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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1985

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of December 13 regarding the INVEST INDONESIA program.

Unfortunately, the White House does not, as a matter of course, provide briefings for overseas investment groups. The main reason for this is that such briefings on our part would duplicate similar efforts by the Department of Commerce. I hope you have already been in touch with that Department, and that your February 20th meetings include such a session. If not, I would be happy to assist you in making such arrangements.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President

Mr. John Rhodes
Cummings and Lockwood
Suite 650
1090 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 

SUBJECT: Cabinet Vacancies

With word that a second Cabinet position is now open, we can expect some strong urging that a Hispanic be appointed to one of the available positions.

I feel this is something we should seriously consider. The President and the party made unprecedented gains this year among Hispanic voters. A Hispanic Cabinet member is considered the next logical step, and would help cement such gains. In addition, the appointment of a Hispanic to the Cabinet would be a historic first-- one of the few barriers not yet breached-- which could be cited by the Republican Party for many years as evidence of GOP sensitivity.

If it is not possible to make such an appointment at this time, I would urge that we consider a Hispanic for a deputy position at one of the departments (examples of possible candidates would include Rick Montoya at Interior, or Linda Chavez at Education).

Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1985

Dear Mickey:

Thank you for your recent invitation to participate in a fundraising event on your behalf. Needless to say, I will be happy to help in any way I can.

According to the White House Counsel, I can appear at such an event only as a "speaker" or "honored guest," and cannot be portrayed as a sponsor or patron. Also, I am advised that any travel costs should be paid by your campaign committee or another appropriate political committee.

Assuming there is no problem with the above, I would ask that your staff coordinate with Margaret Tutwiler here at the White House regarding the details of my participation. In the meantime, I will look forward to the opportunity of visiting your district.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Mickey Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: Margaret Tutwiler

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WASHINGTON

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WASHINGTON

January 8, 1985

Dear George:

I appreciate your letter of November 30, along with your memorandum setting forth your ideas for a federal urban policy.

While there is much in your paper that is worth further discussion, I would be remiss in failing to note that there are differences in approach in several areas. This factor, combined with the severe budget constraints outlined in your recent meeting with the President and Dave Stockman, would make it difficult to realize many of your suggestions.

As you know, in recent years, massive infusions of federal aid have, by and large, been unsuccessful in arresting the economic deterioration in many U.S. cities. Further, the government's fiscal situation means that federal resources will simply not be available to the extent they have in the past. We have been attempting a different approach. We remain deeply committed to the concept of federalism, with decision-making closer to the local level, in lieu of a more centralized federal control-- control, which, I might add, has led to the same growth in federal regulations that your memo criticizes. We are also committed to an approach that deals with the very real problems of our inner cities by harnessing market forces. One example of that is enterprise zones, which, despite its potential, has been kept bottled up in the House.

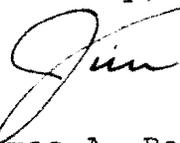
Despite such differences, though, I hope you and your colleagues will continue to discuss your ideas on urban policy with Lee Verstandig. There is indeed room for further discussion, especially given the gravity of the subject. In addition, let me assure you that Lee keeps the President, as well as the rest of the White House senior staff, fully informed of your views and concerns without regard to their consistency with Administration policy.

As Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs, Lee serves as a channel between the President and state and local officials. Because of the number of prominent officials with whom he deals on behalf of the President, information

must often, of necessity, be summarized. However, I have never heard a complaint about important state and local concerns somehow failing to reach the President. One example of the various ways in which such views are communicated is your recent meeting with the President, arranged by Lee, to provide you and other state and local elected officials with a briefing and direct input on the budget before it is finalized.

Once again, thank you for forwarding your ideas, and I look forward to a productive working relationship in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim", written in dark ink.

James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President

The Honorable George V. Voinovich
Mayor of Cleveland
601 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114



City of Cleveland
GEORGE V. VOINOVICH, MAYOR



December 27, 1984

James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jim:

I hope you had a quiet and pleasant holiday. You deserved one as I would guess the next few months will be very tough for you all.

I'm writing to inquire if you received my letter of November 30, 1984 with my thoughts on our Urban Policy. Is there a possibility of putting one together in light of the deficit pressures? If Congress does not buy the cuts, I will be back in touch with you.

I want you to know I really do wish to assist the President and you whenever you feel I can.

Sincerely,


George V. Voinovich
Mayor

GVV:mp



City of Cleveland
GEORGE V. VOINOVICH, MAYOR



November 30, 1984

Mr. James Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jim:

As promised, enclosed is a copy of the paper which provides rationale for the Reagan Administration to have an annunciated urban policy. The rationale for having a policy is based on the fact that in a nation like ours, an attempt should be made by the federal government to smooth the unevenness in the economies of the various regions of our country, particularly human needs where the regions do not have the capacity to respond to them.

The other rationale for having such a program is to attempt to curtail the spread and sprawl we see going on throughout the country--the spread and sprawl resulting in enormous infrastructure costs and tremendous human costs (the frightening phenomena of the transient American family). I might mention that the second rationale was undertaken in Great Britain in the 70's when they realized that policies of spread and sprawl were having a negative impact on the human and economic fabric of the United Kingdom.

It is my contention that The New Federalism and state block grant program do not contribute to either one of the above rationales.

First, it negates the "need" rationale by distributing federal dollars statewide on the basis of geography and population. Second, from a political point of view, it expands the constituency for federal dollars to the extent that once non-need communities get on the program, it will be difficult to get them off.

Also enclosed is a copy of a memorandum which has been given to Lee Verstandig. It is self explanatory.

Letter to Mr. James Baker

Page 2

November 30, 1984

The signatories of the memorandum are extremely anxious to have an opportunity to meet with you and your senior advisors in regard to the concerns outlined in the memorandum. As I said to you in Cleveland, there is a feeling on the part of most local government officials that information provided to Lee Verstandig's office is not getting to those people who make the decisions in the White House or in various federal agencies.

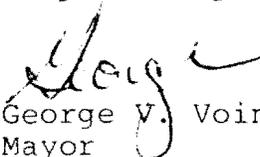
We respect Lee and his enthusiasm and willingness to meet with us. On the other hand, we have a growing feeling that those matters which he feels are not consistent with the Administration's philosophy are not being brought to your attention.

We feel that Lee's role should be to bring to the table our concerns without screening them.

Please forgive the candor, but it is important for me to know as president of the National League of Cities whether Lee's role is to be an advocate, conduit, or screener of information from local government officials. Obviously, I would opt for the advocate role so at least we know our material gets on the table.

I look forward to meeting with you in the very near future and appreciate your encouraging me to communicate with you.

Respectfully,


George V. Voinovich
Mayor

GVV:njd

Enclosure

P.S. I am sending a carbon copy of this letter to Lee Verstandig.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jan 8, 1985

TO: JAB III

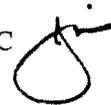
As you know, Mayor Voinovich wrote you before the holidays. His letter sought your views on an urban policy paper which he enclosed, and also criticized the role Lee Verstandig has played vis a'vis the big city mayors.

Attached is a response I drafted, which includes some minor edits by Lee. In short, Voinovich's urban policy paper criticizes federalism and block grants, and calls for priority to be given to older cities (mostly in the north) with regard to federal aid.

In the draft, I tried to indicate our disagreement with his approach, while leaving the door open for further discussion. I also felt it necessary to clarify Lee's role. (You may want to glance at the mayor's policy paper before editing the response.)

Thanks.

JC



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 8, 1985

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 9, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI 

SUBJECT: Executive Forum

Craig Fuller has invited you to speak again at this year's Executive Forum which is scheduled for January 25. They have asked that your topic be "Goals for the Second Term."

The program will begin at 10:25 a.m. with introduction of Members of the Cabinet (you are included in this group). Following that, the program is as follows:

10:30 a.m.	Craig Fuller	Introductory Remarks
10:35 a.m.	Ed Meese	"Renewing Our Commitment"
10:45 a.m.	James A. Baker	"Goals for the Second Term"
10:55 a.m.	Don Regan	"Sustaining Economic Growth"
11:05 a.m.	George Shultz	"Prosperity and Peace"
11:15 a.m.	The Vice President	
11:30 a.m.	The President	

The Office of Cabinet Affairs will need to be notified of your decision, and remarks would, of course, need to be prepared.

Thanks.

cc: Kathy Camalier - FYI

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 10, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI

SUBJECT: Recent CCEA Issues

The following issues, have been discussed this week in the Cabinet Council on Economic Affairs:

Targeted Jobs Tax Credit: This tax credit, which is designed to encourage employers to hire economically disadvantaged individuals, expires at the end of 1985. It was enacted in 1978, and has been extended three times by Congress (and expanded in scope). Around 42% of the people hired under the program are minorities, and 62% are in the "disadvantaged youth" category. The estimated revenue loss from the credit in FY 85 is \$1 billion. Our intentions regarding the credit must be outlined in the President's budget submission.

The consensus in CCEA was to let the credit expire after December 31, 1985. One reason is that it is difficult to measure the effect of the credit. There is a strong argument, for example, that a majority of the disadvantaged hiring under the credit would be hired even without such a tax incentive. Second, continuation of the credit causes a substantial loss of revenue. Third, disadvantaged youth are targeted for employment and training assistance under our Job Training Partnership Act, and we have also proposed the Youth Opportunity Wage, which is targeted to the same group.

There is no doubt this step will generate criticism on the Hill, and perhaps in the business community. However, it was felt that delaying an announcement of our intention till next year would make another extension of the credit inevitable.

Summer Youth Employment and Training Program: This program was added by Congress when it passed our Job Training Partnership Act. In short, the program subsidizes summer minimum wage public jobs for economically disadvantaged youth. Because of the law's distribution formula, funding has been inadequate for those large cities with the greatest need. To take care of such shortfalls, Congress has in the past appropriated supplemental funds (\$100 million in both 1984 and 1985) for urban areas.

Though there was some sentiment for folding this program into the JTPA block grant (thereby solving the distribution formula problem), CCEA decided to support legislation to assure that those areas with the greatest need-- mainly large urban areas-- receive adequate program resources. This would be done by raising the threshold unemployment levels within the current distribution formula.

Federal Role in State Unemployment Insurance: Under the present system, the Federal Government funds 100% of state administrative costs for unemployment insurance (UI) and employment services. In FY 85, this amounts to \$2.4 billion. The federal controls on state administration that go with such funding are felt to be complex, inflexible, and inefficient. In effect, we hamstring the states, thereby discouraging innovation and efficiency.

The CCEA discussion centered on whether to push for a devolution of administrative responsibility on the states, giving them tax resources to pay for it (by reducing the federal unemployment tax). This would give total responsibility for UI to the states.

While there was strong support for devolution, the prevailing sentiment in CCEA was to delay such a push due to the Hill situation. Instead, we would propose a block grant to cover state administrative costs, and couple it with a new quality control system. The block grant option would be considered a first step toward devolution.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 15, 1985

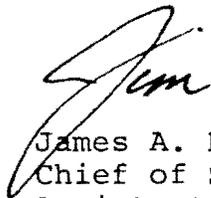
Dear Teddy:

Thank you for your letter of December 12, in which you note that several of your ILA leaders have offered to donate free labor for relief cargo destined for needy African nations. The offer made by your membership is another example of the selfless response offered by so many American people to this crisis, which complements the Reagan Administration's unprecedented efforts through various U.S. Government programs to meet this human tragedy. Please extend our appreciation to the participants.

If you need specific information on vessels hauling relief cargo to Africa, you may wish to contact General Julius Becton, who is Director of the Office of Famine and Disaster Assistance (OFDA) at the State Department. His telephone number is (202) 632-8924.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President

Mr. Thomas W. Gleason
International President
International Longshoremen's Association
Suite 1530
17 Battery Place
New York, New York 10004

bcc: Doug Riggs, OPL

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1985

Dear Mr. Delano:

Thank you for your telegram regarding the International Trade Commission's investigation of tobacco imports.

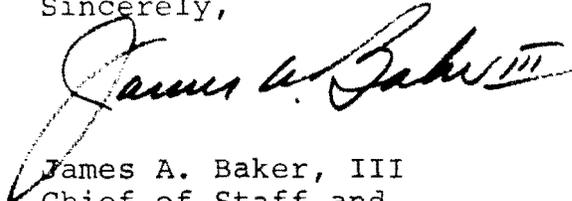
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"... we believe that in reaching a full understanding of whether tobacco imports are practically certain to materially interfere with the Department's program it is appropriate to consider our historical experience in this area. Consequently, we believe the Commission's investigation should be open to an examination of all available information regarding imports of tobacco and their impact on the programs of the Department in the past and at the present time as well as in the immediate future."

Senator Jesse Helms has, of course, also been in close touch with us on this same subject, and we have informed him that Mr. Amstutz's letter represents the Administration's position. Further, it is my understanding that, immediately following our receipt of your telegram, the ITC indicated its intention to proceed in a manner consistent with Mr. Amstutz's letter.

We appreciate your concern regarding the tobacco import question, and hope that the above sufficiently clarifies our position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Baker, III". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert B. Delano
President
American Farm Bureau Federation
225 Touhy Avenue
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

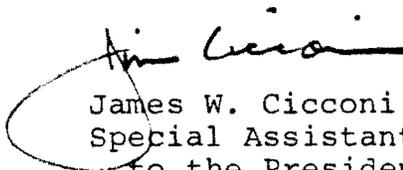
January 18, 1985

Dear Senator Helms:

Jim Baker asked that I pass on to you a copy of his letter to Mr. Robert Delano of the Farm Bureau. I had discussed this approach with George Dunlop, and hope it serves to "close the loop" regarding that organization's concerns.

Again, thank you for helping bring this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,



James W. Cicconi
Special Assistant
to the President
and Chief of Staff

The Honorable Jesse A. Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: Kathy Camalier
Central Files

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 18, 1985

TO: THE HONORABLE
DAN AMSTUTZ
UNDER SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The attached is per our conversation.

Thanks.


Jim Cicconi

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 18, 1985

TO: JACK SVAHN

The attached is FYI. A copy
has been sent to Senator Helms.


Jim Cicconi

Thanks for reviewing.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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TO: CRAIG FULLER

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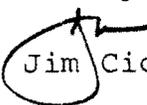
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TO: FRED KHEDOURI
OMB

The attached is purely FYI. I
have also sent a copy to Amstutz.


Jim Cicconi

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PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS ASKED THE ITC TO CONDUCT A LIMITED PROSECUTIVE ONLY INVESTIGATION OF TOBACCO SHORTS. THIS COULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE INVESTIGATION.

THE REASON AT THIS POINT TO INTERFERE WITH THE PROSECUTIVE ONLY INVESTIGATION LETTER AND TO PROSECUTE ASSETS IS TO CONSIDER THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTIVE INVESTIGATION AS HAS BEEN THE PRECEDENT FOR ALL PREVIOUS SECTION 22 INVESTIGATIONS.

WE HAVE CONSIDERED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS TO ITC FOR A LIMITED INVESTIGATION WAS DELIBERATE AND THERE HAS BEEN NO ATTEMPT

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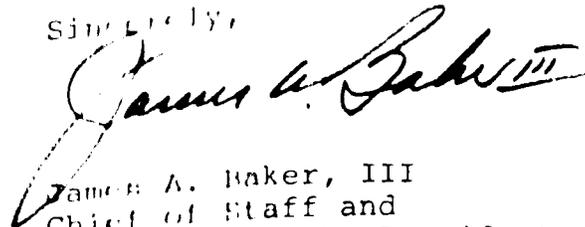
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