

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-30-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity will be during President's visit to the Hill at 3:15; Duberstein has draft language from Michel and Lott for use in President's statement.	Speakes Duberstein
2. <u>CCLP</u> : Topics today include organized crime, women's rights and civil rights.	Fuller
3. <u>Lebanon</u> : Guidance is that U.S. troops will leave when the government of Lebanon tells us they have sufficient control of the situation; also, we expect Israel and Syria to leave Lebanon as soon as possible. Our public comments should continue to stress consultations with the government of Lebanon. NSC will try to work out guidance that will be followed by all Administration spokesmen.	Clark Allin
4. <u>Leading Indicators</u> : August figures are down 0.9%. It should be noted that this index has been up the past 4 months in a row, is usually volatile, and is still up 2% overall since February. Guidance re economy is that it is bottoming out and is ready to recover. Baldrige will be asked to brief in order to place today's figures in the proper perspective.	Speakes Fuller
5. <u>Jobs Training Bill</u> : There is still a need to get information out regarding the President's record of consistent support for this bill. This should be done in advance of any signing ceremony.	Fuller Duberstein
6. <u>Grain</u> : Suggestion was made that Budget Review Board meet regarding CCC purchases of grain.	Fuller
7. <u>Continuing Resolution</u> : Passed the Senate last night and is in conference this morning. Only major question concerns defense spending, and it appears that this will be worked out. The bill should be received by 10:00 p.m. today.	Duberstein Darman
8. <u>Pipeline Sanctions</u> : Successful vote yesterday was on a motion to recommit; thus, we should not characterize this as a "win." Problems arose due to Secretary Shultz's phone call to O'Neill.	Speakes
9. <u>FTC/AMA</u> : Provision was dropped from Continuing Resolution that would have imposed a 1-year moratorium on FTC enforcement powers over professions.	
10. <u>Federal Reserve Bill</u> : The Administration needs to develop a position on this bill introduced by Kemp. Issue will be considered in CCEA.	Fuller Duberstein
11. <u>Bankruptcy Courts</u> : DOJ is trying to get Howard Baker, Thurmond and Dole to go along with a streamlined bill. JAB will call Dole; Thurmond has indicated he will go along with us if Dole does.	Baker Duberstein
12. <u>Export Trading Bill</u> : Issue was successfully resolved last night and will come up today for final passage. As with Jobs Training Bill, we will also need to demonstrate a record of Presidential support of this bill.	Duberstein

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13. <u>Financial Institutions Reform Bill</u> : Legislation is sponsored by Garn. OMB is studying conference report with a view toward sending a letter. It is felt that the conference report might pass easily.	Wright
14. <u>Nuclear Waste Disposal Bill</u> : Scheduled for action on the House floor today. The Administration supports this legislation.	Dubenstein
15. <u>Regulatory Reform</u> : Will be considered in the House Rules Committee today.	Dubenstein
16. <u>Congressional Recess</u> : Representative Gramm has called for the President to keep Congress in session one more week in order to get a vote on the Balanced Budget Amendment. Same suggestion has been made by supporters of tuition tax credits. Legislative Strategy meeting will be held to consider the question.	Darman
17. <u>CBI</u> : Rostenkowski will call JAB today regarding whether there is an agreement to bring up this issue in the lame-duck session.	Baker
18. <u>Inflation/Unemployment "Trade-off" Stories</u> : Feldstein is formulating guidance to deal with this argument in recent news articles, and will forward it to Gergen.	Feldstein
19. <u>HUD Appropriations Bill</u> : Should reach the WH today.	Darman
20. <u>Handicapped Regulations</u> : Report is that most, but not all, of the proposed regulations have been withdrawn.	Fuller
21. <u>Pending Regulatory Activity</u> : OMB has assembled a list of regulations likely to be proposed through early November; the list will be circulated to WH staff.	Wright Darman
22. <u>Immigration</u> : Question was raised regarding how hard to push this bill prior to the recess. It was pointed out that practical and political considerations make passage before the recess very unlikely.	Dubenstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-29-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Continuing Resolution</u> : Senate will convene today at 8:20, and will probably put in a long day; Howard Baker is trying to get a number of amendments cleared off the resolution.	Duberstein
2. <u>Pipeline Sanctions</u> : Our preference is to take the matter up as soon as possible under suspension since we feel we can obtain at least 1/3 to block it. Matter should still be handled in a low-key manner; suggestion was also made that Shultz call Michel to counterbalance his phone call to O'Neill.	Duberstein
3. <u>Alabama Primary</u> : State Republican officials are pleased to be able to run against Wallace, though our reading is that such a race would be very difficult.	
4. <u>Bankruptcy</u> : Issue of bankruptcy judges will be discussed in Legislative Strategy meeting sometime late this morning.	Darman
5. <u>Flat Tax</u> : Report is that testimony by Chapoton went well.	
6. <u>Jobs Training Bill</u> : In response to O'Neill's comments that the President embraced this bill late, guidance is that his statements are totally inaccurate. The Administration has been working on the bill for almost a year and it encompasses all the principles he set forth.	Gergen
7. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : Report is that we are within 3 or 4 signatures on a discharge petition. These may be achieved today since there are more than that number of Congressmen who have promised to sign in this circumstance.	Duberstein
8. <u>Treasury/Postal Service/General Government Appropriation Bill</u> : OMB reports that the bill is \$821M over the President's request; a veto signal will be sent.	Wright
9. <u>DOT Appropriations Bill</u> : Senators Stevens and Andrews will be asked to support this bill in the Senate so that it can serve as a basis for a lower appropriation in the CR.	Wright Duberstein
10. <u>Private Sector Survey on Cost Control</u> : Report is that GAO is asking questions about this, and a congressional committee is also investigating various other aspects of the operation. A meeting will be held with the top people of the PSSCC to determine what information can be supplied in answer to these inquiries. It was suggested that, after Congress leaves, the group report some of its findings in order to defuse criticism.	Fuller Fielding
11. <u>South Bronx</u> : Suggestion was made to publicize funding for Puerto Rican-run economic development firm in the South Bronx.	Gergen

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-28-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Press coverage will be allowed during American Business Conference event.	Speakes
2. <u>News Conference</u> : Opening statement is being re-drafted, and will be circulated on a limited basis.	Gergen
3. <u>Lebanon</u> : Time agreement for arrival of U.S. forces should be worked out by this afternoon.	Clark
4. <u>Continuing Resolution</u> : Will be considered in the Senate today, with approval likely tomorrow. The conference should conclude work by Thursday night.	Duberstein
5. <u>Nominations</u> : We will move for confirmation of 8 nominees to Legal Services. Regarding Richard Burt, we are still pushing but he will probably not be confirmed before Congress recesses.	Duberstein von Damm
6. <u>Busing Story in Post</u> : Guidance is that there is nothing new in this story. The President should be briefed on it before his press conference; Speakes should also knock down this story at 9:15.	Gergen Speakes
7. <u>Pipeline Sanctions</u> : Vote will take place today when issue comes up under suspension. We have a shot at winning, but must approach it in a low-key manner. Resolution is, in effect, only an expression of opinion and would need to pass both houses.	Duberstein
8. <u>EEOC Story</u> : Problem has occurred due to remarks in which President used FY '81 enforcement figures instead of figures for calendar 1981. EEOC and Brad Reynolds are checking.	Fuller
9. <u>Alabama Primary</u> : Possibility exists that Wallace may lose in runoff; Republican will have a good chance regardless.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-27-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Issues Briefing Lunch has been cancelled since press conference briefing will be held during much of the afternoon. Press conference set for Tuesday can be announced today once question of time is settled.	Speakes
2. <u>Cabinet</u> : CCLP will meet Thursday on drug and narcotics control program; meeting may also include a briefing on civil rights enforcement.	Fuller
3. <u>Congressional Activity</u> : Continuing Resolution will probably reach conference by Wednesday. Congress will also consider pipeline sanction legislation, Financial Institutions Reform Act, regulatory reform, immigration, nuclear waste disposal, and bankruptcy procedures. Also, jobs training bill will reach the President this week; we will use signing ceremony to stress that bill was largely initiated by the President and is consistent with principles he put forward.	Dubenstein
4. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Leading economic indicators may be down about 1% after being up 4 months in a row. Baldrige will reportedly deal with information leaks on this subject which detracted from media coverage of President's radio talk.	Feldstein
5. <u>Hoffman Story Re Federal Grants</u> : Guidance re <u>Post</u> story is that no request has been made for a list of pending federal grants and projects to assure that Republicans can announce them.	Gergen

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-24-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Remarks at 1:00 meeting on inflation and the economy will be opened up to the press; meeting will then be closed for Q&A.	Speakes
2. <u>Lebanon</u> : Guidance regarding Marines is that they will act to defend themselves, but will pull out in case of full-scale combat.	Speakes
3. <u>New York Primary</u> : Cuomo's victory over Koch probably means Lehrman does not have a chance; Lehrman's real chance was in a 3-way race. In the Senate primary, Frances Sullivan won the GOP nomination; she has the lowest name ID among those who were in the primary. Also, George Wortley is narrowly leading Gary Lee, though all votes have not been counted.	
4. <u>Social Issues</u> : Regarding Helms' remarks that the WH gave no help on abortion and school prayer issues, guidance is to avoid comment if possible; however, if we must comment, we should vigorously refute what Helms said. In addition, it can be pointed out that we feel our school prayer proposal would have had a better chance of passage than Helms' version. A fact sheet on our efforts will be prepared for Speakes to use in briefing.	Speakes Duberstein
Regarding Weisman piece in New York Times, guidance is that the President and the WH worked very hard on social issues during this session of Congress, and we intend to continue stressing such issues in the campaign. It was further mentioned that Adam Clymer is working on a story similar to Weisman's.	Speakes
5. <u>Unemployment</u> : It was mentioned that the press is making an effort to tie many developments into the expectation of 10%+ unemployment figures coming out on October 8.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-23-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity is during Brady Trust luncheon.	Speakes
2. <u>CCEA</u> : Will meet today with President at 2:00. Agenda includes an economic update and a brief discussion of our position on the flat tax.	Fuller
3. <u>Jobs Training Bill</u> : It is considered important for the President to be out front on jobs training legislation. Angrisani will go over the language of the compromise today to be certain it is what was described by Hatch in yesterday's meeting; then a Presidential statement of support will be issued. It was suggested that Regan and Angrisani brief the press after CCEA meeting on both the CPI (which is up 0.3%), and the jobs training compromise. It was agreed that the jobs training statement should be tied in with the CPI for press purposes.	Gergen Fuller Harper
4. <u>School Prayer</u> : A fourth attempt at cloture on the Helms proposal will be made at noon today, though it is not likely to succeed. At this point, the Republican leadership is trying to figure out a way to move on and pass a "clean" debt ceiling bill.	Duberstein
5. <u>Continuing Resolution</u> : Passed the House yesterday; duration is through December 15. We intend to resolve any differences either in the Senate or in the conference.	Duberstein
6. <u>Child Care Tax Credit</u> : We should prepare to announce that we are going to make a child care credit available on Form 1040-A for the 1983 tax year. Fuller will coordinate.	Fuller
7. <u>Immigration Bill</u> : Passed the House Judiciary Committee yesterday, 15 to 13. It is felt, however, that it will probably not reach the White House before the recess.	Duberstein
8. <u>Clean Air Act</u> : Gorsuch will meet Friday with members of the Clean Air Coalition in an effort to assess remaining prospects for passage this year. Dingell and Broyhill are putting together another bill, with our knowledge, in an attempt to find a compromise that can be passed out of committee before the recess; they would then go for full passage in the lame duck session.	Dole Duberstein
9. <u>DOT Appropriations Bill</u> : Information is that this may be sent to the White House separately.	Wright
10. <u>Social Issues</u> : New York Times story by Steve Weisman quotes WH sources to the effect that the social issues are behind us and that we are pleased we can now move forward with other things. This is inaccurate and should be knocked down.	Gergen

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-22-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity is with presidents of black colleges; briefing paper regarding grants, etc., should be forwarded in advance.	Speakes Dole
2. <u>Lebanon</u> : No change in guidance; point was made that there is a need to halt remarks to the effect that we would like to see the Begin government fall. Guidance concerning U.S. troop presence in Beirut will be provided shortly. Also, tomorrow the Vice President will deliver a speech on the Middle East at the Press Club.	Clark Allin
3. <u>Rail Strike</u> : Senate passed measure we sought last night; we hope for House passage this afternoon. Decision is to sign bill immediately after it arrives at the WH.	Duberstein Darman
4. <u>School Prayer</u> : Third attempt at cloture on Helms measure will be made today, and is expected to fall short of the needed 60 votes. It is important to emphasize to the press that this bill is not the version we prefer. We are working to get a commitment for a vote on our proposal.	Duberstein
5. <u>Transportation Appropriations Bill</u> : Legislation is over budget by about \$200M; we have already demonstrated veto strength in the House vote, though.	Wright
6. <u>CBS News/New York Times Poll</u> : This indicates that the President's standing among women has improved, largely due to progress on the "peace issue."	
7. <u>Omnibus Women's Equity Act</u> : This is an effort to enact noncontroversial changes in laws containing gender bias, and is an outgrowth of our Justice Department report. Porter will review draft legislation. Legislative Strategy meeting will then be held to discuss communications plan.	Porter Darman
8. <u>Defense Appropriations Bill</u> : Senate subcommittee cut U.S. forces in Europe by 23,000 men; this was approved by DOD and is part of an effort to find the money for necessary cuts.	
9. <u>Jobs Training Bill</u> : There was some dissatisfaction with conference developments regarding this bill; Hawkins, Hatch and Quayle have been told that we would prefer no bill at all to an unacceptable bill. Issue will be discussed further in meeting this afternoon.	Duberstein Darman
10. <u>Garn Bill on Banking</u> : Indications are that ABA and the S&L's will agree to support the bill today; if that occurs, Howard Baker will then move the bill to conference. The House has already passed a version that we consider unacceptable.	Duberstein

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11. <u>Child Care Credit</u> : Dole will check with Regan concerning inclusion of a child care credit on form 1040-A. Information is that two to six million families would be affected, and that the change would cost \$250M.	Dole
12. <u>Flat Tax</u> : Hearings will be held next week on this proposal; guidance is that we are taking no position on it.	
13. <u>Immigration Bill</u> : This may have passed House Judiciary Committee yesterday.	Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-21-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Photo opportunity with our 3 arms negotiators will be held today.	Speakes
2. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Revised GNP figures will be released this morning. They will show that real GNP increased at a 2.1% annual rate during the 2nd quarter (this is up from a previous estimate of 1.3%). Preliminary figures for the 3rd quarter indicate a 1.5% increase.	
3. <u>Rail Strike</u> : We expect Congress will pass legislation today or tomorrow. Secretary Lewis will be testifying on this subject today.	Fuller Duberstein
4. <u>Lebanon</u> : Congressional reaction so far has been mixed regarding decision to return troops to Beirut; suggestion was made that we get more members of Congress out publicly in support of the President. We will pursue the same route as before regarding the War Powers Act, though we have not yet discussed this with Congress.	Clark Duberstein
5. <u>School Prayer</u> : 2nd cloture vote on Helms proposal will be held today; we expect it will gain some support, though not 60 votes. Guidance is that we are supporting cloture, though we maintain a preference for our bill on the subject.	Duberstein
6. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : President will be meeting with Congressmen on this subject during congressional time today. 15 signatures are still needed, though it is possible we may obtain these by the end of the week.	Duberstein
7. <u>Dole Remarks re New Tax Bill</u> : News story quotes Senator Dole as saying that another tax increase is likely next year unless the economy turns around quickly. Guidance is that the President has no enthusiasm for additional tax legislation and has no plans to seek any.	Speakes
8. <u>Continuing Resolution</u> : Whitten version is \$34B under for defense and military construction, and \$1B under for foreign operations. OMB is preparing a letter of opposition.	Wright
9. <u>Teamsters</u> : Longstanding case regarding the Central States Pension Fund has been settled. The government achieved its objectives, including an impartial monitor of funds and other safeguards.	
10. <u>High Technology</u> : Bill pending in Congress would extend tax benefits to companies which provide high technology equipment to high schools. Such benefits are now given when equipment is donated to colleges, and the Administration supports extending the same benefit with regard to high schools. However, there is some question as to whether this bill is more generous than the current college provision.	Wright Fuller
11. <u>Agriculture Appropriations Bill</u> : "White" veto signal is being sent regarding this legislation.	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-20-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Location of OPIC event may be changed due to weather.	
2. <u>Rail Strike</u> : Engineers are still negotiating, but we are not hopeful of a settlement. DOT and DOL have been consulting with Labor, and will further discuss situation with Congress today. Time may be requested on President's schedule before lunch to discuss recommendations; Fuller and Gergen will discuss press plan. According to CEA, the strike will pose serious problems for the economy if it lasts more than a week.	Fuller Gergen
3. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Moderately good news is expected this week regarding GNP and consumer price index.	Feldstein
4. <u>Lebanon</u> : Meeting at 10:15 should be described as a discussion with top foreign policy advisors. Content and timing of a Presidential statement on West Beirut will be determined in that session. Begin's response to our previous message may also be received today.	Clark Gergen
5. <u>Cabinet</u> : Meeting today at 2:00 will discuss political situation and Indian policy. Agenda for Thursday meeting is still not set.	Fuller
6. <u>Legal Equity for Women</u> : Senator Dole is prepared to introduce legislation to correct 70 laws with gender bias, most of which are listed in DOJ's recent report. Subject will be discussed in Legislative Strategy meeting, and will then be raised during CCLP meeting with the President.	Darman Fuller
7. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : Senate passage is still possible; Senator Dole is still pushing for floor action, though no date has been set yet.	Duberstein
8. <u>School Prayer</u> : Cloture vote on Helms proposal will take place this afternoon, though it will probably fail. Our proposal for a constitutional amendment will likely be debated at some future point.	Duberstein
9. <u>Medicare</u> : Weekend stories in which HHS employees and a former OMB employee were quoted have been harmful. Guidance is that no senior WH official has requested a report on the subject; instead, it is a result of lower level staff activity.	Wright Fuller
10. <u>Social Security</u> : Staff should check into details regarding story in <u>Post</u> about cuts in social security death benefits.	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-17-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Private Sector Survey on Cost Control</u> : Congressman William Ford's subcommittee has initiated an investigation of this group which seems aimed at discrediting it. We will follow developments closely.	Fielding Fuller
2. <u>Radio Speech</u> : Draft (on school prayer) will go into the President today.	Darman
3. <u>President's Jobs Training Bill</u> : Conference committee will meet again Monday on this.	Dubenstein
4. <u>Democratic Jobs Bill</u> : Passed the House yesterday on a vote that was, for the most part, along party lines. We demonstrated ample veto strength, but it is unlikely the matter will reach that point. Attempt will be made in Senate to add the bill on to another measure, though Howard Baker feels he can prevent passage.	Dubenstein
5. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : We are continuing to push for Senate floor action; however, O'Neill's statement that the House will not consider the matter this year makes a Senate passage more difficult.	Dubenstein
6. <u>School Prayer</u> : Agreement has almost been reached on how to proceed in the Senate. Guidance is that we are anxious to have <u>our</u> school prayer proposal debated and voted on.	Dubenstein Gergen
7. <u>Special Session of Congress</u> : Letter has been sent by President stressing his desire that the Congress act on its budget resolution by passing the necessary appropriations bills. While the letter does not specify that a lame duck session will be called, that is clearly implied. Further guidance is that we will have absolutely nothing new to say regarding social security until the commission issues its report.	Dubenstein Gergen
Regarding possibility that Congress may adjourn sine die, Fielding will analyze legal questions concerning recess appointments.	Fielding
8. <u>Defense Appropriations Bill</u> : Problems are close to being resolved; DOD has been in contact with Stevens and the subcommittee.	Dubenstein
9. <u>Railroad Strike</u> : Decision is that we will not go to Congress for legislation in advance of a strike because Congress is not readily available, and the matter might still be resolved. The strike deadline is midnight Saturday. The Federal Mediation Service is now involved. In the event of a strike, an effort will be made to keep press comments at DOT; in this regard, Drew Lewis will be available to brief the press.	Fuller
10. <u>West Beirut</u> : Report is that the Israelis have surrounded the Soviet Embassy. U.S. pressure for withdrawal will be escalated, including possible action in the U.N. provided the final resolution is somewhat evenhanded on the withdrawal of other forces from Lebanon. State Department is explaining in private that a key problem is Israeli deception.	Clark

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11. <u>Bus Regulatory Reform Act</u> : Though all agencies except State have approved the bill, the reciprocity provisions regarding Canada and Mexico are troublesome. Action on the bill is due by Monday. USTR has proposed a compromise that might be acceptable to Danforth and others; NSC will discuss it with State. Memo with back-up information has been circulated for comment.	Darman Clark
12. <u>Comments by Former HEW Secretaries</u> : Called for a federal minimum level on welfare payments. Response will be discussed in 8:30 Meese Management Meeting.	Meese
13. <u>Burt Nomination</u> : This has run into problems due to Helms request for an Intelligence Committee investigation of an article Burt wrote in 1979. Percy is helping us on the nomination.	von Damm Duberstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-16-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>UAW/Chrysler</u> : Tentative agreement has been reached which may avoid a strike.	Fuller
2. <u>School Prayer</u> : Howard Baker has committed to obtain a vote on this issue; it is considered important to move on it in the wake of the abortion vote. There is a question, however, as to whether Baker's commitment is to our version (a constitutional amendment) or to court-stripping legislation.	Duberstein
3. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : Finance Committee reconvenes this morning to discuss compromise worked out last night; it is believed that Moynihan, Packwood and Bradley will all support it.	Duberstein
4. <u>Lebanon</u> : Guidance will be available later today. The Israeli Ambassador has already been told that we may go public with the criticisms.	Clark
5. <u>Defense Appropriations Bill</u> : Carlucci has not yet seen Senator Stevens, and will try to do so today. We are hopeful of getting a bill marked up in the Senate in order to bring pressure on the House.	Clark Duberstein
6. <u>Legal Fee Cap Legislation</u> : Decision is to talk with Howard Baker to see if this can be attached to some bill with good prospects of passage. If so, the bill should be sent up to the Hill; if not, we may want to hold the bill until a later date in order to draw more attention to it.	Duberstein Wright
7. <u>Railroad Strike</u> : Will possibly take place this weekend; 12:01 a.m. Saturday is the strike deadline. Drew Lewis has been talking with the parties, and suggests that we let DOT and DOL notify the congressional committees of the situation. If there is a strike, we will then come back Monday for legislation to extend the bargaining time. CEA will analyze the economic impact of waiting until Monday to address the problems caused by a Saturday strike.	Fuller
8. <u>Democratic Jobs Bill</u> : Will be taken up in the House today under a closed rule, allowing only one amendment. Michel will attempt to take the issue away by proposing to add to the bill \$1.5B taken from Synfuels. The bill itself is expected to pass.	Duberstein
9. <u>DOT Appropriations Bill</u> : OMB reports that the bill is \$525M over the President's request. However, \$323M of that sum was to be funded in the '83 budget proposed by the President. OMB will circulate talking points on this issue.	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-15-82)

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1. Schedule: Shultz and Clark will have lunch with the President. WH photo of Ambassador Dillon will be taken during Clark's briefing time this morning. Press will cover Hispanic Heritage Week, which has been changed to the South Lawn.
2. Abortion: Third cloture vote will be held today at 5:00, and we expect to obtain 50 or more votes. Howard Baker has filed a petition for a fourth cloture vote tomorrow. Cardinal Cooke has been helping in our efforts. Duberstein
3. Lebanon: Gergen has received guidance that has already been agreed on; further guidance will be coming out of a working group by mid-morning. Shultz should attend GOP leadership meeting due to possibility that questions on Lebanon will be raised. Clark
Gergen
4. Clean Air Act: Revision attempt is not dead. Now that Senator Stafford's primary is over, an attempt will be made to agree on a substitute bill for Senate consideration. Duberstein
5. Primaries: No incumbent GOP congressmen were beaten. In Nevada, Howard Cannon won, and in Massachusetts, Dukakis beat King.
6. Tuition Tax Credits: Bill is expected to pass Senate Finance Committee, and will then be scheduled for Senate floor; at the same time we will press Rostenkowski and other House members. Duberstein
7. Railroads: According to Drew Lewis, a strike is possible. One of the unions, the Brotherhood of Engineers, refused to settle. Lewis' recommendation is to wait and see what develops, taking a strike for several days if necessary before acting; Congress would be more likely to take action if a strike is in progress. Fuller
8. Civil Rights: Regarding criticism from state civil rights commission chairmen, Pendleton should continue to handle any comments. Also, a schedule proposal will be submitted to brief the President on what the Administration has done in the area of civil rights. Speakes
Dole
9. Mayors: Coleman Young will deliver a relatively mild speech today at the Press Club and will take questions afterwards. Williamson
10. EOP Budget: The question of how we will handle a budget reduction within EOP is still up in the air. It is unlikely that the \$1M cut was retribution for our veto of the supplemental. JAB will talk with Howard Baker in a low-key effort to handle the situation. Baker
Darman
11. Black Republican Council: Final draft of speech went in to the President last night and has not yet come out. Speakes will circulate an advance text to the press. Darman
Speakes
12. FTC Reauthorization Bill: AMA and others are still seeking a total exemption from FTC jurisdiction for doctors and other professions. This position is not acceptable to us; instead, we support the Broyhill version which includes a limited exemption that would still allow FTC jurisdiction over price indexing and similar anti-competitive practices. Wright

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SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9/14/82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : President will meet with Packwood, Dole, Roth, and Moynihan on subject at 2:30 for 20 minutes; meeting will be a photo opportunity. The meeting is designed to ensure that our support is solid in the event Senator Bradley decides to oppose the compromise.	Duberstein
2. <u>Abortion</u> : President is still making calls to support cloture; 45 votes were obtained yesterday. A third attempt at cloture will be made tomorrow at 5:00 p.m., and a fourth vote may be held if necessary.	Duberstein
3. <u>Social Security Benefits for Military Widows</u> : Quayle has our proposed amendment and will offer it in the Senate Armed Services Committee.	Wright/ Duberstein
4. <u>Commodities Futures Trading Commission</u> : The reauthorization bill for this agency is a candidate for veto due to deletion of user fees.	Wright/ Duberstein
6. <u>FY '83 Appropriations</u> : Entire EOP has been cut by \$1M. Meeting will be held to discuss how to allocate.	Wright/Darman
7. <u>Defense Appropriation</u> : Mark-up is set for 2:00 in the Senate. President will probably call Stevens concerning problems that have arisen re the MX and the second nuclear carrier. A meeting will also be held at 9:30 to discuss strategy.	Clark/ Duberstein
8. <u>Black Republican Council</u> : Speech draft went to the President last night; staff comments should be submitted by noon in order to be considered in the final draft.	Darman
9. <u>Democratic TV Ads</u> : Anti-Administration TV advertising has been put together, but impact will be diminished by shortage of funds with which to air the spots.	
10. <u>Urban Institute Report</u> : Will be analyzed by OPD.	Harper

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-13-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : 4:30 briefing will only last 15 minutes; interview will last 30 minutes.	
2. <u>Crime Package</u> : Fact sheet will be ready today; copies of bill and transmittal letter will also be available.	Porter
3. <u>Abortion</u> : Second cloture vote will be held at 4 p.m. today. President will be asked to make two calls, and check will be made on whether all calls initially requested were made. In addition, the VP and Cabinet members will be asked to make calls. Suggestion was made that we be certain Legislative staff have talked with congressmen in advance of such calls.	Duberstein Darman
4. <u>Donovan</u> : Silverman report will be released today between 1-2 p.m. Though Donovan had planned to make a statement, it will be suggested that he let a DOL spokesman handle the matter and simply release the statement in writing. Guidance re WH reaction is that we anticipated the report would reach such conclusions.	Fuller Fielding
5. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : 203 signatures have been obtained so far. We are working closely with private coalition groups on this issue.	Duberstein
6. <u>Public Works Bill</u> : This bill, which is being pushed by O'Neill, Wright and Perkins, involves spending \$1B to create 200,000 public works jobs; action on the bill may take place this week. OMB has prepared talking points in opposition to the bill; decision, however, is to lay low and attempt to have Howard Baker and other Republicans kill the proposal in the Senate.	Duberstein Wright
7. <u>Social Security Benefits for Military Widows</u> : Armed Services Committee will hold markup on this shortly. Administration has not yet taken a public position on the bill, though we are supportive of a version which does not include indexing. OMB will work with the Committee during markup to try to obtain a favorable bill.	Wright
8. <u>Cabinet</u> : Meeting today at 2 p.m. will discuss Combined Federal Campaign, international economic issues, and the surrogate program.	Fuller
9. <u>Government Grants</u> : It was suggested that all staff, particularly Cabinet departments, be sensitive in seeing that Republicans are notified first regarding grants and other federal programs approved for their areas.	Fuller Rollins
10. <u>Omnibus Deregulation Bill</u> : House Rules Committee will meet Wednesday to decide on a rule for this legislation; it will likely reach the House floor next week and is expected to pass (this bill has already passed the Senate). An effort should be made to see that the President gets some credit for this legislation.	Duberstein Dole

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ITEMS	ACTION
11. <u>Nuclear Freeze</u> : Referenda will be held on this in Wisconsin and other areas. Guidance will be distributed to all staff.	Gergen
12. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Retail sales figures will be out at 2:30 today and will likely show a decline. Industrial production figures later this week are also expected to be bad.	
13. <u>Local Content Legislation</u> : Yesterday on Meet the Press, an inference was made that the WH has not yet taken a position against this legislation despite the fact that Brock and Baldrige have openly opposed it. Guidance is that the WH shares their position. Our strategy, however, is to kill the bill by delay.	Dubenstein Speakes
14. <u>Defense Production Act</u> : This law is now up for extension. One version would add \$1B and make several other changes which we oppose; instead, the Administration favors a simple extension of the present law for one year.	Dubenstein
15. <u>Commodities Futures Trading Act</u> : Portion of bill requiring user fees has been removed in the House; we oppose this change and may reassess our position on the bill as a result.	Harper

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-10-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
<p>1. <u>Supplemental</u>: All-out effort will be made to defeat override attempt in Senate today. The President has been making calls to both Democrats and Republicans. Several senators, including Laxalt and Wallop, are returning to Washington for the vote, which will take place between 12 and 1 p.m.</p>	Duberstein
<p>If we lose the vote, WH staff should avoid discussion with news media in order to reduce the level of media attention. Also, in case of defeat, we will try to focus attention on another news story, such as withdrawal of troops from Lebanon (on this, the President may telephone the USS Guam and General Barrow with media present). It was further suggested that, win or lose, a statement be issued emphasizing the need for fiscal restraint.</p>	Gergen
<p>2. <u>Abortion</u>: Yesterday's cloture vote fell short by 19 votes. We expect to pick up more support in a second try on Monday, though we are aiming at final success in a third cloture vote, perhaps Tuesday.</p>	Duberstein
<p>3. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u>: Phone calls will continue to be made as we continue to press for 218 signatures on a discharge petition.</p>	Duberstein
<p>4. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u>: We are continuing to work with members of the Finance Committee on a possible compromise.</p>	Duberstein
<p>5. <u>Economic Figures</u>: The Producer Price Index for August was up 0.6%; this is a 7.5% annualized rate, and 4% year over year. Guidance is that this is further evidence the inflation picture is improving. Suggestion was made to tie this news in with the statement on fiscal restraint we will issue after the override vote today. Regarding fluctuations in the gold market, guidance is that this is probably due to a combination of lower interest rates and nervousness about developments in Mexico.</p>	Gergen
<p>6. <u>Crime</u>: Comments on radio speech are due by 10:00 today. The crime package itself will go to the Hill on Monday. Giuliani or Jensen from Justice will conduct a WH press briefing on the package, and Porter will prepare a fact sheet.</p>	Darman Fuller Porter

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-9-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Supplemental</u> : Vote on override is still close. Lott is concerned about our position on Older Americans funding; he and Michel have sent letter to members assuring their help in sustaining such funding. Duberstein and Darman will discuss options for dealing with the subject.	Duberstein Darman
2. <u>Abortion</u> : Cloture will probably not succeed in today's vote. Howard Baker is scheduling more cloture votes next week.	Duberstein
3. <u>Defense Authorization Bill</u> : Signed last night without issuance of a signing statement. A statement can be issued today, though, if a desire is expressed to do so.	Darman
4. <u>Legal Fee Cap Bill</u> : Bill drafted by OMB has been approved by OPD. Decision is to send the bill to Congress soon, in part because we committed in the budget to submit legislation this year. OMB will retain the lead on this proposal.	Wright
5. <u>Crime</u> : Anti-crime legislative package will be sent to Congress on Monday. Regarding Saturday's radio speech on crime, a new draft is now in circulation.	Duberstein Darman Gergen
6. <u>Food Stamps</u> : USDA intends to invoke sanctions against states who have exceeded the allowable error rate for food stamps. WH has made no objection. The states are facing aggregate penalties of only \$12M, and they can appeal the decision.	Harper
7. <u>CCEA</u> : Today's meeting at 8:45 will be the first attempt to discuss long-term policy planning within the cabinet council structure.	Fuller Harper

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-8-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : Meeting with Vigdis and Scandinavian luncheon will both be covered by press. After President meets with Habib, he will go outside to comment on Syrian aspects of settlement and to restate that U.S. troops will withdraw on schedule.	Speakes Clark
2. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : President will tentatively meet at 3:00 with a group of congressmen whose signatures are needed on the discharge petition. Paper will be prepared in advance for President's review.	Thompson
3. <u>Supplemental</u> : Decision was made to prepare a statement for release today re the veto override attempt.	Gergen
4. <u>Abortion</u> : President has letters to sign and calls to make on this subject. The Senate will discuss Hatch's constitutional amendment today, and will vote on cloture re Helms' proposal at 2:00 tomorrow.	Thompson
5. <u>School Prayer</u> : Guidance is that the Administration is not taking a position on the court-stripping amendment.	Speakes
6. <u>Martin Feldstein</u> : Introduced to senior staff.	
7. <u>Jobs Training Bill</u> : Legislative Strategy will meet today to discuss our position on various sections of the bill with Quayle.	Darman
8. <u>Tuition Tax Credits</u> : We are awaiting word from Moynihan and other senators concerning our proposed compromise.	Thompson
9. <u>Crime Package</u> : Decision was made to proceed with radio talk on crime package without reference to drug problem, which will be saved for a future radio address.	Gergen
10. <u>Omnibus Deregulation Bill</u> : Matter is now held up in the House Rules Committee; the Speaker has committed to move the bill, however.	Thompson
11. <u>Primaries</u> : In Alabama, it appears that Wallace may have problems in the runoff. In Florida, a runoff will probably hurt GOP chances in the Senate race.	
12. <u>Alf Landon Speech</u> : Reference to social values is still in the draft. Speech will go back to President for review, then we will make quotes available for the morning shows. Addition may be made that responds to allegation we are using unemployment to cure inflation.	Darman Gergen
13. <u>Title V</u> : It was mentioned that a commentary by Bill Moyers criticized the Administration for cuts in programs serving the elderly. OMB has prepared talking points in response.	Wright

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (9-7-82)

ITEMS	ACTION
1. <u>Schedule</u> : President arrives at 4:45; Habib event will be held at 5:15 in the East Room. Assistants to the President are only WH staff invited. Consideration will be given to include date of troops' return from Lebanon in President's remarks.	Dole Gergen
2. <u>Supplemental</u> : Treasury has biggest furlough problem with 19,000 IRS employees plus 250 Secret Service administrative personnel going out tomorrow; most other agencies are safe until September 15th. Treasury needs authority to transfer funds. Provision in current law allows such transfer with congressional committee approval, but Justice feels the provision is unconstitutional. There is precedent for ignoring such a provision, however.	Wright
Regarding potential override of President's veto, the House will consider the matter first, and much work remains to be done there; prospects in the Senate look somewhat better right now. Entire subject will be discussed in Legislative Strategy meeting today.	Darman
3. <u>Social Issues</u> : Statutory amendments regarding both abortion and school prayer may be added to the debt ceiling bill.	Duberstein
Regarding abortion, the Senate convenes at noon tomorrow and will discuss Hatch's constitutional amendment; cloture vote is set for 2 p.m. Thursday on Helms provision. Package of letters and calls on subject will go to President today.	
Regarding school prayer, we need to obtain a copy of the amendment currently being considered. If we have constitutional reservations about it, Helms will accept neutrality on our part. Consideration will be given to including a discussion of school prayer and other social issues in the Alf Landon speech.	Fielding Gergen
4. <u>Balanced Budget Amendment</u> : Discharge petition has 203 signatures, 15 short of needed number. We should continue to push for signatures in case Congress remains in session until October 15 or in case there is a special session.	Duberstein
5. <u>Crime Package</u> : Subject will be considered for next radio speech; draft should include reference to drug problem and victims of crime.	Gergen
6. <u>Pipeline Sanctions</u> : Baldrige has scheduled press conference at 11:00 to follow-up on sanctions issue. Our position is that we are not seeking a compromise or a way out on this issue, and it is important that Secretary Baldrige not give credence to allegation that we are backing off of sanctions.	Gergen