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 SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-28-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Budget</u> : Guidance is that the House's action is a disappointment to the President, but it is also a very serious problem for the Nation; we need a budget and the failure to pass one rests squarely with the Democratic leadership of the House. It should also be pointed out that Latta received more votes than any Democratic proposal.	Gergen
2. <u>Radio Speech</u> : A draft is now at the ranch in California.	Gergen Fuller
3. <u>Clean Air</u> : A paper has been prepared as basis for discussion with Howard Baker today.	Duberstein
4. <u>Supplementals/Bailouts</u> : Lugar was adopted by 69-23. Darman will examine question of whether bill should be requested to arrive promptly, or whether it should be held at the desk pending President's return from Europe.	Darman
5. <u>Civil Rights Commission</u> : Issued a very critical report yesterday. Gergen and Harper to consider advisability of response and what form it should take.	Gergen Harper
6. <u>Minority Business Defense Contract</u> : Must be acted on by Sunday. Dunlop was to ask that announcement be held, and then advise on whether WH should hold some type of event. Gergen will check.	Gergen
7. <u>Senior Staff</u> : Will meet on Tuesday, June 1, but will not meet during European trip.	
8. <u>Balanced Budget</u> : EM should be told that, for tactical reasons, it was decided not to send a letter to Congress at this time.	Cribb
9. <u>Demonstration</u> : Report is that a group of religious women will have a protest rally in Lafayette Park this Sunday.	Dole
10. <u>Leading Indicators</u> : Preliminary report is that this will be up 0.8% for April--the first rise in a year. This should not, however, be played as an indication that the recovery is starting.	Gergen
11. <u>Peter Grace</u> : Remarks on Puerto Rican food stamp recipients were discussed; Gergen was asked to get copy of actual remarks, talk to Grace, and then formulate guidance. Need for improved coordination between Grace's group and WH will be discussed at Baker-Meese-Deaver breakfast.	Gergen

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12. GAO Report on Clinch River Reactor: Harper will obtain copy of report and analyze it. Harper
13. Poll: Number of Americans who fear President might start a war has dropped, though decrease is almost solely among men. It was also noted that the slide in personal approval ratings has stopped, and that job approval has held level for months according to Wirthlin's data.
14. Santa Barbara Remarks by President: These need to be reviewed in light of the OAS meeting. Clark Gergen
15. Paperwork for President: Papers to be reviewed by President while in Europe should be forwarded to Darman by Monday.

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1. <u>El Salvador</u> : Congressional votes to cut aid will send a message to government of El Salvador regarding importance U.S. attaches to land reform program. We have indicated that the President will not certify El Salvador for further aid if the land reform program does not proceed.	Clark Allin Duberstein
2. <u>Interim Arms Restraints</u> : Congressional resolution on compliance with terms of SALT II should be carefully watched to be certain it does not constrain implementation of President's defense decisions.	Clark Duberstein
3. <u>Clean Air</u> : Plans are to meet with Howard Baker on this either today or tomorrow; we need to get commitment to move a bill out of committee soon. VP will speak to Chamber of Commerce today on Clean Air Act.	Duberstein
4. <u>Radio Speech</u> : New draft should be ready today; Darman will check.	Gergen Darman
5. <u>Budget</u> : We still expect vote by end of day, though there is chance debate could stretch into weekend. Certain GOP conservatives are expressing concern about voting for large deficit, and effort should be made to reassure them. There is also talk of voting down all 3 plans to force a "better" plan; this is a dangerous idea since Michel-Latta will be voted on first.	Duberstein
Waxman has withdrawn amendment to add Medicare funds to Michel-Latta; it is uncertain whether this makes any difference.	
6. <u>Supplementals/Bailouts</u> : Should be completed in Senate tonight, and there is still a chance it could pass without bailout provision. Effort to remove Lugar measure yesterday got 23 votes, which increases possibility of sustaining a veto.	Duberstein
7. <u>Jobs Training</u> : Reported out of committee with most features we wanted except summer jobs provision (though this is in a separate section); bill contains no wages or stipends.	Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-25-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Anti-Crime Package</u> : Bill will be filed today by Thurmond containing the 6 points on which there is bipartisan support. Statement should be put out in California before noon with slightly earlier release here.	Meese Darman
2. <u>Supplementals</u> : Effort to scale the bill down to the most urgent items yesterday. Armstrong is now blocking the bill, and is in close contact with Howard Baker. Efforts will be made to load up measure with other bailouts; we are taking hands-off posture since such amendments would make it easier to sustain a veto.	Dubenstein
3. <u>Voting Rights</u> : Report of filibuster plans by Helms may simply be effort to pressure Howard Baker to alter the bill's bail-out provision.	Dubenstein
4. <u>Budget</u> : House is still working through amendments before considering substitutes. Latta-Michel plan is now leading, but it does not yet have the votes to win; situation is still fluid and could change during amendment process.	Dubenstein
5. <u>Radio Speech</u> : Draft now consists of remarks about Memorial Day and anticipating the European trip; some strengthening is needed. Suggestion is that either European portion be strengthened, or (if we win) remarks be made on the House budget.	Gergen
6. <u>Minority Business</u> : Report is that DOD plans to award large contract to a minority firm. They should be asked to withhold any announcement, though, until we decide whether to hold a signing event at WH. Fielding will also review the contract award process.	Fielding Dunlop Dole

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1. <u>Schedule:</u> No photo op with congressional leadership this morning.	Speakes
2. <u>Senior Staff:</u> Will meet normally throughout this week, but there will be no meeting on Monday.	
3. <u>Budget:</u> President will be making calls during the day on this. House will vote on Rousselot "balanced" budget by noon, and will then begin debate on amendments. Sequence of consideration on main budget plans will be Bipartisan first, then Mineta and Jones.	Duberstein
4. <u>Comments by Former Treasury Secretaries:</u> These remarks on the budget were not helpful; questions especially raised about Simon's participation since he has had ample prior opportunity to state such views.	
5. <u>Urgent Supplementals:</u> Senator Baker, in consultation with OMB, is preparing a scaled-down supplemental involving only the most urgent items.	Wright Duberstein
6. <u>California Trip:</u> It was noted that the President is taking a good deal of work with him, including three speeches, briefing books for European trip, and phone calls on the budget; thus, it would be helpful if other work is held for his return.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-24-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Congressional time at 3:00 will be used for phone calls. CCLP will meet with President at 2:00 to discuss 13-point crime package. Expanded NSC meeting will be held at 10:30 to discuss trade sanctions.	
2. <u>DOE Reorganization</u> : Proposal will be made public at 11:45 with senators, Sec. Baldrige and Sec. Edwards present. Statement should contain strong commitment to push legislation. If Joe Wright returns in time, he should do background briefing.	Fuller Wright
3. <u>Budget</u> : House debate will start at noon; 68 amendments are pending. Key votes are unlikely before Wednesday. Need to review situation this afternoon and assess our position on the various amendments.	Duberstein Darman
Letter will be sent to Hill today thanking senators who supported President on the budget.	Duberstein
4. <u>Agriculture</u> : Sec. Block has several initiatives on which he needs guidance. Legislative Strategy session will be held to discuss; OMB will have cost estimates.	Darman Wright
5. <u>Comments by Former Treasury Secretaries</u> : Press conference will be held today to emphasize need to reduce deficits; will also touch on "fairness" issue. Gergen to draft guidance and circulate to appropriate staff.	Gergen
6. <u>Medicare</u> : Talking points are available to rebut O'Neill allegation that Medicare benefits will be cut.	Darman
7. <u>Bailouts/Supplemental Appropriations</u> : Gergen should check with Howard Baker & Bob Michel, then release President's letter on bailouts. Bill (with housing bailout) will be debated on Senate floor today. We are laying groundwork to sustain a veto.	Gergen
Guidance is that cost of all bailouts would be "tens of billions"; old figure of \$30B should no longer be used.	Gergen
Fielding should meet with Horowitz re outstanding legal questions, including tentative conclusion that Customs and ATF are "not essential."	Fielding
8. <u>European Trip</u> : Intensive pre-trip briefings will be held this week. Short briefing will be held today in advance of <u>Time</u> interview.	Gergen
Any bills requiring President's attention should be brought up before he leaves.	Duberstein
9. <u>Women's Equity Task Force</u> : Dole will discuss release of quarterly report with Brad Reynolds.	Dole

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10. <u>WH Conference on Aging</u> : Schweiker is required to issue report on Conference by June 2, and must then forward legislative recommendations. Suggestion made to issue both simultaneously.	Fuller
11. <u>Van de Water</u> : Howard Baker intends to bring the nomination up via discharge petition after Memorial Day.	Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-21-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : President will use time this morning to make phone calls re budget; afternoon Congressional time will be used to meet with House GOP leaders and Boll Weevils. No photo op today. Possibility of a press availability is left open.	Speakes
2. <u>Press Briefing</u> : President received some material last night and will receive remainder this morning. Most material for European magazine interview will be covered at lunch; small group will then brief the President on any remaining issues.	Gergen
3. <u>Budget</u> : Senate will vote today between 2:00 and 5:00. A number of amendments were beaten yesterday, including attempts to repeal or delay the 3rd year tax cuts. Railroad retirement benefit amendment adding \$1.9B is still one of the hurdles.	Dubenstein
House will begin debate today but will not begin voting until Monday; votes should continue through next Thursday.	
4. <u>Attorney General</u> : Unfairness of stories in the Post cited. WH staff were strongly discouraged from making any comments on allegations against the AG (and Secretary Donovan). Regarding negative news quotes on AG's performance in office, point stressed that such remarks are untrue, hurt the President, and can only be viewed as WH back-stabbing at a time when the AG is vulnerable.	
5. <u>Bailouts/Urgent Supplementals</u> : Important that a strong, clear statement be sent that President cannot start signing bailout measures. These would open the flood gates and send the wrong signal to money markets. Presidential letter will be prepared on subject.	Darman Dubenstein
It was also noted that steps will be taken to ensure that Social Security checks will continue if problems arise. However, this information should be held close for now, and will be coordinated with the overall strategy. Fielding should also examine issue.	Darman Fielding
Concerning proposed bailout for timber industry, we should examine whether certain regulatory actions could be taken instead.	Harper
6. <u>Radio Speech</u> : Draft speech on budget has been prepared and will be circulated.	Darman Gergen
7. <u>Abramowitz</u> : Yesterday the State Department, with WH concurrence, issued a statement of full confidence in Abramowitz; we will attempt to find a new position for him. News stories say the issue involves Abramowitz' religion.	Speakes
8. <u>CBI</u> : Decision made to fight committee action on the floor; prospects of success are good. Stories that we have given up on the CBI are not accurate.	Dubenstein
9. <u>CPI</u> : Up in April by 0.2%; up 6.6% compared to one year ago. Durable goods figures are down, though, after 2 consecutive increases.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-20-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo op is meeting with retailers.	Speakes
2. <u>Cabinet</u> : Topics for working lunch include budget update, EPA report, and OECD report.	Fuller
3. <u>Howard University</u> : Fundraiser total now over \$105,000, with 332 people scheduled to attend event this evening.	Dole
4. <u>Budget</u> : In Senate we won a series of votes yesterday; key note today will be on Hollings effort to repeal 3rd year of the tax cut. Senate should complete work tonight or tomorrow.	Duberstein
<p>In the House, bipartisan compromise has been introduced along with Mineta-Panetta substitute for Jones plan. Report is that Mineta-Panetta involves \$51.5B in defense cuts over 3 years and \$135B in revenue increases; we should characterize it as a "tax more, spend more" plan.</p>	
<p>Significant Presidential announcements should be held till Senate passes budget, or till bipartisan coalition has been formed in the House.</p>	
5. <u>Interstate Commerce</u> : Harper will do paper on overall subject.	Harper
6. <u>USDA "Political Loyalty Checks"</u> : Questions re this story should be referred to USDA.	Speakes
7. <u>CBI</u> : Committee vote lost yesterday placed CBI within World Bank framework; Mathias is key to reversing this situation.	Duberstein Clark
8. <u>OPM RIF Policy</u> : "Performance over seniority" policy still being formulated; questions should be referred to OPM.	Speakes
9. <u>Tillson</u> : DOD has decided on a letter of reprimand rather than dismissal.	
10. <u>Draft Registration</u> : Prosecution plans are still being formulated; questions should be referred to DOJ.	Speakes
11. <u>Attorney General</u> : Guidance re stories on \$50,000 payment is that we will not comment since the matter is under statutory review.	Speakes
12. <u>Jewish Coalition</u> : Leaders will visit to discuss plans.	Dole
13. <u>Meharry Medical College</u> : Problems go beyond number of beds; HHS will look at overall situation to determine what can be done to help.	Harper Fuller
14. <u>Urgent Supplementals</u> : Bill still contains housing bailout. It is very important that we work toward sustaining a possible veto; necessity of some supplementals may help our position. Plans for maintaining essential services should be continued. Bill will come up in Senate next week.	Duberstein Wright

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15. <u>Wolf Trap</u> : OMB recommends 100% federal funding, and will push to speed up reconstruction. Announcement of decision should be made through Presidential call to Mrs. Shouse, then WH release. OMB should examine possibility amount could be taken from available funds, thus avoiding request for appropriation.	Wright Gergen
16. <u>Falklands</u> : Invasion imminent, with possibility of peaceful resolution remote.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-19-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo ops today will be with King Hassan.	Speakes
2. <u>Howard University</u> : Report is that there are still problems with amount of money raised (only \$53,000); further effort is needed.	Dole
3. <u>Budget</u> : It is possible that Senate will vote today on measures to drop Social Security provision and to add \$4B in spending; Senate intends to complete business by tomorrow night. House coalition will probably finalize a compromise today, with possible call from Michel to seek President's support. Any such statement of support will indicate a preference for the Senate's defense figures.	Duberstein
4. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Corporate profits are down at an annualized rate of 20%. Re yesterday's drop in housing starts, it was pointed out that housing permits continue to go up.	
5. <u>Council on Aging</u> : Purpose of meeting today is to recognize newly sworn-in members and to reemphasize President's commitment to the elderly.	
6. <u>Leaks</u> : Point again stressed that leaks of documents and meeting transcripts are very destructive to the decision-making process.	
7. <u>MX</u> : Guidance is being formulated re leaked Presidential memo; aim is to deflect issue until Friday.	Clark
8. <u>Housing Bailout</u> : Measure is being loaded up with other bailouts and high-priced items. Our position remains one of opposition to any such bailouts.	Duberstein
9. <u>Donovan</u> : Fielding will call Donovan for further information on story that his firm has hired private investigators to check on Senate committee's leaks.	Fielding
10. <u>Monetary Policy</u> : Due to story that we are wavering in our support of Federal Reserve's policies, we need to get word out that this is entirely inaccurate and that we continue to support the Fed.	Gergen
11. <u>Cigarette Labeling</u> : Approval given for Administration to oppose requirement for stricter labeling on cigarette exports. Entire issue should be placed on CCHR agenda for discussion.	Wright Fuller
12. <u>Social Security</u> : Decision made that amendments re disability benefits and other issues should not be forwarded to congressional committees even indirectly.	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-18-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : CCEA has been rescheduled for 9:30. Congressional session will be scheduled this afternoon. Photo op is with Joint Chiefs.	Speakes
2. <u>Economy</u> : Personal income is up 0.3%; housing starts will be down.	
3. <u>Budget</u> : Howard Baker is convening a strategy meeting at 9:00 today.	
4. <u>School Prayer</u> : Language went to Congress yesterday in the form of a message; package is to be released by DOJ.	Fuller
5. <u>Brezhnev Response to Eureka Speech</u> : Guidance later today.	Clark
6. <u>1984</u> : Guidance for staff is that President intends to run for re-election, and staff should not be drawn into speculation beyond that.	
7. <u>DOE Reorganization</u> : Legislation is now ready to go; the principal Senate players are now on board.	Dubenstein
8. <u>GOP Ads</u> : Guidance is that President has not seen the ads, though they were viewed in advance by Political Affairs office; the ads were not subject to any kind of WH approval.	Rollins Speakes
9. <u>Steel Stretchout</u> : EPA has approved several applications, and will shortly consider others. If some are denied, Justice will then begin enforcement through reform of consent decrees. Report is that Dingell Bill would cure most stretchout problems.	Fielding Fuller
10. <u>Transportation</u> : Harper to analyze and report on legislation to set a national weight limit for trucks.	Harper
11. <u>Military Base Transfers</u> : Problem mentioned re transfer of particular base for use as state correctional facility. We are inclined to support the transfer despite DOD reservations. Fuller to check.	Fuller
12. <u>Hispanics</u> : Strategy memo has been completed and should now be reviewed.	Baker Dole
13. <u>Chamber of Commerce</u> : Kemp will speak before Chamber's tax policy committee; suggestion made that Secretary Regan also be available to speak if balance is needed.	Fuller

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4. <u>School Prayer</u> : Papers prepared by DOJ have been circulated with comments due today. Decision is that language will be released by both DOJ and WH, but DOJ will brief and handle questions.	Fuller Darman Gergen
5. <u>Cabinet Councils</u> : CCEA will meet with President tomorrow on highway user fees. Details of other meetings scheduled this week have been circulated.	Fuller
6. <u>Linkage</u> : Several recent stories have mentioned Administration's abandonment of linkage concept. It is important for us to refute such stories. Guidance is that linkage does not affect whether we sit down and talk with the Soviets; however, it does affect what we talk about after we sit down.	Gergen Clark
7. <u>Meharry College</u> : VA has sent letter asking that accreditation question be held open in order that we can examine what other help (besides access to VA beds) the school may need.	Fuller
8. <u>Federalism</u> : Issue needs to be resolved this week if possible. Meeting will be held to discuss Medicaid option; a key issue here is whether to accept national standards for Medicaid. Preference, if legal, is to avoid having national standards.	Williamson Harper
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ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Howard University Fundraiser</u> : Steps are now being taken by RNC and others to ensure success of event. Dole will provide list of suggested personal calls for WH staff to make.	Dole
2. <u>Defense Bill</u> : Passed Senate early this morning, with modified Maybank amendment adopted. Only item left out was the C-5.	
3. <u>School Prayer</u> : DOJ has sent over three options, with one as stated preference. Paper should be circulated for WH comment.	Harper Fuller Darman
4. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Producer Price Index is up 0.9% (up 3.1% over past year). Industrial Production was down 0.6%, but auto sales were up (a good sign). Also, there are now signs of some softening in interest rates.	
5. <u>Budget</u> : Debate and vote will take place in Senate next week. House will begin considering late next week, and vote the following week. Duberstein will provide MD with an assessment of how much of President's time will be needed over next 2 weeks.	Duberstein
6. <u>Washington Times</u> : WH staff is neither encouraged nor discouraged re attending reception.	
7. <u>Federalism/Medicaid</u> : Comments on proposal are needed. Next step will then be to sit down and lay out ideas with governors' health officers.	Williamson
8. <u>Quayle Jobs Bill</u> : Progress has been made; we may be close to agreement on changes that would exclude wages, salaries, and stipends.	Duberstein
9. <u>Urgent Supplementals</u> : Information should be conveyed to Congress that, in the event of problems, (a) Social Security checks will still go out, and (b) BLS feels it can avoid layoffs.	Wright Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-12-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo op is during 1:30 meeting with investment advisors.	Speakes
2. <u>FTC</u> : AMA won committee vote to exempt professions from FTC coverage.	Wright
3. <u>Housing Bailout</u> : \$1B bailout was attached to supplemental; problems with veto from both political and practical (potential override) standpoint make it necessary to reassess our current position.	Wright Harper
4. <u>Press Conference</u> : Will be announced this morning; set for 8 p.m. tomorrow night. Briefing time has been blocked out.	Gergen
5. <u>CBI</u> : Committee imposed country-by-country limit that cuts portion requested for El Salvador. Clark will discuss situation with Duberstein and Darman.	Clark
6. <u>Small Business Innovation Act</u> : A letter of general endorsement for the bill is being prepared for MD signature.	Duberstein
7. <u>Defense Authorization Bill</u> : Still on the floor; compromise rider on Social Security has been drafted with concurrence of parties, and which we will probably endorse.	Duberstein Darman
8. <u>Budget</u> : Guidance is that we will continue to support the Domenici plan in the Senate; in the House we will work with Republicans and responsible Democrats to form a plan that a majority can support. We recognize that any plan coming out of the House will be different and will probably not contain a Social Security solvency provision. We remain concerned, though, about the system's solvency; that is why we formed the commission.	Speakes
9. <u>OECD Meetings</u> : Report is that these went well, and resulted in an acceptable communique.	
10. <u>UMW</u> : Union has filed for a permit to demonstrate in front of WH; report is that this is more of an opportunity for some elements to let off steam and may not be too serious.	Dole
11. <u>NIH</u> : Wyngaarden remarks on abortion have caused problems; Schweiker has talked with him and has obtained assurance he will support the President's policies on the issue. Schweiker should also talk with conservatives who are upset about Wyngaarden's statements.	Fuller
12. <u>Parliament Speech</u> : Draft will be ready for limited WH circulation by end of the day, and will then go to the President.	Clark

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-11-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Event with Soviet emigres should be played in low-key way without photo op. Meeting with Trade Associations at 11:20 will be photo op instead; business leaders will talk with press outside meetings.	Speakes
2. <u>Budget</u> : Meeting will be held to discuss suggestion that Social Security adjustments be left off budget.	Darman Duberstein
3. <u>Defense Authorization Bill</u> : Still set for floor action, but consideration has been given to pulling the bill back due to Byrd rider. We need to try to clean up this bill if we can.	Duberstein
4. <u>Housing Bailout</u> : Stockman sent letter yesterday strongly opposing this bill, though prospects for passage are still good. Matter will be discussed in Legislative Strategy this afternoon.	Wright Harper
5. <u>Women's Issues</u> : Expiration of ERA next month requires action to address women's concerns. Handling of 50 States Project is one key issue still to be settled.	Dole Williamson
6. <u>Grove City</u> : Congressional oversight hearing will be held tomorrow; we should confirm what our position is prior to testimony.	Fuller
7. <u>Small Business Innovation Act</u> : Letter has been received from McCloskey opposing bill; possible AWACS commitment to Rudman is involved. Duberstein will check further.	Duberstein
8. <u>Meharry College</u> : VA has not yet briefed WH staff, but will do so soon.	Fuller
9. <u>Van de Water</u> : Duberstein will call Howard Baker to seek movement on a discharge petition.	Duberstein
10. <u>FTC</u> : Question before Congress involves whether to exempt certain professions from FTC coverage. AMA is inflexible on issue so far, but we are still seeking compromise position involving a moratorium.	Wright
11. <u>Carbon Monoxide</u> : Cicconi to call Senator Stafford in response to charges that EPA planned rule change without public comment period.	Cicconi
12. <u>Clean Air</u> : Howard Baker is still confident we can get a bill out by late May or early June.	Duberstein
13. <u>Federalism</u> : A meeting will be held to discuss details before they are finalized.	Williamson
14. <u>Unemployment</u> : Point stressed that we should not issue public predictions about future unemployment.	Weidenbaum
15. <u>Press Conference</u> : We are looking toward a press conference late this week. Preparation time should be set aside on President's schedule.	Gergen

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16. <u>Special Prosecutor Law</u> : Our position on possible changes in the law should be determined.	Fuller Fielding
17. <u>Parliament Speech</u> : First draft now going to President for review.	Clark Gergen

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-7-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo op is departure to helicopter.	Speakes
2. <u>Unemployment</u> : Now at 9.4%; highest rate since WW2.	
3. <u>Eureka Speech</u> : Needs to be in final form for teleprompter by noon tomorrow. A series of Congressional briefings has been planned and should be coordinated with Duberstein.	Darman Clark Duberstein
4. <u>YMCA Speech</u> : Went in to President for review last night.	Gergen
5. <u>Budget</u> : Strategy is to wait and assess reaction before we go on the offensive; the social security issue could turn our way. Social Security Administration has certified that the \$40B figure will address the solvency problem. Point stressed that nothing in the Domenici budget plan will <u>require</u> a reduction in social security benefits. Major business community endorsements will be sought, with Dole to arrange for certain leaders to meet with JAB.	Gergen Darman Dole
6. <u>Bailouts</u> : Guidance is that we will not support any bailouts until after a budget resolution has been adopted. Regarding the Lugar bill, our policy is not to indicate in advance whether we will sign or veto legislation.	Speakes

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ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Press Availability</u> : Will be held today at 11:15; hold close until then. GOP congressional leaders to come in for picture and press availability; House leaders should especially be included. President should be briefed for event at 10:30.	Speakes Gergen
2. <u>School Prayer</u> : Different versions were considered yesterday, with some problems due to internal disagreement at DOJ. AG has stated his agreement with current version, however. DOJ staff will discuss this morning; Harper will hold meeting to resolve WH views. Some consideration given to going with statement only, and withholding exact language of amendment until we are satisfied with it. Q&A has been put together and will be circulated.	Harper Fuller
3. <u>Domenici Budget Proposal</u> : Official synopsis will be circulated this morning. Point stressed that revenue increases in plan do not adversely affect the 3rd year of the tax cut. No specific proposal has been endorsed on Social Security except a requirement to act on the Task Force's recommendations. Over half the proposal's revenue increases were in the President's February budget. Basic concept of the plan is to freeze spending at '82 levels. It was also stressed that the President decided to support this plan before the committee voted against his budget.	Darman Wright Dubenstein
4. <u>Haitians</u> : Report is that International Human Rights Commission will be permitted to inspect the detention camps. Though DOJ probably cannot change the detention policy per se, it should make sure conditions are as humane as possible.	Fuller
5. <u>Affirmative Action</u> : Harper has prepared a memo with plan for inter-departmental coordination of such programs; it is now being reviewed.	Harper
6. <u>Meharry Medical College</u> : Briefing by VA will be rescheduled.	Fuller
7. <u>Federalism</u> : Need to be careful about WH comments; guidance is that we are optimistic and that things are on the right track. Set of principles will be circulated; it is hoped that an agreement will be concluded by end of the month.	Williamson
8. <u>Van de Water</u> : James will check to make certain nomination was sent back to Congress; we will then move on a discharge petition.	James Dubenstein
9. <u>DOJ Legal Opinions</u> : Two are going to the Hill today; one on Helms-Johnston anti-busing bill, and the other on school prayer court-stripping. Decision is that DOJ should hold release and not inform Hill until after President's press availability.	Fuller
10. <u>Sugar Quotas</u> : Proclamation was issued yesterday.	
11. <u>CBI</u> : This is in better shape now; Dubenstein will continue working with Kimmit.	Dubenstein Clark
12. <u>START</u> : President will receive packet at 9:30 to begin consideration of issue.	Clark

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13. <u>Eureka Speech</u> : Deaver, Clark and Gergen will meet at 10:00 to discuss speech and possible need for more substance. Three points of emphasis in speech are East-West peace, START, and the European trip.	Gergen Clark
14. <u>Washington Times</u> : Invitations to a reception and request for interview with President have led to questions of paper's possible connection with Reverend Moon; this should be checked.	Gergen Fielding

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ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : No photo op today. Meeting with George Schultz should be put on the public schedule.	Speakes
2. <u>Domenici Budget Plan</u> : Guidance re Social Security aspects is that we prefer to wait for the Task Force recommendations on maintaining the system's solvency.	Speakes
3. <u>Donovan Tapes</u> : DOJ has refused to turn them over to Hatch committee; issue should be followed.	Fielding
4. <u>School Prayer</u> : Alternative versions of amendment have been received; meeting will be held today to discuss which version we should put forward.	Fuller
5. <u>Sugar Quotas</u> : Proclamation, statement, and fact sheet are being completed and should go out today. Someone from USDA should come over to assist at briefing.	Gergen Darman
6. <u>Trucking Deregulation</u> : Effort is moving forward with appropriate balance achieved between concerns of industry and teamsters.	Wright Harper
7. <u>Clean Air</u> : Howard Baker has indicated he wants a bill out of committee by late May or early June. This will deal with both stationary and mobile sources.	Duberstein
8. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : Paper has been circulated re changes we would like to see in the amendment; strategy is to try to obtain our priority changes without slowing down its consideration by Congress. Matter will be discussed further in Legislative Strategy.	Wright Harper Darman
9. <u>Broder Article</u> : Referred to letter from Governor Atiyeh that has not yet been answered; there is apparently some internal disagreement over what the response should say.	Darman Williamson
10. <u>ERA</u> : Expires in June; at that time we need to be able to show progress by the Women's Task Force and the 50 States Project. Matter should be discussed further in meeting between Williamson, Dole, Fuller and Gergen.	Dole
11. <u>Urgent Supplementals</u> : We are working with the GOP leadership to obtain a rule prohibiting amendments; Stockman has also sent letter opposing any amendments to the supplementals.	Wright Duberstein
12. <u>Meharry Medical College</u> : VA will brief WH staff today on implications of allowing Meharry to share use of VA hospital with Vanderbilt.	Fuller
13. <u>Defense Authorization Bill</u> : This still looks okay, but we will continue to follow.	Duberstein
14. <u>Eureka Speech</u> : Darman will circulate draft on "hold close" basis; comments should be submitted quickly.	Darman

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15. <u>Governors Executive Committee</u> : Meeting today on Hill with bipartisan leadership; may make comments on budget.	Williamson
16. <u>CBI</u> : Legislation is now in trouble and requires a high degree of effort. Duberstein should work with Kimmit re problems in Ways and Means Committee.	Duberstein Clark

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (5-4-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : No photo opportunity today. Congressional meeting formerly set for 3:00 is now off the schedule.	
2. <u>Cabinet Meeting</u> : Set for 11:00; will discuss sugar import quotas and trade initiative for developing countries.	Fuller
3. <u>House Budget Committee Meeting</u> : Michel will talk with press in briefing room after meeting.	Speakes Duberstein
4. <u>Voting Rights Act</u> : Reaction to our statement has been good; Thurmond has still not agreed to compromise. E. Dole will develop plans to properly present President's position in support of the Dole Compromise.	Duberstein Dole
5. <u>School Prayer</u> : Draft material from DOJ will probably arrive today for WH circulation.	Darman
6. <u>Defense Budget</u> : Effort to recommit will probably not succeed; we will work the vote on that subject today.	Duberstein
7. <u>Senate Budget Committee</u> : Will probably bring up, and vote down, President's budget today. We should prepare a statement explaining this and putting it in proper perspective.	Duberstein Gergen
8. <u>Black Medical School</u> : VA says it will do what we ask re Meharry Medical School in order to help it retain accreditation; VA will brief WH staff on situation.	Fuller Williamson
9. <u>Radiation Compensation Act</u> : Harper reported that three agencies, including DOJ, oppose the bill. Administration is strongly opposed.	Harper Duberstein
10. <u>Proclamations</u> : Need stressed for limits on the number of frivolous proclamations. Decision is that we should adhere to rule that proclamation must first be approved by both houses of Congress before it will be issued.	Darman
11. <u>Urgent Supplementals</u> : These will begin coming up next week; it is possible that attempts will be made to attach Lugar Bill or some other bailout to the supplementals. Decision is to send letter stating desire that supplementals come out as "clean" bills, and that there should be no bailout legislation until we have a budget resolution.	Duberstein Wright
12. <u>Hinckley</u> : WH staff cautioned against any careless comments regarding the trial; the judge has imposed a gag rule, and the jury has not been sequestered.	Fielding
13. <u>Lyn Nofziger</u> : Hospitalized last night with possible stroke; Dr. Ruge should call Lyn's doctor for direct word on medical outlook.	
14. <u>Eureka College Speech</u> : Will be circulated for comment today; we need to decide how we want to characterize the speech to press.	Clark Gergen
15. <u>Falklands</u> : Consideration given to possible statement re cruiser sinking that we deeply regret the loss of life.	Clark Gergen

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ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity is with Congressional leadership. Cabinet time has been cancelled.	Speakes
2. <u>Brezhnev Summit</u> : Guidance remains the same.	Speakes
3. <u>Black Medical School</u> : Decision is to see if we can help through use of VA beds in Nashville.	Fuller
4. <u>Voting Rights Act</u> : Meeting will be held at 10:45 to discuss our position on the Dole Compromise; AG will attend. Duberstein will talk to Thurmond in advance of meeting re his position.	Darman Duberstein
5. <u>Law of the Sea</u> : Treaty was approved with U.S. voting against it. EC and Comecon abstained; thus, U.S. is not isolated in its objections to the Treaty.	Clark
6. <u>Hinckley</u> : JAB and Fielding will discuss trial after senior staff.	Fielding
7. <u>Florida Refugees</u> : 30,000 refugees received notice that they have reached the 18-month limit on their government assistance payments. Governor Graham is laying blame on the Administration in letters sent last weekend. Possibility of violence exists. Duberstein to discuss matter with Senator Hawkins.	Duberstein
8. <u>Defense Budget</u> : Tower has asked which figures his committee should work from. Decision is to operate from February budget figures for now; we acknowledge that such figures will probably not hold for very long.	Duberstein
9. <u>Financial Disclosure</u> : Reminders are going out that updates are due by May 15; any questions should be addressed to Counsel's office.	Fielding