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BRIEFING FOR VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT: ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COOPERATION DATE: May 26, 1987

> LOCATION: The Cabinet Room TIME: 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

HOWARD H. BAKER to for HHB FRANK C. CARLUCCE FROM:

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RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President attached at Tab A.

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cc: Dan Crippen

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

May 21, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM:

STEPHEN I. DANZANSKY Your Talking Points for the Briefing for the SUBJECT: Venice Economic Summit, Tuesday, May 26, 1987, 2:00 - 3:00 P.M., The Cabinet Room

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Prepared by: K Stephen P. Farrar

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MEMORANDUM FOR THOMAS C. GRISCOM COLIN L. POWELL FROM: STEPHEN J. DANZANSKY

SUBJECT: Presidential Briefing on Economic Growth and Cooperation, Thursday, May 21, 1987, 2:00 - 3:00 P.M., Roosevelt Room

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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MEETING ON ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COOPERATION

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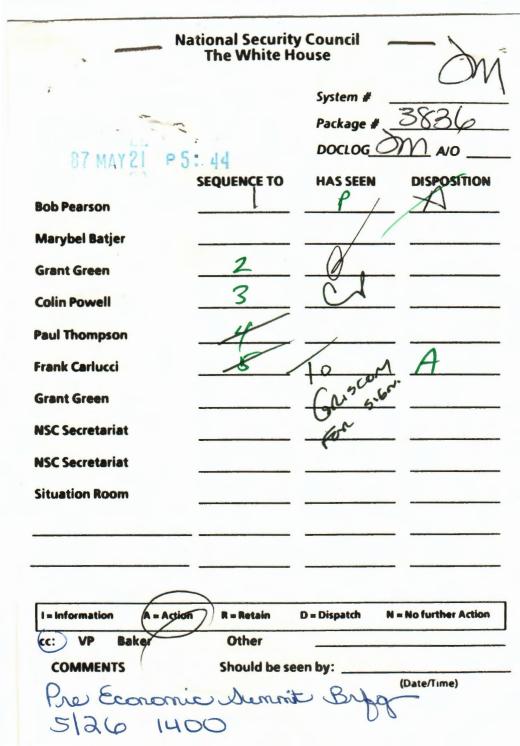
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II.	Overview - The International Economic Environment	Beryl Sprinkel (17 minutes)
111.	Prospects for the Venice Summit	James Baker (10 minutes)
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VI. Conclusion

Allen Wallis (5 minutes)

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM:

STEPHEN I. DANZANSKY

Your Talking Points for the Briefing for the Venice Economic Summit, Tuesday, May 26, 1987, SUBJECT: 2:00 - 3:00 P.M., The Cabinet Room

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May 20, 1987

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FROM:

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FROM: HOWARD H. BAKER FRANK C. CARLUCCI

I. PURPOSE

To discuss prospects for achieving faster and more balanced economic growth through greater cooperation among Summit countries.

II. BACKGROUND

At Tokyo last year, a process of strengthened economic coordination was initiated and Finance Ministers were asked to report on progress at the Venice Summit. Since Tokyo, however, the dollar has declined substantially against the yen and the deutche mark, current account imbalances have persisted, and growth rates among the Summit Seven have proven lower than expected.

Over the past several months, the G-7 countries have engaged in coordinated intervention in an effort to curb large changes in exchange rates. Also, Japan and West Germany have committed to implement fiscal stimulation measures. Japan plans a 5 trillion yen spending package and Germany plans a 14 billion mark tax cut in 1988. Both countries, however, persist in the view that U.S. fiscal restraint is needed.

To help promote growth over the longer term, the OECD has recently completed a report on structural adjustment. That report identifies changes needed to remove rigidities in labor, agricultural, capital, and other markets.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President The Vice President Secretary George P. Shultz Secretary James A. Baker Beryl W. Sprinkel Howard H. Baker Frank C. Carlucci W. Allen Wallis, Under Secretary of State David C. Mulford, Assistant Secretary of Treasury Stephen I. Danzansky, NSC Staff Stephen P. Farrar, NSC Staff Daniel Crippen, WH Staff Michael L. Mussa, Member, CEA

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Allen Wallis will briefly introduce the subject. Beryl Sprinkel will then provide an overview of the international economy, followed by presentations by Jim Baker and George Shultz on prospects at Venice from an economic and political viewpoint. A discussion period will follow.

Attachment

Tab 1 Agenda

MEETING ON ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COOPERATION

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Thursday, May 21, 1987 The Roosevelt Room 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

AGENDA

I.	Introduction	Allen Wallis (3 minutes)
II.	Overview - The International Economic Environment	Beryl Sprinkel (17 minutes)
III.	Prospects for the Venice Summit	James Baker (10 minutes)
IV.	Political Implications	George Shultz (10 minutes)
v.	Discussion	(15 minutes)
VI.	Conclusion	Allen Wallis (5 minutes)

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