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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 19, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES BAKER ✓
FRED FIELDING

THROUGH: RICHARD WILLIAMSON

FROM: JAMES MEDAS gm

SUBJECT: FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS VACANCY

Governor David Treen (R-Louisiana) is extremely displeased with the manner in which the candidacy of his recommendation for the Fifth Circuit Court vacancy, Ben Toledano, has been handled. He insists that it is important to him personally and politically that he meet with you this Friday, January 21, 1983 to discuss the status of the Toledano nomination. I have been quite candid in my conversations with the Governor. I have told him I did not believe the decision was reversible.

It is my understanding the President agreed that the nomination of Mr. Toledano should be rejected. Fred Fielding conveyed this decision to Governor Treen in late December. Treen states, however, that he was led to believe in his conversation with Fielding that the decision would be reconsidered if he could reverse the opposition to the Toledano appointment. Treen has met with Mayor Dutch Morial (D-New Orleans) and other leaders of the Black community in Louisiana, and believes that he has reversed their opposition.

I have had many conversations with Governor Treen in the past two years. He has been one of the most loyal supporters of the President. It is clear to me that failure to listen to the Governor's presentation regarding the Toledano situation will seriously affect our future relationship with the Governor.

Although Fred Fielding has been quite direct in his discussions with the Governor, the Governor does not seem to be willing to accept the decision. He needs to hear it face-to-face. I recommend that you meet with him.

neither JAB nor FF
can meet w/ him

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 19, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON



RE: SENATOR PERCY FUNDRAISER

Background

Senator Percy is seeking his fourth term in the U.S. Senate. In 1978 he came from behind in the closing week to barely squeak out a victory. His largest problem was the defection of conservative Republicans from him to his more conservative Democratic opponent that year, Alex Seth. A critical help to him in those closing weeks in regaining the conservative Republicans was your own appearance on his behalf in DuPage County.

This year Congressman Tom Corcoran, a conservative Republican and consistent strong supporter of yours in the House of Representatives, has made soundings that he may challenge Senator Percy in a primary.

The Corcoran potential challenge is being exploited by some conservatives who mistakenly feel that you have wandered from your campaign promises in 1980.

Last August Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker called the White House to request that you do this event for Senator Percy. Senator Percy personally followed up with this request. It was accepted for a number of reasons, including the fact that no one was challenging Percy in the primary.

At this time there is still no official challenge to Senator Percy in the primary. And the likelihood that Tom Corcoran will ultimately enter the primary is not great.

However, tonight Congressman Corcoran is having a separate fundraising event in the Conrad Hilton. He has requested that you stop by that event. The White House has contacted Congressman Corcoran to request that he not do this and put you in an embarrassing situation.

We must be aware that many members of the media will try to seize this as an opportunity to show a split between you and your conservative base.

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January 19, 1983

If asked any questions about this matter, the following is suggested guidance:

1. Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker and Senator Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Chuck Percy contacted you last August and asked you to do this event. In light of the fact that there was not foreseen, nor is there now, any official challenge to Senator Percy in the primary you agreed to do this event.
2. You think it is vitally important to retain the Republican Senate seat in the State of Illinois. At this time Senator Percy is the only announced candidate.
3. In the event that an official primary challenge to Senator Percy were to arise to Senator Percy you would not become personally involved in the primary.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO RICH WILLIAMSON

FROM: JIM MEDAS *JM*

SUBJECT: 5TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS VACANCY

Governor Treen has informed me that he plans to meet with Mayor Dutch Morial of New Orleans on Thursday, January 13, 1983. The Governor intends to try to change Morial's opinion of Ben Tolendano, a candidate for the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals vacancy.

Treen states that during his conversation with Fred Fielding, he was told that no final decision had been made on Tolendano although the Administration had significant problems with the appointment. Treen placed a call to Fielding on January 10 and 11, 1983 in order to indicate to Fielding that he planned to attempt to change the negative opinions some people had expressed about Tolendano.

If in fact a final decision has been made regarding Tolendano, the Governor should be informed. By going to Morial, he is going out on a political limb. Treen is up for election on October of 1983 and we should try to avoid any situation that might embarass him politically.

Jim C -
Since you're in the loop on this - can you make sure this is follow-up on by whomever is appropriate!!
Rich

NOTE : Medas called Treen and told him President has made his decision, and it is final.
Jc
1/13/83

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO JAMES BAKER
FROM: RICHARD WILLIAMSON
SUBJECT: GOVERNOR CLEMENTS

Jim
Rice

Governor Clements recently requested an opportunity to meet with the President to discuss "farm issues." We were told that "farm issues" could provide a crucial distinction between the Governor and Mark White.

There have been increasing problems regarding such a meeting. White House IGA was told that September 28 was an acceptable date. A meeting with the President at 1:15 p.m. on September 28 was subsequently approved by White House Scheduling. We were then informed that the Governor could not make it on this date, but could make it on either October 6 or 8. Neither of those dates is acceptable to the President due to possible travel plans. Clements's office responded by requesting a meeting on October 5, prior to 4 p.m. in the afternoon.

We have some reluctance to pursue this scheduling matter for Governor Clements. He has had frequent meetings with the President.

I am supplying you with this information in case Governor Clements raises this matter with you directly.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO JAMES A. BAKER III
FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *Rich*
SUBJECT: MEDICAID -- RELIABILITY OF NUMBERS

I am concerned that any decision on Medicaid be based on unbiased and reliable numbers.

Last Friday, OMB was directed by Ed Meese to send a Medicaid background paper to Secretary Schweiker on Monday. Don Moran produced that paper, "Specifications for Medicaid Federalization" (May 11, 1982). When Dick Schweiker had not gotten it by Wednesday, HHS called OMB to request a copy as soon as possible.

Our office has been contacted by HHS and told after preliminary review that they find the paper "riddled with inaccuracies." HHS expressed concern about distortions because "whenever there is any choice, the paper always goes with the methodology that will have the largest cost."

I lack the substantive expertise to know who is right; however, I am concerned by these discrepancies.

It is imperative that the President not be asked to make a decision which appears to change course based on anything but reliable numbers. Consequently, I think it is important that HHS have an opportunity to review the relevant documents and participate in these deliberations. I'm sure you agree.

cc: Richard G. Darman
Craig Fuller

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

(EYES ONLY)

May 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO JAMES A. BAKER III

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *Rich*

SUBJECT: FEDERALISM INITIATIVE -- POLITICAL EXPOSURE

You know that I am very concerned that we will lose our last best chance to put the federalism proposal together in the next few days. It would be an opportunity lost. I believe this would be unfair to the President.

I want to alert you to the political dangers I see for the President if we were to take federalization of Medicaid off the table and/or fail to start in-depth staff discussions this weekend on the Administration's policy for federalization of Medicaid, and similar discussions with principals by Monday.

I feel if we fail to meet this deadline -- six months after the President had been presented with this program by his senior advisors -- four and a half months after the President went to the American people and described this program -- after dozens of meetings with and without the President with state and local officials -- and repeated representations by Ed Meese and myself of the importance of the federalism initiative to the President -- that we can fully expect the Governors, legislators, state and local officials, led by Republican Richard Snelling, to attack us in the following areas:

1. Breach of faith by the President;
2. Federalism as a diversion (as our critics charged -- characterizing the President's State of the Union Address as an empty gesture);
3. The budget drives all policy in this Administration;

4. Negotiators participating in discussions in bad faith (the President, the Vice President, Ed Meese, James Baker, Dick Schweiker, Dave Stockman, myself, Ed Harper, Paul Laxalt);
5. Tarnishing -- perhaps irreparably -- of White House credibility with state and local officials;
6. Galvanizing state and local officials against Administration programs -- the budget, block grants, regulatory relief, etc.;
7. Force Republican Governors who are with the Administration to make distance between us and themselves;
8. Take a very positive election issue from Republicans.
9. Give aid, comfort and encouragement to our opponents for their success in defeating a major Presidential initiative -- liberals, special interest groups, Tip O'Neill, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, etc.

Attached is a lengthy document which you need not review, but I wanted to make available to you. It outlines the history of this Initiative in which so many of us participated in convincing the President to proceed with this Federalism plan. My greatest concern is the way in which the President's own credibility has been put on the line with the American people with this initiative.

It is essential that this not become the captive of any particular interest within the Administration and that we do our utmost to legitimately seek to achieve closure on this initiative. If this is impossible after a good faith effort, so be it. But if we fail because of parochial concerns or lack of a conscientious effort, we have failed the President. It is one thing for this initiative to die in Congress at an early age; it is quite another matter if it is aborted with the consent of its parents prior to its birth.

I fear the President will depart to Europe in retreat on domestic fronts: the budget, federalism, Social Security, etc.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Call Dick
Hauser

Megan called Hauser

Solicitor promised to talk w/ us
but never did

- they concluded that not to argue at
that pt would be more controversial
than arguing.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO JAMES A. BAKER, III ✓
EDWIN MEESE, III
FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *Rich*
SUBJECT: UNITARY TAX

The attached Memorandum was sent to you on March 31, 1982. Oral argument in the United States Supreme Court on the issue in question is tentatively set for April 19, 1982.

I would appreciate a response from you to the attached Memorandum, either positive or negative, on whether the Solicitor General's office should be contacted with regard to withdrawing the request for oral argument.

JC 4/29
file
What happened on this? I never got to it before 4/19 because of press of budget negotiations. I do agree with Rich.
It's check w/ Fred F.
Thompson
JAB
info conveyed
(File)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
EDWIN MEESE, III

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON

SUBJECT: UNITARY TAX

On March 3, 1982, the Cabinet Council on Economic Affairs determined that the Administration would not take a position on legislation relating to the unitary tax until it had completed further study of the issue and undertaken extensive consultations with interested parties.

Earlier this year, at the request of the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Justice filed an Amicus Curiae brief in the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company Case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. The Solicitor General's Office petitioned the Supreme Court for an opportunity to make an oral argument in this case. Oral argument has been tentatively approved for April 19, 1982.

As a result of the Cabinet Council decision mentioned above, Assistant Secretary John Chapoton contacted the Solicitor General's Office to suggest they not make an oral argument in the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company Case. Chapoton has not received a response to his request.

White House Intergovernmental Affairs received a substantial number of critical comments from the National Governors' Association, and Republican Governors in particular, at the time the Department of Justice originally filed the Amicus Curiae brief. The Governors argued that it was inconsistent with the President's New Federalism for the Federal government, through the Justice Department, to be arguing against a state's right to impose the unitary tax on corporations doing business within that state.

It is my information the Solicitor General's Office has indicated to Treasury that to withdraw the request for oral argument would be an embarrassment to the Solicitor General's Office. I suggest that to proceed with oral argument, prior to an Administration decision being made by the Cabinet Council on Economic Affairs, will undercut the Administration's credibility both on the unitary tax issue and on the Federalism Initiative. I believe the Solicitor General's Office should be made aware of this situation.

cc: Fred Fielding

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JAB memo R.F.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



March 25, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO JAMES A. BAKER III
MICHAEL K. DEEVER
EDWIN MEESE III

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *Rich*

SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATURES' RESOLUTION ON NUCLEAR
FREEZE

Attached is a brief report on the above issue which you
might find of interest.

Attachment
cc: William P. Clark
David Gergen

THE WHITE HOUSE

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WASHINGTON

March 22, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON

FROM: JUDY F. PEACHEE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS ON NUCLEAR FREEZE PENDING
IN STATE LEGISLATURES

Per your request for a survey on resolutions on a nuclear freeze pending in state legislatures, we learned from Joyce Curry at the State Department that there was a Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign Clearinghouse in St. Louis -- Executive Director G. Randall Kehler.

Figuring that the clearinghouse might not be exactly friendly and give us the information, we asked Sheila Spencer at ALEC to call them for us. This is what they reported to Sheila:

Resolutions have passed both houses in six states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon and Vermont.

Resolutions have passed one house in three states: New York Assembly, Kansas House, and Wisconsin House.

Resolutions have been introduced in three states: Maryland, Ohio, and Washington.

In New Jersey, there is a resolution to put the issue on the ballot this November.

All the resolutions are different, but the key wording calls for a U.S. and Soviet freeze on all nuclear weapons testing, production and deployment....and a freeze on all missiles and other delivery systems.

Attached is a list of pending resolutions furnished by Joyce Curry at the State Department. You will note that it differs slightly, but is essentially the same; and it also shows other actions.

Chuck Hardwick has been in contact with Joyce, and will be sending out the Administration's positions in the NRLA newsletter.

Attachment

Nuclear Weapons Freeze Action
(Town Meetings, etc.)

Vermont
New Hampshire
Massachussetts

Maine
Connecticut

Freeze Endorsed by Full Legislature

Massachussetts Oregon Connecticut

Endorsed by Low Legislative Chamber

New York
Wisconsin
Kansas

Vermont
Minnesota

One-Half Million Signatures to Put Initiative
on State Ballot in November

California

Petition Initiatives

Michigan New Jersey Delaware

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Computer Shows
Action In:

Hawaii - Hazardous waste
Maryland - Stop nuclear build-up
Washington -Freeze on testing

Final
Review

To
Cicconi - FYI
MOT
4/2/82

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 2, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
EDWIN MEESE, III

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON

Rich

SUBJECT: COMMERCE/INTERIOR DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR
INSULAR WATCH INDUSTRY

The Office of Management and Budget has disapproved draft legislation which would revive and strengthen the Virgin Islands Watch industry. The draft legislation will now be brought before the Cabinet Council for Commerce and Trade on Wednesday, April 7, 1982. The legislation is supported by Commerce, Interior, USTR, Labor, and State.

There is a strong argument that the insular watch assembly industry will not survive through 1983 unless further incentives are forthcoming. With the industry demise, as many as 600 jobs, principally held by women assemblers in the U.S. Virgin Islands, would be permanently lost. The social and economic costs will ultimately have to be shouldered by the federal government and will be considerably greater than the \$5 million ceiling placed on the production incentives - the only significant direct cost associated with the bill.

Testimony given by top Virgin Islands officials at hearings before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade has been highly critical of the Caribbean Basin Initiative because it lacks sufficient compensation measures for the Territory. The officials all view support for the headnote 3(a) watch legislation as an important symbol of the Administration's intentions in this regard.

Policies which have a severe negative economic impact (i.e., the loss of 600-800 jobs) would be counterproductive with regard to the President's Caribbean Basin Initiative. Serious consideration should be given to the Virgin Islands' watch industry within the context of the Virgin Islands' unique and important role in the Caribbean.

- cc: Craig Fuller
- Dick Darman
- Ed Harper
- Joseph Wright
- William P. Clark
- Kenneth Duberstein

Handwritten notes and initials

of Anthony

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 18, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO JAMES A. BAKER III
MICHAEL K. DEAVER

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON

SUBJECT: SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR MINORITY
AFFAIRS

Per our conversation on Air Force One, we had agreed that it would be worth establishing a position of Special Assistant to the President for Minority Affairs that would report directly to Mike Deaver. This slot would help cross cut both policy and politics/implementation.

During our discussion, among the names discussed were Art Teele and a gentleman that Mike had met from the State Department.

If there's anything that I can do to advance this process, please let me know.

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agree to ~~any~~
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yet ~~the~~ quick ~~to~~ suggest
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3/24/82

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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CICCONI
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MD.*

April 12, 1982

*Discussed by Rich.
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MEMORANDUM TO JAMES BAKER ✓
EDWIN MEESE
CRAIG FULLER

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *Rich*

SUBJECT: COLORADO EPA DECISION

This is an update to our recent conversation regarding the effect of a recent EPA decision on Colorado. This matter appears to be caught up in lingering parochial political considerations.

EPA is allowed to delegate certain Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting procedures to states. This has been done in a number of states, and most recently in Utah. EPA has refused to do this in the State of Colorado.

Steve Durham, Regional Director of EPA and a friend of Ann Gorsuch, has decided not to delegate the PSD permitting procedure to Colorado. To do so would allow the Colorado Air Quality Commission, controlled by Governor Lamm (D) to make decisions regarding permits. The assumption is that Governor Lamm would block permits for power plants, oil shale projects and other developments.

Governor Lamm views this decision as an outgrowth of prior political confrontations he has had with Ann Gorsuch and Steve Durham (Durham has been a member of the State Assembly and State Senate in Colorado).

Publicly, Durham has stated that Colorado does not have sufficient technological background, staff, budget or experience to cope with the permitting procedure. Durham has offered a cooperative agreement to the legislature and the Governor. A resolution of support for EPA will soon be introduced in the State Legislature.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III ✓
EDWIN MEESE, III

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON
JAMES M. MEDAS *JM*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTERVENTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES IN A
FEDERAL COURT CHALLENGE TO WASHINGTON STATE
INITIATIVE 394

We would like to go on record in opposition to DOE's proposed intervention for the following reasons:

1. Intervention places us in the posture of seeking to overturn a statewide election.
2. Intervention places the Administration in the position of being pro-nuclear.
3. There is a political cost to the Administration in that it will add to the political problem facing Governor Spellman (R-Washington), a strong Administration supporter.
4. Time is of the essence. DOE intends to move forward with the filing of their suit on Tuesday, April 6, 1982.

Facts: Initiative 394, was passed by an overwhelming majority of the voters of the State of Washington in November of 1980. This Initiative gives voters of certain sections of the State of Washington a veto over any bond issue intended to finance the construction of certain kinds of power generating plants. The Initiative most immediately affects further funding of three nuclear power plants which are partially completed. The Power Grid affected covers Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and parts of Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming.

TENTATIVE RECOMMENDATION

That we lean toward suggesting to DOE to not file suit.

cc: Fred Fielding
Dick Hauser
Craig Fuller
Ken Duberstein
Edwin Harper
Ed Rollins
Ken Cribb
Jim Cicconi
Danny Boggs

*To Cicconi -
4/5/82
mjt*

*f. entourage
memo*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 2, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO JAMES A. BAKER III
EDWIN MEESE III
DAVID STOCKMAN
RICHARD DARMAN
CRAIG FULLER
DONALD MORAN

FROM RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *Richard*

SUBJECT FOLLOW-UP TO MONDAY'S LEGISLATIVE
GROUP MEETING

This memorandum is a follow-up to the meeting yesterday afternoon regarding the Federalism Initiative. My understanding is that the following actions were agreed upon:

1. Dave Stockman and Don Moran will prepare an analysis of the Busbee and other alternatives to the swap. They will also develop an Administration counter-offer which can be discussed at our meeting on Friday, the 5th.
2. With respect to the federalization of Medicaid, this issue will be considered by the Cabinet Council on Human Resources during its meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 1982.
3. By Friday, March 5, Don Moran's technical working group will have prepared options with respect to the maintenance of minimum benefits.
4. Don Moran's group will also be preparing numbers with respect to the windfall profits tax and fiscal disparities issues.

*f Tuttle
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO JAMES A. BAKER III
FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON
SUBJECT: RADIO SHOWS

Rich
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At Camp David we discussed the use of weekly radio shows by the President. I would like to pursue this further.

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MG
Fyi

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON

SUBJECT: REPUBLICAN CITY OFFICIALS RECEPTION

I would like to invite you to attend a reception for the National Conference of Republican Mayors and Municipal Elected Officials on Friday, February 26, 1982, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. The reception will be held in the Secretary's Reception Area on the fifth floor at the Department of Commerce. You should enter through the main entrance on 14th Street.

Please call either Myrna Wahlquist or Linda Miller at 456-7154 by 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 25, regarding your plans.

2/24 - noon

KC regretted w/ Myrna
JAB out of town

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
EDWIN MEESE, III
WILLIAM CLARK

THROUGH: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *Rich*

FROM: RICK NEAL *Rn*

SUBJECT: THE STATUS OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN
ISLANDS

Since early December, the White House Task Force on Puerto Rico has coordinated discussions and consultations with appropriate Puerto Rico, Virgin Island, and Administration officials regarding the development of the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

The purpose of these consultations and discussions has been to ensure that Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will not be harmed, indeed would benefit, by the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

A great deal of progress has been made over the past two months. Negotiations continue to proceed in good faith. However, the issue of rum being included in the Caribbean Basin Initiative free trade area continues to be an obstacle to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands giving their unqualified support of the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

With regard to the Virgin Islands' concern over the rum issue, a possible tradeoff exists. The Virgin Islands have requested that the Administration commit to the completion of the Harry S. Truman Airport. While this is not the sole concern of the Virgin Islands regarding the Caribbean Basin Initiative, it is of such great importance to the future economic health of the Island that a commitment to its completion would most likely be an adequate tradeoff for the rum issue. \$45 million is needed to complete the airport project. \$15 million is needed immediately in order to avoid shutdown of current project activities.

Negotiations with Puerto Rico officials on the rum question are still open. Puerto Rico officials are meeting this morning in an effort to reach an agreement.

Failure to have the support of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for the Caribbean Basin Initiative will create problems both in the Caribbean and on Capitol Hill. If it is perceived that the Caribbean Basin Initiative harms our possessions in the process of aiding the Caribbean, the entire measure will be viewed with skepticism by Caribbean leaders. In addition, the lack of Puerto Rico and Virgin Island support for the Caribbean Basin Initiative will create additional and unnecessary opposition on Capitol Hill.



*Inter-Office
Aff*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO JAMES A. BAKER III
EDWIN MEESE III
WILLIAM CLARK

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *Richard*

SUBJECT: JAPANESE INVESTMENT THROUGH GOVERNORS

Per Senior Staff this morning, attached is a background memorandum from the National Governors' Association elaborating on the story which appeared in the Washington Post on the above subject.

Attachment

cc: Craig Fuller



National Governors' Association

Richard A. Snelling
Governor of Vermont
Chairman

Stephen B. Farber
Executive Director

February 19, 1982

The idea of the Japanese private sector establishing a fund to finance economic development and job creation projects in the United States came to the attention of the NGA in December 1981. Although Mr. Kay Sugahara of the U.S.-Asia Institute, who is advancing the proposal, had contacted two states (Illinois and Mississippi) on economic development matters before that time, the proposal's present form is of recent origin.

Will Berry, Staff Director of the NGA's Committee on International Trade and Foreign Relations, and Ken Howell, representing the Committee's Chairman, Governor Bob Graham, met with representatives of the U.S.-Asia Institute in early January. As a consequence of these discussions Mr. Sugahara met with Governor Graham in Florida. The outcome of that meeting is reflected in Governor Graham's letter to the other Governors (attached).

Before and after the Graham-Sugahara meeting, NGA staff as well as U.S.-Asia Institute representatives outlined the proposal to various officials in the Departments of State and Commerce and in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. The following people were contacted:

Department of State

Robert Hormats, Assistant Secretary for
Economic and Business Affairs
John H. Holdridge, Assistant Secretary for
East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Department of Commerce

Raymond Waldman, Assistant Secretary for
International Economic Policy
William Morris, Assistant Secretary for
Trade Development
Joseph Dennin, Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Finance, Investment and Services
Clyde Prestowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary
for International Economic Policy

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

James Murphy, Assistant USTR for Bilateral Affairs
David Demarest, Public Affairs
Jim Friersin, Assistant to Ambassador Brock

February 5, 1982

Dear

In my role as Chairman of the National Governors' Association Committee on International Trade and Foreign Relations, I had a most interesting meeting with Mr. Kay Sugahara, Chairman of the US-Asia Institute, to discuss a proposal that could have a dramatic impact on the economy of our states.

Mr. Sugahara is Chairman of Fairfield-Maxwell, Ltd., a conglomerate of 40 U.S. corporations. He also has personal ties to top level business and government leaders in Japan and has played a key role in influencing post World War II relations between the U.S. and Japan. I have enclosed some additional information on both Mr. Sugahara and the Institute.

The U.S. currently has an \$18 billion trade deficit with Japan that will grow to at least \$20 billion in 1982. This deficit threatens to undermine the future of U.S.-Japanese trade unless it is addressed. Mr. Sugahara and the US-Asia Institute have been searching for a practical solution to the problem. After many trips to Japan and discussions with top industrialists about alternative proposals, Mr. Sugahara and the US-Asia Institute have decided to develop a consensus in Japan for creation of a \$10 billion "Partnership for Prosperity" Fund.

This partnership fund will be made available to finance major trade and economic development projects within the United States. Creation of jobs and economic expansion within our states will be the primary focus of the fund. Projects such as the expansion of U.S. port facilities, expansion of coal exporting capabilities, and development of rapid rail transport systems are among the many possibilities.

Before the Institute proceeds further, I have been asked to bring the proposal to the attention of each Governor to determine the interest of the Governors. If the Governors are interested, the Institute would like the Governors to eventually take the lead in working with business and government leaders in their own states to suggest suitable projects for such financing.

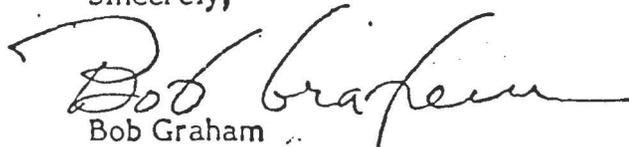
Although this proposal is still in the initial stages, I have had the concept reviewed by the appropriate officials in the U.S. Trade Representatives' office and the U.S. Departments of State and Commerce. Their general reaction was that this could be a significant opportunity for the states, and for the country as a whole, as long as the states proceeded on a prudent and coordinated basis with the project.

I personally think this could be an excellent opportunity for our states that we should vigorously pursue. If you have any questions at this time, let me know or have your staff contact Mr. Ken Howell in the State of Florida Washington Office at 202/624-7840.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Graham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Bob Graham
Governor of Florida
Chairman, Committee on International
Trade and Foreign Relations

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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February 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO JAMES A. BAKER III

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON

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SUBJECT: VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Following my conversation with you and a subsequent conversation with Bill Smith on the above subject, you sought to generate some support for a simple ten-year extension among state and local officials. The general consensus from these officials is that there is no benefit in getting involved. It is their feeling that the Administration has successfully "screwed it up" and that we should not come to them now to push it.

I would suggest it would not be productive for us to further pursue this course.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO JAMES A. BAKER III ✓
EDWIN MEESE III

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *Rich*

SUBJECT: REFUGEES -- NEW HHS REGULATIONS

Attached is a memo from Jim Medas on the above subject which I referred to today in Senior Staff. As you may recall, I raised this issue during the budget review process, again on January 15, and I will raise it once again at this time.

Please note that the new regulations are to go into effect on March 1, 1982, and are felt by the following Republican Governors to have a substantial impact on the states:

Dreyfus (Wisconsin)
Spellman (Washington)
Atiyeh (Oregon)
Quie (Minnesota)

Also note that Governor Graham of Florida informs us that 25,000 refugees will be without cash or medical assistance as of March 1 in Florida. This has an impact on the Administration's efforts regarding the Miami Crime Commission.

Further we have information from the Office of Political Affairs that this has a significantly harmful impact on key Republican races in the State of Florida.

I again urge that this issue be reconsidered.

Attachment

cc: David Stockman
Edwin L. Harper
Daniel Murphy
David Gergen
Ed Rollins
Kenneth M. Duberstein
Richard G. Darman
Craig Fuller

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III ✓
EDWIN MEESE, III
MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *Rich*

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS REGARDING FEDERALISM

This memorandum provides a summary of the consultations which are taking place with state and local officials regarding the President's Federalism Initiative.

GOVERNORS

The following governors have been designated as constituting a "core" group of governors to be consulted with regarding the Federalism package: Snelling, Alexander, Babbitt, Matheson, and Thompson.

January 26: 35 governors called and briefed regarding the President's Initiative. With respect to the remaining 15 governors, calls were completed to their chiefs of staff.

January 27: Several governors attended a meeting of the Federalism Advisory Committee and Rich Williamson had a separate meeting with Governor Snelling.

January 29: Don Moran and Jim Medas briefed the state budget officers and Washington representatives for the following governors: Snelling, Busbee, Matheson, Thompson, Alexander, and Ray.

January 30: The President called Governor Snelling.

January 31: Rich Williamson and Jim Medas briefed Governor Babbitt.

February 1: Governors Snelling, Busbee, Matheson, Thompson, Alexander, and Ray were briefed by the President, Ed Meese, Dave Stockman, Don Regan, and Rich Williamson, and the negotiation process was begun.

February 2: Jim Medas held a consultation meeting with the Washington representatives of 33 governors.

February 3: Al Holmer and Jim Medas held a consultation meeting with the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Treasurers.

February 6: Rich Williamson had a lengthy telephone discussion with Governor Snelling.

February 8: Ed Harper, Don Moran, Al Holmer, and Jim Medas conducted a briefing for 41 state budget officers.

February 10: Jim Medas held a consultation meeting with the D.C. representatives of the Republican Governors.

February 21: Dave Stockman and Rich Williamson will meet with the 50 governors in a plenary session, followed by a three-hour closed session of the governors to specifically address the Federalism Initiative.

February 22: The President meets with the nation's governors.

February 23: Rich Williamson, Al Holmer, and Jim Medas join a Republican Governors' Association breakfast to determine strategy on the NGA resolution.

February 23: The President hosts a state dinner for the nation's governors.

LOCAL OFFICIALS

The following group of local officials have been designated as a "core" group with whom we will consult on the Federalism package: Richard Conder, William Murphy, Virgil Brown, Henry Cisneros, Ferd Harrison, Margaret Hance, Patience Latting, Tom Faircloth, Richard Carver, Ed Kreeger, and George Voinovich.

January 25: Approximately 10 local officials attended a briefing in the Roosevelt Room on the Federalism package. Participation by Meese, Stockman, Regan, and Williamson.

January 26: Approximately 40 local officials were briefed on the details of the President's package.

January 27: Approximately 10 local officials attended a meeting of the Federalism Advisory Committee on the Federalism package.

January 28: Rich Williamson briefed the Republican Mayors' Association at a breakfast meeting on the President's Federalism Initiative.

January 28: The President met with Mayor Margaret Hance.

January 28: Rich Williamson addressed the Urban Economic Policy Committee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

January 28: The President met with the Executive Committee of the Republican Mayors' Association.

February 11: The President will meet with representatives of the National Association of Counties.

February 18: The President will meet with the Executive Committee of the National Association of Towns and Townships.

March 1: The President is scheduled to meet with the Executive Committee of the National League of Cities.

March 3: The President is scheduled to meet with the Los Angeles County Commission.

STATE LEGISLATORS

The following group of state legislators has been designated to work with the White House on the Federalism Initiative: Senator Ross Doyen, Senator David Nething, Rep. Richard Hodes, Rep. Benjamin Cardin, and Senator Clarence Mitchell.

January 25: Approximately 10 state legislators attended a briefing in the Roosevelt Room on the Federalism Initiative. Participants included Stockman, Meese, Regan, and Williamson.

January 26: Calls were made to approximately 40 state legislators to brief them on the Federalism package.

January 27: Five state legislators attended a meeting of the Federalism Advisory Committee.

February 1: Ross Doyen, President of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and Dave Nething, Chairman of the State-Federal Assembly, attended a briefing session at the White House. Participants included the President, Meese, Regan, Stockman, and Williamson.

February 8: Six legislative fiscal officers were briefed on the President's Federalism Initiative.

February 8: Rich Williamson met with the leadership of the Iowa State Legislature.

February 9: The President addressed the Iowa and Indiana State Legislatures on this issue.

February 21: The Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures will meet with Rich Williamson, Al Holmer, Judy Peachee, and Don Moran on the Federalism Initiative.

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WASHINGTON

January 22, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER
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FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *R.S.W.*
SUBJECT: **Commission on Drunk Driving.**

The Secretary of Transportation will send his list of recommendations to the White House in the near future.

I would hope to be deeply involved in the selection process. IGA will have specific recommendations of state and local government officials.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III ✓
EDWIN MEESE, III

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON *Rich*

SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE/PUERTO RICO

On November 17, 1981, the Trade Policy Committee gave its general approval to the still unofficial set of proposals which comprise the Caribbean Basin Initiative. The specific elements in the proposals are not yet Administration policy, but do represent the basis for a possible Administration proposal to Congress early next year. Many of the elements remain to be developed.

The long-needed and far-reaching Caribbean Basin Initiative is essential for a strong U.S. Policy in the Caribbean. However, in the process of devising the Initiative, the full panorama of U.S./Puerto Rico issues should be considered.

Puerto Rico's economic environment is being buffeted by a number of events. These events have substantially weakened the island's economy. The Puerto Ricans are now expressing their concern about two specific aspects of the Caribbean Basin Initiative:

- The one-way Free Trade Area (FTA).
- Tax incentives for investors to locate in the Basin area.

These two proposals essentially are extensions of existing U.S. policy toward Puerto Rico to the rest of the Caribbean, and thus minimize or eliminate the economic advantage which Puerto Rico has enjoyed as part of the United States.

Rick Neal, of my staff, has been working closely with Bill Brock's office to develop a procedure where the full impact of the Caribbean Basin Initiative on Puerto Rico can be considered and policies developed which will meet Puerto Rico's economic development needs and ensure participation in the Initiative.

The following procedure has been developed with the support of Puerto Rico and the United States Trade Representative:

- On Monday, December 7, 1981, I will meet with the Governor of Puerto Rico, Carlos Romero. I will provide Governor Romero with a copy of the Trade Policy Committee proposal of November 17, 1981.
- I will recommend that U.S. Trade Representative William Brock, Assistant Secretary Ray Waldmann of the Department of commerce, Thad Garrett of the Office of the Vice President, and myself meet with Puerto Rico's Secretary of State, Carlos Quiros, in mid-December to receive Puerto Rico's comments and views on the Caribbean Basin Initiative. This meeting will be immediately followed by a somewhat longer session including representatives of OMB, Treasury, Agriculture, Transportation, and State/AID to hear the various proposals Puerto Rico may have concerning Puerto Rico's economic problems.
- The Governor's comments and views on the Caribbean Basin Initiative will be reviewed and analyzed by the Economic Subgroup of the White House Task Force in conjunction with the U.S. Trade Representative and other appropriate agencies.
- Following appropriate consideration and analysis, a joint meeting would be held to discuss the areas of agreement and disagreement and to develop policies which would permit Puerto Rico's positive participation in the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

To ensure adequate consideration of the above proposal, we have suggested that the process move as quickly as possible. The Caribbean Basin Initiative is presently scheduled to be considered by Congress in late January or early February.

cc: Craig Fuller
Bud Nance
Daniel Murphy
Thaddeus Garrett

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1981

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Clean Air Act*

TO: FRANK HODSOLL
FROM: JIM MEDAS *JM*
SUBJECT: Consultation With Governors on The Clean Air Act

The following Governors will be attending the Clean Air Act meeting scheduled for Friday, June 19, 1981:

Governor Rockefeller (D-West Virginia)
Governor Graham (D-Florida)
Governor Matheson (D-Utah)

In addition, we are waiting for confirmation from five other Governors:

Governor Lamm (D-Colorado)
Governor Ray (R-Iowa)
Governor Alexander (R-Tennessee)
Governor du Pont (R-Delaware)
Governor Carey (D-New York)

Based on comments made by the Governors who attend this meeting, we will be able to decide which of these Governors should receive further consultation.

In addition, you should note that the following Governors will be in Washington on Tuesday, June 23, 1981, for a meeting of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Federalism:

Governor Busbee (D-Georgia)
Governor Thompson (R-Illinois)
Governor du Pont (R-Delaware)
Governor Snelling (R-Vermont)
Governor Alexander (R-Tennessee)
Governor Matheson (D-Utah)

These six Governors provide good geographical coverage, and it may be we would want to utilize a small part of their time in Washington to indicate to them the direction the Administration may take on the Clean Air Act issue.

Please advise me if you want to arrange consultation briefings with either of these two groups of Governors.