no filibuster of the motion to take up the bill, but rather only one filibuster of the bill itself. The cloture vote will most likely take place Friday, and as of now we have only 59 votes.
- Bob Byrd has mentioned how strongly he feels he needs our help in getting cloture. I have offered to make any calls they want. (The President has been given a call list already).

V. Urban Strategy

- I believe there's a need for the administration to find some innovative, fairly low cost ways to show concern for the cities. Although, it's unjustified, there's a growing belief, particularly in the Northeast, that we're neglecting urban problems, and the blackout has accelerated this.
- Whatever we do -- and there are no easy solutions -- should not be just a HUD strategy, but rather a government-wide strategy, hopefully involving the business community, mayors, churches, and neighborhood groups.
- Among the major questions that need attention are:
 - 1) How can we retarget existing funds to help stimulate increased economic activity?
 - 2) What additional incentives are needed for urban investment?
 - 3) How can we better coordinate federal aid for the cities?

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4) What if any experimental programs show promise?

- This kind of effort should probably start out in a very low key manner so as not to raise expectations unduly.
- You might consider holding your next town meeting in an urban neighborhood to demonstrate your concern.

VI. Possibility of a Second Report to the Nations on Energy

- After the House acts, it might be useful to consider a second report to the nation on energy, stressing the progress that has been made, cooperation by the Congress, and the priority attached to completing action this year.

VII. Organized Crime

- I was very pleased by the meeting last week. I understand that the Attorney General will be putting together a meeting with other Cabinet members, which he would chair in the next few days. I plan to attend and am convinced that you are right in seeking comprehensive federal-state-local participation in the effort.

VIII. Italy

1) Andreotti Visit. It is my understanding that Andreotti is doing reasonably well in leading Italy to recovery from the 1975 recession -- with the current growth rate of about 5.6 percent. However, unemployment is still high, particularly among the young, and the discontent has led to a shocking level of crime and terrorism.

2) Politically, with the agreement reached on July 4 on the program of the Italian government, Andreotti seems to have bought a few more months at least for his government. However, based on the intelligence reports I have read, discussions on the program had heavy involvement of Berlinguer and the communists and mark a significant step in the direction of formal involvement of the communists in the policy-making process.

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3) Your talks with Andreotti this week mark a useful opportunity to draw him out on this process, how he sees the relationship with the communists, and the prospects -- if any -- he sees for further strengthening of the Christian Democratic Party.

VIV. Consultations with Congress

1) I believe the program that you and Hamilton have initiated on more intensive high-level consultations with members of the Senate will have beneficial results.

2) The one point which Senators Culver, Hart, and Leahy emphasized in our meeting last week was their desire for genuine consultations before your decisions on major foreign policy issues and national security issues are announced.

3) If they are to deal effectively with their constituents and to handle their business in the Senate in a way that responds more effectively to their constituents, they feel they must be brought into the picture early enough so that they appear at least to be having a hand in the business of government -- rather than just responding positively or negatively to the Executive.

4) This week and next I will be meeting with some 15 to 20 more Senators to continue these consultations.

X. New British Ambassador

1) I was very pleased to learn that you will be meeting with the new British Ambassador, Peter Jay, to receive his credentials at the end of this week.

2) This early reception will be of importance to and favorably noted by Callaghan.

3) Ambassador Jay has also asked to see me, following his meeting with you.

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XI. Positive Norwegian Statements on U.S. Foreign Policy

1) During the meeting with Norwegian Foreign Minister Frydenlund two weeks ago, he mentioned that he had praised your foreign policy during his Parliament's foreign policy debate.

2) His statement (text at Tab A) is indeed most positive. I believe Norway's favorable reaction to your policy mirrors favorable reactions in a growing number of countries.

XII. Foreign Minister of Zaire

1) At Cy Vance's request, I am scheduled to meet with the Foreign Minister of Zaire this Thursday.

2) President Mobutu is sending him here with a message for you -- a message of thanks for our help during the recent fighting in the Shaba province, a message spelling out Zaire's position on human rights, and a message discussing the political and economic reforms Mobutu has introduced, largely at our suggestion.

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III. Strategy for 1978 Senate Races

- The difficulty in invoking cloture dramatizes the importance of next year's Senate elections. The loss of even a few seats could be potentially very damaging to us.
- There are at least 12 seats that could go either way, an unusually high number for this early. That points up the necessity of our doing what we can now to maximize our chances, particularly in recruiting the strongest possible candidates and in giving early help to incumbent Democrats who may be vulnerable.

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- I know how disappointed you are about what's developed on this bill, and so am I.
- The problem with the bill is that there is simply no constituency for it. Moreover, everyone in Congress got elected without it and many are afraid of the new element of uncertainty it would inject into their races. Finally, the leadership was never enthusiastic.
- I'm not sure where we go from here, but I believe we ought to consider some kind of post-card bill which includes the optional election day provisions.
- The bill won't come up until September at the earliest, so we'll have some time to work on it with Frank Thomspon and others.

V. Alaskan Natural Gas Transportation

- Dr. Schlesinger has now sent the President two preliminary memos. (TAB 1)
- There seems to be widespread agreement in the Executive Branch that Alcan is the best route, provided Canada's National Energy Board recommendations affecting cost and financeability can be modified.
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- However, there are serious problems with the El Paso system.

- Like the oil pipeline, there is no agreement with California on where the LNG tankers would land.
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- We do not need the equivalent of another Alaska oil pipeline with all of the uncertainty of how you deliver these supplies to U.S. consumers.
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- While to pump up El Paso it may be effective as a bargaining strategy, we should not lose sight of the problems with the system, nor unduly raise the expectations of the State of Alaska and the maritime unions. They could come back to haunt us in the Congress if Alcan is ultimately selected.

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VIII. Namibia

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MEMORANDUM FOR HAMILTON JORDAN

FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Consultations with Senators Sarbanes, Pell,
Bumpers, Melcher and Matsunaga on Foreign
Policy issues, July 29, 1977

The central points made by the Senators during my July 29 meeting were:

- the need for the White House to be more fully aware of the importance the Senate Majority Leader attaches to shaping and adhering to his schedule of legislative actions, and, in this connection,
- the need for a "traffic cop" at the White House, sensitive to political considerations, to coordinate with the Majority Leader on the timing of submission of difficult foreign policy issues for action by the Senate.

It was the consensus of the Senators in attendance that the Administration tends to forward issues, however controversial, to the Senate as soon as Executive Branch decisions are taken or as soon as U.S. negotiations are completed -- without adequate attention to such important factors as the length of time the issue will require in the Senate; how this impacts on the Senate schedule; and how Senate timing relates to domestic political considerations.

Panama Canal

A principal focus of our discussion was the Panama Canal negotiations, in particular, timing and tactics relating to handling the Panama Canal Treaty in the Senate. All in attendance stressed the need for the White House working

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with the Senate Majority Leader to weigh timing and tactics before submitting a Treaty to the Senate -- and before the Executive signs a Treaty with Panama. There was considerable concern on this latter point, namely, that once the Executive signs a treaty with Panama, it is committed to send it to the Hill as soon as possible -- therefore, we should be sure that the timing is right on the Hill before we sign. All agreed that the Treaty would require considerable time in the Senate and, for this reason, they again emphasized the need for the White House to work with Senator Byrd to identify the best timing in terms of the Senate calendar. On specific timing, Senator Pell suggested that next January would be better than this Fall because of Byrd's schedule for the Fall. Senator Melcher said there was no chance of passing a Treaty this year. Senator Sarbanes said that if the Administration handles it properly with the Senate, he believes there is a good chance the Senate will give its advice and consent to ratification.

Of significance, there was considerable sentiment for a new sea level canal, and it was suggested that it would be very helpful if the Treaty now being negotiated were to include language which would enable Senators to support the Treaty by stating that it is part of a new Treaty for a new canal -- i.e., that we should consider sharpening and strengthening the language in the current draft under negotiation which would give the U.S. right of first refusal for a new canal.

SALT

Senator Pell, joined by the other Senators, praised and congratulated the Administration on its openness with the Senate on the SALT negotiations. They said that there was a dramatic improvement over the secretive practices of the last Administration -- Pell noting that Warnke would again be consulting with him on the afternoon of July 29.

Law of the Sea

Senator Pell expressed concern that Elliot Richardson might leave his Law of the Sea post to run for political office. He said this would be a mistake, that Richardson is doing a good job and that he should stick with it.

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Senator Pell said he hoped that either Richardson or the White House would somehow indicate publicly in the near future that Richardson would be staying on as Law of the Sea negotiator.

U.S. Agreements with Turkey and Greece

Several of the Senators stated their opposition in principle to the multi-year defense agreements negotiated with Greece and Turkey. It was noted that these agreements had been the initiative of former Secretary Kissinger. The Senators said they did not believe the U.S. should have to pay rent when it was helping fellow NATO members in the common defense. Senator Sarbanes specifically stressed the importance he attached to having the Administration hold the U.S.-Greek agreement and not submit it to the Senate, at least until the next session.

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WITH FIVE BUT ON UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
ATTRIBUTION OF HIS PERSONAL VIEWS.

2. ANTISAARI SAID HE WAS STRONGLY OF OPINION THAT, IN
THEIR TALKS THUS FAR WITH SOUTH AFRICA, FIVE HAD GIVEN
TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO PRINCIPLE OF FREE ELECTIONS AND NOT
ENOUGH ATTENTION TO CREATING CONDITIONS CONDUCTIVE FOR
HOLDING ELECTIONS. NOTHING SAID OR DONE THUS FAR GAVE
SWAPO ASSURANCE IT NEEDED TO RISK TAKING PART IN POLITICAL
PROCESS. AS LONG AS SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL ADMINISTRATION
AND MILITARY AND PARA-MILITARY FORCES REMAINED IN
NAMIBIA, HE ASKED RHETORICALLY, WHAT HAVE FIVE GAINED
FROM SWAPO'S STANDPOINT? WHILE THEY REMAINED, SWAPO
WOULD WANT ITS OWN ARMED FORCES IN TERRITORY AS
GUARANTEE OF ITS FREEDOM OF ACTION IN PRE-INDEPENDENCE
PERIOD. PERHAPS ONLY WAY TO PERSUADE SWAPO TO LAY DOWN
ARMS, HE SAID, WOULD BE TO BRING IN UN TROOPS. EVEN
UN "CIVIL" PRESENCE WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE
GUARANTEES HE THOUGHT SWAPO LEGITIMATELY SOUGHT.

3. ANTISAARI ALSO REPORTED "GENERAL FEELING" THAT FIVE
WERE PUSHING INITIATIVE TOO FAST. HE SAID IT
WAS UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT SWAPO AND UN TO REACT IN
MATTER OF WEEKS TO PROPOSALS WITH TANGLED HISTORICAL
AND LEGAL ANTECEDENTS, AND HE HOPED FIVE WOULD TAKE
THIS INTO ACCOUNT.

4. IN CONCLUSION, ANTISAARI SAID THAT, DESPITE LIMITA-
TIONS OF HIS "MANDATE", HE PERSONALLY WELCOMED ALL
EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO NAMIBIAN
PROBLEM AND WOULD HELP AS BEST HE COULD. MOREOVER, HE
COULD REPORT THAT AFRICAN LEADERS, INCLUDING
FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS, HAD SPOKEN POSITIVELY ABOUT
GROUP OF FIVE INITIATIVE DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH
THEM AT RECENT LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT.

5. COMMENT: THERE ARE OBVIOUS CONSTRAINTS ON DEGREE
OF ANTISAARI'S USEFULNESS TO FIVE, BUT HE THINK FRUIT-
FUL, IF DISCREET, COOPERATION IS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY
AFTER WALDHEIM HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF HIM PRIVATELY.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DICK

RE: MONDAY LUNCH TALKING POINTS

DATE: AUGUST 19, 1977

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Lance
Review
my duties
Berry
Baker

I. Lance Affair.

- I was delighted by the Comptroller's report which cleared Bert of any wrongdoing. And your decision to appear with him was a master-stroke.

- While I think the worst is past, I have the feeling the issue will stick around awhile because of the other reports and hearings yet to come on the matter, and because it's the only game in town for the newsmen during August. I hope we can finally get it all behind us once Ribicoff's hearings are completed.

- Unfortunately, some newsmen have concluded that this incident has resulted in a new -- and lower -- standard of conduct for your top officials, i.e., insisting on the absence of illegal as opposed to improper conduct. I think that it is an unfair and unjustified conclusion, but I'm afraid it's there.

- You did exactly what I would have done, and I'm proud of you for it.

II. Panama Canal Treaty.

- You've gotten off to an excellent start on the treaty campaign. The Ford and Kissinger endorsements were very helpful. William F. Buckley is supporting it and even James Kilpatrick is urging his fellow conservatives to keep an open mind. The more we can split up the opponents and try to isolate the Thurmond-Helms' crowd, the better our chances.

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- That's why I think Baker, and to a lesser extend Goldwater, are the keys to the Senate Republicans. Baker has a real political dilemma here, and I expect he'll make his decision solely on political grounds and there's little we can do to effect that. Nonetheless, we should do everything we can to make it difficult for him to oppose us, and I assume you have something already underway.

- I've been very impressed with the persuasiveness of General George Brown on the need for the treaty. He has great credibility with many of those we're trying to reach, and I hope we can continue to use him up front in key briefings and appearances.

- Also, it might be useful to try to enlist former Senator Hugh Scott's support. He's still highly respected by many moderate Republicans and could be helpful there. I wouldn't try to get him in before Baker, however.

- I see where Scotty Reston reports that Bob Byrd doesn't want to take up the treaty until early next year. That probably is the prevailing mood in the Senate, and, if so, we probably shouldn't try to resist it. It's a very complex issue, we have a huge educational job to do, and it won't help us to be subject to charges or railroading. Since 75 percent of the American people presently oppose the treaty, we need the additional time more than the other side, and if it can reach the floor in January or February that's still far enough ahead of the election for that not to be much more of a factor than it is now.

- How do you see the treaty campaign unfolding, and how can I be of help?

III. Planning Ahead

- We have started the process of assembling the Presidential agenda for the next 3 to 6 months, and I hope we'll have that for you in the next few weeks.

- Also, I am trying to apply the same process to my own future schedule, and I'd like to show you that when it's done together with an evaluation of my first six months. I'd very

much like to get your reaction to both.

IV. Humphrey

- I know you're as depressed about the news on Hubert as I am. But I know he appreciated your call and that Muriel appreciated Rosalyn's.

- If you agree that it would be appropriate and if we can find the right occasion, I think it would be a wonderful recognition of his contribution if you awarded him the Medal of Freedom. To my knowledge, it has never been given an incumbent member of Congress, but I can't imagine anyone would quarrel about breaking that tradition in this case. It would be very well received, I believe.

V. Middle East

- One helpful outcome of Cy Vance's mission -- a very difficult mission -- was the agreement to have talks at the foreign ministerial level in New York on the fringes of the General Assembly next month.

- It also looks as if there is some movement on the part of the PLO.

- I was pleased to note the Saudi's comment to Cy that there is no question of an Arab embargo against Portugal.

- Begin's position on the settlements has introduced an additional complicating factor.

VI. South Africa

- I have separately provided you with intelligence and State Department cables on Kalahari which you may wish to discuss with the President.

VII. Rhodesia

- We seem to be maintaining the momentum as best as possible with the British, the Patriotic Front and the Front Line Presidents. Hopefully, the meeting of the Front Line Presidents will lead to increased support for the UK-US effort.

VIII. Intelligence

- Press coverage of my Chicago ABA speech seemed reasonably good.
- This is a reflection, to me, of the sincere and growing belief by the country that you are genuinely committed to ending and preventing domestic and foreign intelligence abuses and to implementing effective intelligence reforms.



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