

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12/16/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : The Endowment for Democracy event will be covered by the press.	Speakes
2. <u>Textiles</u> : The unanimous recommendation of the Trade Policy Committee has been circulated, and will be forwarded to the President before today's meeting along with a description of other options. The President will not make a decision in the meeting.	Fuller
3. <u>Saturday Radio Talk</u> : A draft on drunk driving has gone in to the President.	Gergen
4. <u>Investigation of National Security Leaks</u> : Press questions on this subject should be referred to the Justice Department.	Speakes
5. <u>National Care and Share Day</u> : A final decision will be made regarding this proposed event and proclamation.	Deaver
6. <u>Producer Price Index</u> : This figure will be released today, and is expected to contain good news on inflation.	Feldstein

SENIOR STAFF MEETING -- Friday, December 16, 1983

A. Senior Staff Agenda

- ✓ 1. Review President's schedule (attached).
  - Announce National Endowment for Democracy
  - Cabinet working lunch re textiles
  - Meeting with Secretary Shultz
  - Budget appeal meeting
- ✓ 2. Saturday radio talk-- a draft on drunk driving has been circulated and sent in to the President.
3. Housing starts and producer price index will be released this morning.
- ✓ 4. Textiles-- a working lunch will be held with the President to present the various arguments.
5. Unitary tax-- have we checked the bilaterals to see if we had a commitment to put a representative of Japanese business on the study committee? Were there commitments to the Hill?
6. El Salvador-- news story says that, according to a report written for State, the Salvadoran defense minister tried to obstruct the investigation into deaths of US churchwomen. Is guidance needed?
7. Welfare-- guidance re story of proposed regs that would cut welfare benefits for the aged, blind and disabled.
8. Guidance problems (Speakes).

B. Items with the President

RR:  
TEXTILES  
(1) No discussion  
in mtg. - RR will  
receive a paper prior  
to mtg. / w options



THE SCHEDULE OF  
PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN



Friday, December 16, 1983

9:00 am (30 min)	<u>Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
9:30 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (McFarlane)	Oval Office
9:45 am (15 min)	<u>Senior Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
10:00 am (90 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
11:30 am (15 min)	<u>Announcement of National Endowment for Democracy</u> (McFarlane)	450 EOB
12:00 m (60 min)	<u>Cabinet Working Lunch</u> (Fuller)	Cabinet Room
1:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
1:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Secretary Shultz</u>	Oval Office
2:00 pm (60 min)	<u>Budget Appeal Meeting</u> (Darman/Fuller)	Cabinet Room
3:00 pm (60 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office

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4:00 pm

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12:00 noon

Monday, December 19

9:00 am (30 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> (Baker/Meese/Deaver)	Oval Office
9:30 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (McFarlane)	Oval Office
9:45 am (15 min)	<u>Senior Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
10:00 am (45 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
10:45 am (60 min)	<u>Budget Appeal Meeting</u> (Darman/Fuller)	Cabinet Room
11:45 am (15 min)	<u>Presentation of Presidential Rank Awards for the Senior Executive Service</u> (Fuller)	450 EOB
12:00 m (60 min)	<u>Issues Briefing Lunch</u> (Darman/Fuller)	Cabinet Room
1:00 pm (5 min)	<u>Photo with Nicolas M. Salgo, U.S. Ambassador to Hungary</u> (McFarlane)	Oval Office
	<u>HOLD AFTERNOON</u>	
5:30 pm	<u>HOLD-CP</u>	
6:15 pm    N	<u>Secret Service Christmas Party</u> (Rosebush)	Residence

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1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Photos will be taken by wire services and local media during the SES Presidential rank awards today. Today's budget meetings will be condensed into one session at 10:30; the meeting will brief the President on budget issues settled previously between OMB and the agencies.	Speakes
2. <u>Cabinet Activity:</u> Time is being held on December 22 for a meeting with the President to discuss liver transplants and handicapped policy.	Fuller
3. <u>News Conference:</u> The President will hold a news conference tomorrow evening; the press corps will be informed this morning. Briefing time will be held today with foreign policy issues being discussed at 2:00 and domestic policy at 3:00.	Gergen
4. <u>Jerry Carmen:</u> Guidance is that the news stories of his resignation are accurate, and that it is effective on February 28. We cannot confirm reports of a new appointment for Carmen.	Speakes
5. <u>Textiles:</u> It was noted that Congressional reaction has so far been positive.	

A. Senior Staff Agenda

1. Review President's schedule (attached).

-- Presentation of SES awards

*Wire only*

-- Pre-news conference briefing

2. News conference-- planned for tomorrow night. Will the press be told today?

*→ press coverage*

3. Cabinet/issues activity for the week (Fuller). *Handicapped policy*

4. National security matters (McFarlane).

5. Textiles-- has any announcement yet been made on the President's decision? What is the industry and congressional reaction?

6. Unitary tax-- NSC was to check whether we have a commitment to Japan re placing a rep on this study committee. Were there commitments to the Hill?

7. Guidance problems (Speakes).



B. Items with the President

*Jew Holtz fired - Helms says because of politics (RR will call.)*

*For Pol at 2 PM  
Som at 3 PM*

*Speech Draft is very pedestrian  
Go in AM  
live from Press Club  
beamed to Europe in 1st 30 min in Jan*

*RR  
✓ (1) Settled budget decisions - Compress into the ~~10:30~~ 10:45 Chy. from  
✓ (2) Announce news conf.  
✓ (3) Helms call Sun PM.  
✓ (4) Draft speech on U.S. - Arrived relation from G.S. - When to do? (Take out willingness to send G.S. to USSR) (They'll deny it if public)  
When - can't do in Palm Sping - so before or after  
(5) Time you poll - mood imp. prob in " " since early 70's*

*[ability to keep country out of war - the one thing RR gets a negative rating on.]*

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2:00 pm (2 hrs)	<u>Pre-News Conference Briefing</u> (Gergen/Speakes)	Family Theater
5:30 pm	<u>HOLD</u>	
6:15 pm N	<u>Secret Service Christmas Party</u> (Rosebush)	Residence

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4:00 pm

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12:00 noon

Tuesday, December 20

9:00 am  
(30 min)

Staff Time  
(Baker/Meese/Deaver)

Oval Office

9:30 am  
(15 min)

National Security Briefing  
(McFarlane)

Oval Office

9:45 am  
(15 min)

Senior Staff Time

Oval Office

10:00 am  
(60 min)

Personal Staff Time

Oval Office

11:00 am  
(60 min)

NSC Time   
(McFarlane)

Cabinet Room

12:00 m  
(60 min)

Lunch with American  
Security Council  
(McFarlane)

Roosevelt Room

HOLD AFTERNOON AND EVENING

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12/20/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : There will be no photo op today.	
2. <u>Beirut</u> : Guidance regarding the House subcommittee report is that DOD has its own study underway and we would not want to prejudge results of that report by commenting.	Speakes Gergen
3. <u>Economic Figures</u> : Personal income figures will be released at 8:30 and housing starts at 9:30 today. Both figures are expected to be good.	Feldstein
4. <u>Foreign Assistance</u> : NSC will provide press conference guidance regarding reduction in AID funds for Zimbabwe.	McFarlane
5. <u>Nebraska Christian School Case</u> : Our position remains one of non-intervention in this case. If the President is asked about this at the press conference he will express sympathy and the hope that matters can be resolved in order that those who have been jailed can spend Christmas with their families. The President will not meet with representatives of the school.	Gergen Speakes
6. <u>Student Loan Funds</u> : OMB will forward guidance regarding a news article on regulations dealing with the issuance of tax exempt bonds for student loans.	Wright
7. <u>Budget</u> : Overall guidance continues to be "no comment" regarding budget stories. On the subject of deficits, we can confirm our concern, and state that the President's budget will include a deficit reduction package. Such a package will be evenhanded between spending cuts and revenue increases, and will show a declining deficit path in the out years.	Speakes

SENIOR STAFF MEETING -- Tuesday, December 20, 1983

A. Senior Staff Agenda

1. Review President's schedule (attached).

-- NSPG meeting

-- Lunch with American Security Council

-- Pre-news conference briefing

2. News conference this evening.

3. Housing starts and personal income will be released today.

4. Lebanon-- President will likely be asked about the House subcommittee report blaming the Marine commander and Pentagon for lax security that led to the bombing. Guidance.

5. National security matters (McFarlane).

6. Guidance problems (Speakes).

7. Unitary tax-- has this been resolved?

B. Items with the President

Call BS

RR:

(1) Crig. report on  
Marine security measures.

(2) affidavits - Notary

(3) Press accounts - Don't ques. their patriotism

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12:00 m (60 min)	<u>Lunch with American Security Council</u> (McFarlane)	Roosevelt Room
1:00 pm (60 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
2:00 pm (2 hrs)	<u>Pre-News Conference Briefing</u> (Gergen/Speakes)	450 EOB
8:00 pm (30 min)	<u>News Conference</u> (Gergen/Speakes)	450 EOB

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4:00 pm

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 am (30 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> (Baker/Meese/Deaver)	Oval Office
9:30 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (McFarlane)	Oval Office
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8:15 pm    N	<u>White House Senior Staff</u> <u>Christmas Party</u> (Rosebush)	Residence

SENIOR STAFF MEETING ACTION ITEMS (12/21/83)

ITEM	ACTION
1. <u>Today's Schedule</u> : Meetings will be held at 10:30 and 1:00 in order to conclude the series of briefings on budget items settled previously. Also, it was mentioned that the Egyptian Foreign Minister will be in at 9:30 today for a brief meeting with the President.	Darman Fuller McFarlane
2. <u>News Conference</u> : Overall reaction to last night's news conference has been positive. Regarding assertion that the President is now considering a report on withdrawing Marines from Beirut, guidance is that the rumor is inaccurate and should be refuted.	Speakes
3. <u>Aid to Israel</u> : Regarding today's story in the <u>Post</u> about an additional aid increase, guidance is that we have had discussions with Israel regarding the FY86 budget and have indicated that we would be receptive to an increase request. However, there has been no agreement and no discussion of specific amounts.	
4. <u>Press Relations</u> : It was mentioned that Lou Cannon of the <u>Post</u> is apparently preparing a major story on relations between the White House and the press.	
5. <u>Budget</u> : It was noted that we should continue our policy of not commenting on budget stories.	
6. <u>Economic Figures</u> : The GNP "flash" figure for the fourth quarter indicates 4½% real growth. However, it was stressed that such flash figures are historically unreliable, and that any comment we make on this should be low key. The consumer price index, which will also be released today, is up 0.3%, for an inflation rate of 3.2% year-over-year.	Feldstein
7. <u>Lebanon</u> : Press questions should be referred to DOD regarding the position of the Joint Chiefs on the decision to deploy Marines in Lebanon.	Speakes
8. <u>Saturday Radio Talk</u> : The theme of this week's talk is peace, and the broadcast will be live. The following week's talk may be taped next week in Los Angeles; the topic will be expectations and hopes for the New Year.	Gergen

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SENIOR STAFF MEETING -- Wednesday, December 21, 1983

A. Senior Staff Agenda

1. Review President's schedule (attached).
  - Budget meeting
  - Meeting with Secretary Shultz
2. News conference-- reaction. Is follow-up necessary on any of the points raised last night?
3. Economic figures-- consumer price index and real earnings figures will be released today. Also, revised Third Quarter GNP and "flash" Fourth Quarter GNP will be released.
4. Aid to Israel-- guidance re Post story that the US has secretly promised Israel even more aid in the FY 86 budget.
5. National security matters (McFarlane).
6. Guidance problems (Speakes).

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4:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Personnel Time</u> (Herrington)	Oval Office
4:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Administrative Time</u> 1. Farewell photo with Ann Compton of ABC News (Speakes) 2. Dennis A. Joyner, National Commander, DAV (Whittlesey) 3. Bible Presentations (Whittlesey) 4. Photo with March of Dimes Poster Child (Whittlesey) 5. Keith Kreul, National Comdr. of American Legion (Whittlesey) 6. Photo for Le Figaro Magazine (Gergen/Speakes)	Oval Office

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1. <u>Today's Schedule:</u> Rumsfeld will meet briefly with the President at 9:20. Ambassador Stone will also be in for a brief meeting and photo op at 9:40. A presidential statement supporting Stone's efforts will be released afterward. Regarding Kirkpatrick's meeting with the President today, guidance for now is that she reports directly to the President on a periodic basis.	McFarlane Sims
2. <u>Lebanon:</u> The latest series of bombings will be condemned today. Regarding the investigation of the October bombing of Marine headquarters, Secretary Weinberger has indicated that the Pentagon will declassify and release its report by next week; we will not comment until after the President has received the report.	McFarlane Sims
3. <u>Nicaragua:</u> Regarding speculation that the Central America Commission will recommend a cutoff in U.S. aid to Nicaragua, guidance is that we will not comment until the report has been received.	Sims
4. <u>Saturday Radio Talk:</u> A draft talk for Christmas has been circulated; the topic is peace.	Gergen
5. <u>Deficit:</u> A group of Democrats has reportedly threatened to withhold support for increasing the debt ceiling unless the President lays out a deficit reduction plan. Guidance is that the President will propose such a plan and we hope the Democrats will support it.	Fitzwater
6. <u>Wick Comments re Thatcher:</u> We should decline comment on recent partisan criticism of Wick's remarks.	Fitzwater
7. <u>Budget Planning Assumptions:</u> These figures will be released today. Guidance has been forwarded to the Press Office.	Wright Fitzwater
8. <u>Task Force on Food Assistance:</u> This group's report will be issued on January 10. A small group will meet to discuss how it should be handled.	Jenkins Gergen
9. <u>Senior Staff:</u> It was noted that the next senior staff meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3.	

SENIOR STAFF MEETING -- Thursday, December 22, 1983

A. Senior Staff Agenda

1. Review President's schedule (attached).
2. Beirut bombings-- comments on latest terrorist acts. Also, will we put out any sort of statement?

Secretary Weinberger said this morning that the Pentagon's report on the October bomb attack is being declassified, and will be released by tomorrow or next week. He said it is critical.

3. Nicaragua-- guidance re news story that the Kissinger Commission has decided to drop Nicaragua from our aid program. (Assume our stance is no comment till report is issued.)
4. Saturday radio talk-- draft on Christmas has been circulated. Comments are due today.
5. Deficit-- a group of Democrats has threatened to vote against raising the debt ceiling unless the President proposes a package for reducing the deficit. Guidance.
6. Guidance problems (Speakes).
7. Meeting schedule-- senior staff will not meet again until Tuesday, January 3.

B. Items with the President

THE WHITE HOUSE  
 WASHINGTON  
 THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE  
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2:00 pm (1 hr 55 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
3:55 pm (5 min)	<u>Audio Taping for Hispanic Radio Christmas Message</u> (Gergen/Speakes)	Oval Office/ Study
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11:00 am

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12:00 m (2 hrs)	<u>Lunch and Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
2:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Pre-Interview Briefing</u> (Gergen/Speakes)	Oval Office
2:30 pm (15 min)	<u>Interview with Wire Services</u> (Gergen/Speakes)	Oval Office
3:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Haircut</u>	West Basement