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E.O. 12865: N/A TAGS: ECON, ETRD, OECD SUBJECT: OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION, JAN. 21-22, 1982: DISCUSSION ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT.

- 1. SUMMARY. US PROVIDED KEYNOTE FOR DISCUSSION ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT BOTH AT G6 DINNER AND AT XCSS MEETING. BROAD CONSENSUS WAS REGISTERED ON IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE DESPITE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SENSITIVITIES; FACT- THAT DECD WORK HAS CONTRIBUTED TO INCREASED AWARENESS OF ISSUE AND INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MICRO, MACRO AND TRADE POLICIES; LINKAGE OF STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT TO TRADE AND IMPORTANCE OF REMOVING DISTORTIONS TO THE TRADING SYSTEM; AND NECESSITY FOR RELEVANT OECD COMMITTEES TO CONTINUE WORK PROGRAMS ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT. WHILE JAPAN AND SEVERAL SMALL COUNTRIES SUPPORTED US POSITION ON STRONG MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, THERE IS QUESTION ON HOW FAR OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE WILLING TO GO. INSTITUTIONAL FUTURE OF PAP MENTIONED, BUT SOME DELS DID NOT BELIEVE THIS AN APPROPRIATE XCSS ISSUE. END SUMMARY.
- 2. PLENARY DISCUSSION GENERAL. SECRETARIAT OUTLINED ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SPECIAL GROUP ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT, HIGHLIGHTING INCREASED AVARENESS OF POLICY MAKERS TO IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE AND TO INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MICRO, MACRO AND TRADE POLLICIES. BEFORE ITS MANDATE EXPIRES IN JUNE, SPECIAL GROUP WILL PRODUCE SUBSTANTIVE REPORT ANALYZING POLICY OPTIONS. POLITIAL MESSAGE FOR MINISTERIAL UNDERLINING IMPORTANCE OF POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT, AND RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL FOLLOWUP IN OECD. US DEL (HORMATS) FOLLOWED WITH SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT WHICH HIGHLIGHTED DISTORTIONS OF GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM AND CALLED FOR A REDUCTION OF IMPEDIMENTS TO ADJUSTMENT. STATEMENT PROVIDED REFERENCE POINT FOR REMAINDER OF DISCUSSION. MOST SPEAKERS ASSOCIATED WITH POINTS MADE BY US DEL, AND CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY INCLUDED ALL ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS.
- 3. US STATEMENT. MAIN POINTS OF US STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:
- -- 1978 ORIENTATIONS WERE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD AND

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PROVIDED A BEACON FOR POLICYMAKERS.

-- TODAY'S PRESSURES TEND TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM OUR 1978 COMMITMENT.

-- IMPEDIMENTS TO ADJUSTMENT HAVE RESULTED FROM REGULATORY MEASURES TAKEN IN EXPECTATION OF CONTINUED HIGH GROWTH AND HAVE BEEN EXACERBATED BY DEFENSIVE MEASURES TAKEN DURING RECENT YEARS WHICH HAVE TENDED TO INSULATE ECONOMIES, DISTORT TRADE, AND FURTHER REDUCE MEMBERS' ABILITY TO ADJUST TO COMPETITIVE FORCES.

~-WHILE A DIFFICULT TASK, IMPEDIMENTS TO ADJUSTMENT HUST BE UNRAVELED. ISSUES TO ADDRESS INCLUDE THE IMPACT ON TRADE, HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND WAYS TO AVOID DISTORTIONS BY GOVERNMENTS, AND IMPEDIMENTS TO LABOR MOBILITY AND HOW TO USE PRODUCTIVITY GAINS TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT.

-- IT IS IMPORTANT TO USE THE MINISTERIAL TO REINFORCE THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL GROUP AND KEEP THE ISSUE VISIBLE AT A HIGH LEVEL.

LATER US INTERVENTION (WALDMANN) EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISE TO LIBERAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE. NECESSSITY OF CONTINUING WORK IN RELEVANT COMMITTEES AFTER SPECIAL GROUP'S MANDATE EXPIRES, CONTINUING ROLE FOR XCSS IN PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AND HEARING PROGRESS. AND DESIRABILITY OF MINISTERIAL STATEMENT WHICH ADDRESSES FINDINGS OF PRESENT EXERCISE AND GIVES ADDITIONAL POLITICAL IMPETUS. THESE POINTS WERE ALSO MADE DURING G6 DINNER, AND US DEL MENTIONED THAT USG YOULD CIRCULATE PRELIMINARY DRAFT FOR MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.

4. DISTORTIONS TO TRADE. DELS FROM SWITZERLAND, JAPAN, BELGIUM, CANADA, ITALY, TURKEY, NORWAY AND CHAIRMAN, IN HIS SUMMARY, EMPHASIZED THEIR AGREEMENT

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WITH US POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AND ENDORSED FURTHER WORK. CANADIAN AND BELGIAN DELS SUGGESTED STUDYING COSTS OF PROTECTIONIST POLICIES, AND NORWEGIAN DEL EMPHASIZED NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF EXPORT INCENTIVES.

- 5. OTHER ISSUES FOR FUTURE WORK. UK DEL UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER WORK ON LABOR MOBILITY. CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY MENTIONED TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUE, LABOR MOBILITY AND LETHARGY OF INVESTMENT, AS WELL AS IMPACT. ON TRADE, AS APPROPRIATE ISSUES FOR FUTURE WORK.
- 6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT. IN ADDITION TO US, SECRETARIAT, SWEDISH, JAPANESE, AND TO LESSER EXTENT CANADIAN AND SPANISH DELS NOTED THEIR SUPPORT FOR STRONG POLITICAL MESSAGE FROM MINISTERIAL CITING NEED TO IMPLEMENT ORIENTATIONS. OTHER DELS SILENT ON THIS ISSUE. IN HIS SUMMARY, CHAIRMAN SAID THAT RESULTS OF EXERCISE NEED TO BE SERIOUSLY STUDIED AND SUMMITTED TO MINISTERIAL, BUT THAT THIS WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT; THERE WAS ALSO A NEED TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES.
- 7. INSTITUTIONAL FOLLOWUP. BROAD CONSENSUS WAS REGISTERD ON NEED TO CONTINUE POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT WORK IN RELEVANT COMMITTEES. US FLOATED IDEA BOTH AT GO BINNER AND PLENARY THAT XCSS SHOULD MAINTAIN ITS STRONG INTEREST IN PAP AND PROVIDE SOME LEADERSHIP. SWEDISH DEL AND, MORE INDIRECTLY, SECRETARY GENERAL SUGGESTED THAT CONTINUATION OF MANDATE OF SPECIAL GROUP WAS AN OPTION MERITING CONSIDERATION. FRG DEL AND CHAIRMAN STATED THAT SPECIFICS OF INSTITUTIONAL FOLLOWUP NOT AN APPROPRIATE XCSS ISSUE. QUESTION REMAINS UNRESOLVED. 8. OTHER ISSUES. SWISS DEL BROUGHT UP LAGGING INVESTMENT AS A KEY ISSUE TO BE STUDIED UNDER POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT UMBRELLA. DUTCH DEL SUGGESTED SERVICES SECTOR BE STUDIED UNDER PICKING WINNER RUBRIC. FRENCH INTERVENTION STRESSED NEED FOR FINAL SUBSTANTIVE REPORT TO BE EDUCATIONAL IN NATURE, POSSIBLY INDICATING FUTURE RESISTANCE TO A NORMATIVE REPORT AND A STRONG POLITICAL STATEMENT. DANISH DEL NOTED AMBIGUITY IN ORIENTATIONS.
- 9. COMMENT. MISSION AND DELEGATION PLEASED WITH TONE AND RESULTS OF DISCUSSION. WHILE MANY ISSUES, INCLUDING FOLLOWUP AND POLITICAL STATEMENT, REMAIN OPEN, RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE AND SUPPORT FOR FURTHER WORK ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE TRADE AREA, APPEAR UNAMIMOUS. MISSION BELIEVES MINISTERIAL POLITICAL STATEMENT WILL BE KEY TO SUBSTANCE OF FOLLOWUP WORK. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SEEING

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE BRIEFING PAPER

Positive Adjustment Policies

U.S. OBJECTIVES

As a result of a decision by the 1979 OECD Ministerial, a Special Group of the Economic Policy Committee (EPC) on Positive Adjustment Policies (PAP) was formed to manage a two year investigation of structural adjustment issues. We seek to wind-up this work in a satisfactory fashion. To do this we need:

- -- To affirm that the Special Group will go out of existence in June 1982, and that no other Special Group will replace it;
- -- To gain acceptance that the PAP work be absorbed by each part of the OECD according to its specialization, with the Council empowering the XCSS to coordinate the efforts of the specialized committees in pursuing a work program on PAP and requiring a periodic review of PAP activities by the XCSS; and
- -- To plant the idea, at the G-6 Dinner, that the PAP "political statement" to be made at the 1982 Ministerial will both sound an alarm about the current threat to the maintenance of a free and open trade and investment systems, and call for an expansion of international talks, possible in the GATT, on these issues.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS

The mandate of the PAP Special Group will expire in June 1982. This will mark the completion of the second phase of the PAP work. We favor allowing the mandate to expire at that time. So far, most delegations share our view.

There has been preliminary discussion within OECD on the possible locus for future work on this subject. The <u>Special Group</u> has performed some <u>excellent analyses</u> of the problems of implementing policies designed to promote efficiency in highly political sectors. However, efforts at getting this work released to the public have met with <u>strenuous objections</u> from other member states and, in certain instances, from ourselves.

Van Lennep and most delegations believe a PAP coordination and control role should be assigned to one committee, preferably the EPC. EPC Chairman, Murray Weidenbaum, does not want it in the EPC -- he thinks scarce Secretariat resources

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could be better applied to other endeavors. While the Industry Committee might be a logical choice, that Committee is viewed as weak and ineffective. The Trade Committee already has a full menu of work, notably the Trade in the 1980's Study. All the other committees are too narrow in focus.

Given these problems, plus the original goal of PAP, which was to develop an analytical framework for future analyses conducted by all the OECD's committees, we do not favor continuing PAP work by any Special Group or charging any one committee with taking the lead on PAP issues. The Council should empower the XCSS to provide leadership, as needed. Each committee should use the lessons learned from PAP when investigating structural issues. The macroeconomic implications could be studied by the EPC's Working Party One.

The OECD Secretariat hopes to produce an "opus" on the PAP experience, entitled the <u>Final PAP Report</u>. Whether the Secretariat ever publishes such a document is not of critical concern to us. What is important is the substance of the "political statement" on positive adjustment that will be made by the 1982 OECD Ministerial. The <u>U.S. is now drafting</u> a proposed political statement which will:

- -- Sound the alarm that structural adjustment issues have proven very difficult to deal with, and that failure to solve these problems will threaten the maintenance of our free and open trade and investment systems; and
- -- Call for an expansion of international negotiations, not just among OECD countries, on all forms of trade and investment issues.

We have "volunteered" to do a first draft of this political statement so as to make it as forthcoming as possible. Some OECD members are trying to solve pressing domestic problems through various adjustment schemes that have an adverse effect on the international trade and investment systems. Our goal is not to lose the ground gained through the 1978 Ministerial's PAP political statement -- the Positive Adjustment General Orientations. We aim to avoid regression and, perhaps, even expand upon that base. We hope to circulate our draft political statement to G-6 capitals in late January.

TALKING POINTS

- -- We would like to reconfirm what was agreed upon at the November 98 PAP meeting: the Special Group's mandate will be allowed to expire in June 982.
- -- This does not mean that the organization's work on positive adjustment should end; rather, we favor charging all committees of the organization with incorporating a consideration of positive adjustment into their work programs.
- -- Moreover, we ask that the Council empower the XCSS to coordinate the efforts of the various committees in pursuing an active PAP work program.

(For your use at G-6 Dinner only:)

- -- We are concerned about the rise of structural assistance schemes designed to aid ailing domestic industries, but which, in turn, can seriously distort trade and investment patterns.
- -- We realize the difficulty we have had in dealing with politically sensitive issues such as textiles, telecommunications, and government support for promising industrial activities, in PAP discussions.
- -- We think the PAP political statement that will be made at the 982 Ministerial is an excellent opportunity to sound an alarm about the growth of these and other sophisticated economic distortions. The political statement should also recommend ways to deal with these problems.
- -- We will prepare a first draft of the PAP political statement in order to stimulate discussion. In late January we hope to circulate it to you for your comments and suggestions.

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2. U.S. -EC MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 8 AND 9. WE WOULD PREFER THAT ALL SESSIONS BE PLEMARIES AND THAT THE AGENDA BE LIMITED TO A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT AND ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND STEEL. WE SHARE THE HOPE'S (EXPRESSED REF A) OF EC WASHINGTON DEL WOLLHEIM THAT AR INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE CAN BE MAINTAINED AND THAT A CANDID-EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WILL RESULT. WE INTEND, THEREFORE, TO HOLD THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS TO AM ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM OF 15 FROM EACH SIDE. EC DELEGATION LISTED IN REF B DIFFERS-FROM ONE IN REF A AND FROM OTHERS THAT HAVE BEEN . SUGGESTED BY EC -WASHINGTON DEL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CABLE FROM BRUSSELS CONTAINING EC DELEGATION LIST AND LIST OF SPECIFIC TOPICS THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO RAISE DURING THE DISCUSSIONS ASAP.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HAFERKAMP AND DAVIGNON MUST RETURN TO BRUSSELS THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9. FOLLOWING IS OUR PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE MEETINGS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EC SIDE" ON OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND PLANNED EVENTS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:15 AM - MEETING OF U.S. DELEGATION AT USTR. 19: 99 AM - 12: 09 PM -- OPENING SESSION AT USTR. 12:38 PM - 2:15 PM -- WORKING LUNCHEON AT DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSTED BY ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE STOESSEL. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM -- PLENARY SESSION ON AGRICULTURE AT

4:15 PM - 5:38 PM -- PLENARY SESSION ON STEEL AT USTR. SOCIAL DINNER HOSTED BY THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR (SPOUSES INVITED). PROVISION FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON MARGINS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

MORNING - CONGRESSIONAL APPOINT' ... TOK EC DELEGATION INCLUDING A BREAKFAST WITH MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, AND MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE SENATE .-FINANCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES. (FYI: DAVIGNON/ CLARK MEETING UNDER CONSIDERATION.)

PRESS LUNCHEON FOR EC DELEGATION HOSTED BY EC COMMISSION HEAD OF DELEGATION OF KERGORLAY.

WORKING LUNCH FOR U.S. AND EC OFFICIALS AT WOLLHEIM RESIDENCE.

(TIME TO BE ARRANGED) - MEETING OF U.S. AND EC PRINCIPALS AT USTR TO SUM UP RESULTS OF MINISTERIAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY PRESS AVAILABILITY.

- 4. U.S. SIDE WOULD LIKE FIRST SESSION ON MONDAY TO COVER GENERAL TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST INCLUDING A DISCUSSION OF EVENTS SINCE THE LAST MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER. TOPICS WOULD INCLUDE:
- -- FOLLOWUP ON THE QUADRILATERAL TALKS AND DISCUSSION OF JAPANESE ACTIONS ON TRADE LIBERALIZATION.
- -- REVIEW OF APPROACH TO THE NOVEMBER GATT MINISTERIAL AND ON TRADE ISSUES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UPCOMING OECD MINISTERIAL AND VERSAILLES SUMMIT.
- 5. DURING AGRICULTURAL SESSION, U.S. SIDE WILL OPEN WITH A PRESENTATION COVERING U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT EC EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND TRADE EFFECTS, ACCESS TO EC MARKET, AND NEGATIVE IMPACT OF CURRENT CAP SYSTEM ON U.S. FARM ECONOMY. FYI: WE EXPECT THE EC TO DISCUSS CAP RESTRUCTURING. END FYI. WE WILL ALSO WANT TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL TRADE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GATT MINISTERIAL IN NOVEMBER. USDA REPORTS THAT EC REPS HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST IN EXPLORING U.S. PERSPECTIVES AND POSITION ON VARIOUS SECTION 381 CASES CURRENTLY THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE SUBSIDIES CODE, AS WELL AS RELATED GATT ISSUES CONCERNING AGRICULTURE. THE USG WOULD NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE TECHNICAL POINTS OR SPECIFIC FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THE CASES CURRENTLY BEFORE THE GATT, EITHER IN THE PLENARY MEETINGS OR ON THE MARGINS. PLEASE NOTIFY WASHINGTON ASAP ON OTHER SPECIFIC ISSUES THE EC WISHES U.S. TO DEAL WITH DURING THE TALKS.

6. ON STEEL, THE U.S. WANTS TO ENCOURAGE A FULL EXPLANATION OF EC TIMING AND SIGNIFICANCE OF-PENDING EC DECISION ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THEIR STEEL INDUSTRY. WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THOSE ASPECTS TO THE EC PROGRAM THAT RESPOND TO THE CONCERNS OF THE U.S. STEEL INDUSTRY. SECRETARY BALDRIGE WOULD OPEN WITH A LOW-KEY STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EITHER THE SETTING OR TIMING OF THE FEBRUARY MINISTERIALS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE STEEL CASE. FYI: SECRETARY BALDRIGE WILL STATE THAT THE CASES WILL BE HANDLED IN FULL CONFORMITY WITH U.S. LAW AND THE APPLICABLE CODES. WE WOULD URGE THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE THE SAME APPROACH, I.E., THAT THESE CASES SHOULD BE TREATED BY BOTH SIDES WITHIN THE RULES SET FORTH IN THE CODES TO WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED. END FYI. WE WOULD URGE THE COMMISSION TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE EC STEEL RESTRUCTURING PROGRAM, SINCE THE MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL . PROVIDE THEM WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE ACCESS TO U.S. POLICY-MAKERS ON THE SUBJECT.

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7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE DISCUSS PROPOSED U.S. SCHEDULE
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4th Draft of PAP Statement to be used at OECD Ministerial

January 28, 1982

Positive Adjustment Political Statement

- 1. We recall the mandate of the High Level Group, developed in a period of general economic slowdown, rising unemployment, and mounting protectionist pressures, which was to review the macroeconomic consequences of policy measures to promote structural adjustment. This review has, as noted in our report, taken place in a variety of ways over the past two years, including discussions of individual country experiences, the review of crosscutting issues such as transparency or government support to promising industries, and studies of particular sectors and policy instruments such as steel, textiles, regional policy, etc. Wherever possible, attempts have been made to relate our review to the "General Orientations" which began this exercise in 1978.
- 2. We note with concern that, despite the orientations, the general decline in the macroeconomic situation has continued, causing further distortions throughout the international economic system and resulting in backsliding with respect to the orientations.

 Moreover, protectionist pressures are once again mounting, causing increased distortions in the use of resources and resulting in increasing inefficiencies.

- 3. Our discussions have revealed that in many cases, policies designed to facilitate structural adjustment have, in fact, hindered the achievement of that goal. Increasingly, market failure is no longer perceived as the only legitimate rationale for government interventions. Rather, sophisticated mechanisms have been developed to protect politically sensitive sectors of many of our economies, measures which have proven to be costly inefficiencies which, once enacted, are difficult to amend. Moreover, our findings have revealed a number of sectors where in the 1980s we may be tempted to enact additional programs and policies which will result in further distortions of our open international trade and investment environment.
- 4. We are alarmed by these trends in the world economy, and wish to point out, not only to the citizens of OECD countries, but to the world, that a serious threat to future economic growth and stability will arise if we do not now check the growth of these negative trends.
- 5. There are a number of steps which can be taken, both by individual countries and by international bodies, such as the OECD. To begin, we affirm our support for the General Orientations first made in 1978. We also affirm our belief that adjustment should rely as far as possible on market forces to encourage mobility of labor and capital to their most productive uses.

- 6. Within the OECD, we propose that a number of additional steps be taken: First, that the work on studying adjustment issues continue by charging all committees within the organization to undertake an analysis of the adjustment effects of the economic policy issues within their purview. Second, that we empower the Executive Committee in Special Session to coordinate a continuing program of work on Positive Adjustment; and third, that the Secretary General be directed with issuing an annual adjustment report highlighting the findings of individual committees' work and analyzing progress towards or movement away from positive adjustment principles.
- 7. To aid this process, we propose that a notification system be developed by the Industry Committee, so that when major adjustment policies are implemented by member governments, a system of rigorous review be undertaken by that Committee to ensure that all costs and benefits associated with such actions are rendered more transparent.
- 8. We also direct that through this work, the Organization move toward the development of a code or set of principles which would provide more direct guidance to member nations in implementing adjustment policies which would minimize the trade distortions and international frictions which might otherwise result from such measures.

9. We note, however, that adjustment issues must be raised in a broader context than just the OECD; effective action needs to be taken by a group with wider membership. Accordingly, we call on the GATT to expand its mandate to take into account the effects of domestic adjustment policies on the international flow of goods and services, and to consider the linkages between domestic adjustment measures and distortions to international trade. Additionally, we note that all facets of international investment issues are not now discussed in a global forum such as the GATT. Given that such investment actions can in fact contribute to adjustment problems as well as cause additional distortions to trade, we call upon the GATT to expand further its horizon to include the resolution of these international investment issues as well.

SENATOR MACK MATTINGLY OPENING STATEMENT

ANNUAL HEARINGS ON THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK BEFORE THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE JANUARY 26, 1982

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It is a pleasure, as always, to see you, Chairman Volcker. I welcome you to our annual hearings on the Economic Outlook. Your appearance is especially timely because recent monetary developments are, to say the least, puzzling, troubling and disappointing.

I am sure that you know that I am referring to the incredible jump in the conventionally defined money stock, MI, since last November, and the increases in most interest rates that followed quickly, beginning in December. It would appear that Volckerism has become synonymous with erratic and inconsistent money supply.

I hope you will explain why you allowed these changes to take place. Surely, you at least could have prevented the jump in Ml growth. You could have done so by reducing the supply of reserves to the banking system by however much was necessary. If withdrawing \$1 billion in reserves would not have done the job, you could have withdrawn \$2 billion, or \$3 billion or whatever amount was necessary. In fact, you supplied new reserves to validate the new money growth. I know withholding reserves would have raised the Federal funds rate during the late November-early January period, but keeping it in the 12 to 13 percent range during that period did not keep other interest rates from rising, and indeed now the Federal funds rate has to rise and it is rising.

What constructive purposes were served by your policy actions -- keeping the Federal funds rate relatively constant and letting Ml growth soar -- in recent months?

More broadly, what constructive purposes are served by volatile Ml growth? What's been the good of letting Ml grow 7.8 percent per year from 1977 to 1980, dropping it below zero in the January to April 1980 period, accelerating it to nearly 11 percent from April 1980 to April 1981, the highest 12-month rate since World War II (and at an even higher annual rate -- 13.3 percent from January to April 1981), then stopping it all together from April until October 1981. And, then increasing it once more to over 20 percent per year beginning last November. What have you been trying to accomplish?

Whatever your motives, what rollercoaster money growth around high average growth has helped to achieve is this:

One, you achieved the preservation of high inflation, high inflationary expectations and high interest rates. You have reduced money growth from time to time, but you have not kept it down. It must be kept down to stop inflation, dissipate inflationary expectations and permanently reduce interest rates.

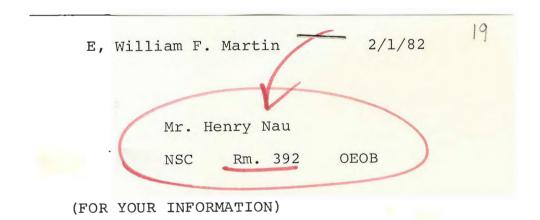
Two, you produced or exacerbated recessions, for every now and then you clamped on the brakes, as for example in early 1980 and again between April and October in 1981.

Three, you produced more uncertainty and hence more volatile interest rates and an increasing reluctance by the public to lend for long periods.

Why can't you produce steady sustainable noninflationary money growth? Are your tools not adequate? What new tools do you need that Congress can give you? Are your own procedures adequate? Many economists think they are not. They point out, for example, that Ml growth was much smoother and less inflationary from 1956 to 1967 when you required banks to match reserves against their current deposit liabilities than it has been since 1967 when you allowed reserves to be matched against deposits of two weeks ago.

Chairman Volcker, once again, your appearance is timely.

Recent monetary policy, or Volckerism, as I said, has been puzzling, troubling, and disappointing. Perhaps, you can convince me it isn't your fault. However, I would rather be persuaded that your future performance will be understandable, calming and pleasing. I am glad you are here.



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MEMORANDUM

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Dr. U. Lantzke/Mr. J.W. Hopkins

De From Ryu Yamazaki

Paris,

Objet Subject

Theme into the Summit

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Summings

1. Energy as a security/strategic issue

(i) Main objectives

- To avoid energy becoming a contentious issue disarraying the Western Alliance in the West-West, East-West and North-South (including OPEC) contexts;
- To seek a balance and not a trade-off between the economic cost/benefits (free market approach) and security cost/benefits (energy security approach) although policies and perceptions of Summit countries may differ.

(ii) Method

- At the Summit level, to have an in-depth exchange of views on this subject to enhance mutual understanding on policies and perceptions;
- At the Personal Representative's level, to identify specific risks and vulnerabilities for the Summit countries vis-à-vis their present and future energy supply structure; also to seek as appropriate any way of coordinating energy policy from this perspective;

(iii) Specific areas

- natural gas (experience of Soviet deal, other developments, etc.)
- Gulf Area stability (domestic situation of Saudi, Soviet intentions, a concerted Western approach (?))
- flexible stock policy
- nuclear (to cope with domestic opposition)
- aid to LDC's for energy development
- interlinkage among the various items above, especially how to cope with multiple crisis or sub-crisis situations.

2. Energy and the Economy

Energy policy as a tool for helping overcome economic difficulties of high political nature (i.e. recession, unemployment, inflation, balance of payments) while contributing to realize a more energy efficient economy despite glut and complacency temptations.

energy investment by both public and private funds: dual favourable effect in increasing employment in the immediate short-term (especially in the more labour-intensive energy industries such as coal and energy-related infrastructure needs), and, in improving energy efficiency of the whole economy in the mid-term; furthermore energy-related technology industry could also benefit.

However three unfavourable factors must be taken into account: (a) high interest rates, (b) little or no increase in the real price of oil in the near future and (c) limited government role given budgetary constraints and perception of low priority of energy.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WASHINGTON

January 28, 1982

MEMORANDUM

TO: EB/IEP, Mr. E. Allan Wendt

E, William F. Martin Flk FROM:

SUBJECT: IEA Ministerial Meeting

It is not too early to think about energy themes the US might promote for the coming IEA Ministerial meeting. While we will undoubtedly want to delay discussion of the Ministerial meeting until the February 26 Governing Board, we cannot ignore the fact that other countries may wish to raise this issue in the informal setting of Dourdan. Thus Thomas and Burns should be prepared for (but not promote) a preliminary discussion at that time. Ulf Lantzke is also eager to hear preliminary US views so that he can better stage manage the 26 February meeting discussion on this issue.

Our objectives should be three-fold:

- turn around the image held by many countries that the US does not take energy seriously;
- emphasize long term energy alternatives (natural gas, coal and nuclear) and the US role in their development; and
- -- promote the concept of international energy security --- the basis of which is found in the excellent annex of your recent pipeline memo.

In addition, the IEA Ministerial dinner, which is usually held the night before the Ministerial meeting, could be an opportune time to raise the issue of energy in the overall context of East/West relations. Such a topic might catch the interest of the Secretary and encourage his participation.

I would welcome an opportunity to discuss some of these issues with you and others in IEP. My hunch is that it would be useful to have an interagency consensus

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on the broad direction of our strategy by the time Burns and Thomas leave for the Dourdan meeting. Attached are some possible topics for the Ministerial meeting.

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IEA Ministerial Meeting Agenda

I. World Energy Outlook

This session could report on the Secretariat's latest assessment of energy prospects to the end of the century calling attention to the dramatic effect of price in lowering demand and in promoting energy alternatives. A Secretariat study -- prepared by the Economics Division, not the SLT -- shows that higher energy prices will bring about major structural changes. Focus could be on what areas would benefit from better government policies including those which would remove market imperfections. This would provide a basis for the next agenda items.

II. Long Term Energy Alternatives

- 1. Natural Gas prospects and security issues (The IEA natural gas study provides an excellent analytical background; the Ministerial discussion could focus on what international means might be considered to better secure natural gas importers from supply interruptions. Agreement on possible measures would not be taken at this time, but relevant IEA bodies could be charged with looking into the details of possible options.
- 2. Coal (The results of the first major coal review should be brought to Ministers' attention. This would be a good opportunity to report on what is happening in the US, i.e., President's decision to dredge Baltimore port.)
- 3. Nuclear energy (Status of nuclear power development in IEA countries; should the IEA establish a high level group on nuclear energy in collaboration with the NEA/OECD?)

III. Short Term Oil Markets

- 1. Market Outlook (Short term oil market outlook with particular attention to stock levels -- which could reach low levels if the harsh winter in Europe and North America continues.)
- 2. Stocks and Stock Policies in a Pre-crisis (Key issues are level of stocks and use of stocks in a
 pre-trigger situation. While the US should not agree to
 a pre-trigger formula for stock management, we should
 encourage continued discussions, perhaps within the SEQ,
 on how individual countries might use their stocks in
 certain pre-crisis situations. In addition, we should
 use the opportunity to once again stress the need for
 higher overall oil stock levels, although due to complex
 legislative problems in member government quick agreement
 here is unlikely.)

Ministers' Dinner Discussion: Energy in the context of overall East-West relations.

yes

Vote Needed by Lower House

Bonn Cabinet Approves Job-Creation Program

Journal of Commerce Staff

BONN — After weeks of bickering among the government coalition partners and after much confidence-eroding indecision, the Bonn cabinet approved at its Wednesday meeting a middle-run job-creating program designed to fight the nation's unemployment, which reached to 8.2 percent rate at the end of January.

At a news conference following the cabinet's meeting, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, in a surprise move, announced that will make use of article 86 of the German Basic Law (constitution) and submit the cabinet decision to a vote of confidence in the Bundestag (lower house). This dramatic step is to document that the government coalition is firmly in the saddle and fully capable of dealing with the crucial problems confronting the nation, explained Mr. Schmidt.

There is no question that the chancellor will pass with flying colors this test of strength in the Parliament, in which the coalition parties have a very comfortable majority.

But it is doubtful whether the vote

But it is doubtful whether the vote scheduled for Friday will restore the country's badly shaken confidence in the government policies.

The program, for "joint initiatives for employment, growth and stability" (itself a package of stimulants adding up to some 12.5 billion for the 1982-1985 period), is being seriously questioned as to its economic effectiveness.

Mr. Schmidt called it a "well-balanced compromise package" meant to complement the private and public investment promoting measures in the 1982 federal budget and said to be worth DM27.5 billion in the next four years. The German business and banking community, the Christian Democratic opposition and most German private economists view it as surrender to the pressure of trade unions. In the final analysis Mr. Schmidt and Otto Lambsdorff, his economics minister, have conjured a program against their better judgment as economists and useless in its purported impact, say the critics.

The heart of the program is a 10 percent subsidy on additional investment undertaken by German companies between Jan. 1. and Dec. 31, 1982 and completed by the end of 1983 or 1984 in case of building construction. The subsidy will be financed through an increase in value added tax from 13 percent now to 14 percent effective July 1, 1983.

This measure is estimated to produce DM4 billion in tax revenues in 1983 and DM8 billion annually in succeeding years. To compensate for an additional burden of indirect taxes the income tax rates will be appropriately lowered effective Jan. 1, 1984 which by coincidence is the year of the next national election. The implementation of this measure could pose serious compplications because of its "additional investment clause."

In the government program capital spending eligible for the subsidy is defined as the increment over the average investment outlays in the previous three years. This ovlously will tend to penalize those German companies which have kept their capital spending at a high level in the 1979-1981 period. In order to promote private and public investment projects the credit programs by the European Recovery Fund and Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederautbau (known as UFW) will be augmented by some DM6 billion, the loans will be made available primarily to small- and medium-sized companies and to local authorities for environmental protection projects.

The critics view this measure as counter-productive since refinancing through the capital market is bound to retard the fall in interest rates which Mr. Schmidt himself hailed as "the best employment program."

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An additional DM800 million will be made available by the government for construction and modernisation fo federal buildings. The rules on rentals for privately financed housing will be eased to allow for higher rents and thus greater incentives to builders.

The package is rounded up by
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Bonn Cabinet Approves Job-Creation Program

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higher-capital spending by the federal post and railways and measures to promote vocational training of young workers. To help financing the program contribution of pensions recipients to health insurance will be introduced on Jan. 1, 1984, or one year earlier than originally planned. In addition, the cabinet has instructed the minister of labor and social affairs to form a special working group to investigate the possibilities of shortening the lifes working time.

Mr. Schmidt also appealed to all political bodies, the Bundesbank as well as labor and management, to make their own contribution to the employment program. He called for reasonable wage settlements and a monetary policy that exploits fully the play room of an improved current account picture. But he also emphasized that close international cooperation is necessary to fight the problem of unemployment that is plaguing all industrial nations.

The problems of trade protectionism and high interest rates will be the two key issues on the agenda of the economic summit in paris scheduled at the beginning of June, said Mr. Schmidt. Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff granted readily that the employment program will have only marginal impact on the economic growth in 1982. Its middle-range goal is to set the stage for a healthy 3 percent expansion in 1983. But he was confident that the program approved on Wednesday should guarantee that economic targets projected by the government will be actually realized in the upper forecast range.

Those targets as specified in the

annual economic report also approved at the Wednesday's cabinet meeting, put the 1982 real GNP growth at 1 to 1.5 percent. This anticipated grwoth is based primarily on expectations of a strong export performance. Export of goods and services are projected to reach DM546 billion, 11 percent up from 1981, and a spectacular 35 percent share of the GNP estimated at DM1.55 trillion or only 5 percent better than last year. Reckoned in constant prices exports, including invisibles, are calculated to rise 6.5 percent.

With Imports of goods and services projected at DM519 billion, 7.5 and 3.5 percent gain reckoned in current and constant prices respectively, foreign contribution to the gross national product is estimated at DM27 billion or just over 1.5 percent of the GNP. Subsequently, the current account deficit should be reduced to less than DM5 billion or DM12.5 billion less than in 1981. The average annual inflation rate is projected at 5 percent, 1 percentage point down.

This rather favorable picture constants

This rather favorable picture contrasts sharply with a dramatic deterioration expected on the labor market. The unemployment rate is forecast at 7 percent of employed wage and salary earners throughout the year, 1.5 percentage points higher than last

year.
The employment program unveiled on Wednesday will not brighten this gloomy picture. Chancellor Schmidt said that it was impossible to anwer, the question by how much the number of jobless calculated to average 1.7 million people throughout 1982 will be reduced by his employment program, or how many jobs will be preserved with its help.

The Reciprocity Boomerang

A dangerous word is falling fromtoo many lips in Congress and the administration. The word is "reclyprocity," and it's being spoken of favorably by U.S. Trade Representative. William Brock, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and powerful legislators such as John Danforth, chairman of the Senate international trade subcommittee. It threatens to convert the mutual gains from our international trading system into mutual loss.

The goal of "reciprocity" is to close off U.S. markets to trading partners, principally Japan, that fail to lower their own barriers to American wares. As a threat, it may prove useful in the administration's commendable "get-tough" efforts to open foreign markets for U.S. agriculture and high technology products and service industries. But it's a threat that will most likely boomerang, and wreak havoc on our economy as well as the delicate balance of international trade.

For one thing, people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. Though the U.S. is the most open of all major industrial economies, we have plenty of protectionist policies of our own. Enough, indeed, that if other countries pursued a "reciprocity" policy of the sort being bruited about in Washington, our exporters would have good reason to fear a cutoff of lucrative markets. In fact, the growing protectionist forces in Europe are eagerly embracing the logic of reciprocity when they threaten to restrict imports from the U.S. as it for the American tat against European steel. Since the U.S. has a whopping trade surplus with the Common Market (\$11 billion last year), a reciprocity policy would be foolishly self-destructive.

It's important to remember that import parriers hurt our economy, by

denying U.S. consumers assistant oducers access to the highest dality and lowest-cost goods available of his is true whether or not foreign markets are open to American goods. As many Japanese government officials recognize, Japanese high-technology industry is being penalized by the reluctance of Nippon Telegraph & Telephone to buy sophisticated products from overseas, just as U.S. manufacturers are put at a competitive disadvantage by American protectionism in steel. A reciprocity policy would raise American prices, lower competition and innovation and cut off our nose to spite our face,

Besides, let's not kid ourselves about trade barriers in Japan. Yes there are many, and yes they should be removed. But Japan's \$18 billion trade surplus with the U.S. in 1981 would not have been greatly reduced if trade between the two countries were completely open. It's hard to imagine that Japanese restrictions on beef, citrus, services and semiconductor and other high-technology imports greatly outweigh the effects of U.S. restrictions on Japanese auto, steel and TV exports as well as our own refusal to sell Japan Alaskan oil.

The biggest danger of reciprecity legislation is that it would put on automatic pilot a weapon that protectionists could use at will. Every country has unfair trade barriers, but through painstaking multilateral negotiations many of them have been lowered. A reciprocity law would undo this delicate balance, by encouraging one country to jack up its barriers any time it was irritated by another. Since there are always irritations in trade policy, it's hard to imagine a surer recipe for trade wars and resulting world depression. That's a kind of reciprocity, but not one that any of us want

Modest Proposal Update

In December of 1981 Henry Wallich, Governor of the Federa Reserve Board, and Anthony Solomon, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, spoke to the annual meeting of the American Economic Association. They both said something rather startling, considering who they are. They said, in effect, that the Federal Reserve has great difficulty defining money, counting it and controlling it. They are right. They are right because what the Federal Reserve is trying to identify, count and control is not money -- it is what the French call "quasi-money," or money substitutes. Money substitutes, unlike money as such, can be created at will. More important, they can be, and are, created not only by the government in free societies, but by the private market. Once the last tenuous claim of the U.S. dollar to be real money was cancelled in August of 1971, the Federal Reserve accelerated the creation of money substitutes through the purchase of Treasury debt and the private market did the same through the purchase of both private and public debt (state, local and federal), using for this purpose the certificates, credits and reserves created by the Central Bank. The largest public and the largest private economies in the world thus meshed and created an ever-increasing pyramid of quasi-money; that is, certificates not necessarily attached to anything real, but representing only the "full faith and credit" of an ever-more rapidly decapitalizing economy. As the net worth of the American economy declined, liabilities became an ever-increasing portion of the solvency ratio, and as a result, the portion of the asset side representing

debt increased and the portion representing real productive equipment, machinery, buildings and skills declined. This had many results, including inflation, decrease in productivity, loss of competitiveness and disappearance of the long-term bond market and of the stock market as a financing mechanism. The American economy now lives almost literally on a day-to-day basis, as eventually becomes the case with any profligate spender.

Through all of this, the Federal Reserve maintained the illusion that money substitutes were money (they are not); that they can be defined and identified (they can, but only serially as the market invents them) and that they can be controlled (they cannot, for the same reason, in a free economy). This illusion is in the process of dying. Its funeral oration was pronounced by Messrs. Solomon and Wallich and was orgiastically confirmed during the second week of January, 1982, when the "money" supply (by the narrow definition!) rose by \$9.8 billion dollars, the largest weekly increase in history and larger than the gross domestic product of 77 member countries of the United Nations. The Washington Post wrote: "Top Federal Reserve officials have been puzzling for weeks over the unexpected increases in the money supply during a period when the economy is moving ever deeper into recession." (January 16, 1982) The answer is simple enough -- the divorce between the paper economy and the real economy has become complete.

There is only one solution to the problem, which if not solved will result eventually in the ultimate triumph of the paper economy -- that is, the collapse of the real economy.

That solution is a return to money and the gradual elimination or marginalization of money substitutes. This entails knowing what money is, however, and that is where the "monetarist" prescription breaks down, since the monetarists confuse money with money substitutes. Their prescription is correct, given a correct definition of money. In a true-money economy, however, their prescription is unnecessary because what they want to happen will automatically happen when justified by real events in the economy.

In short, money, as opposed to quasi-money, is a coin or certificate which is or which stands for something real which in turn requires effort to discover (or invent) and produce, and which can be and is exchanged for other real things and therefore is valued ("has value"). Through most of history this has been gold and/or silver, but it can be any commodity or good, the more uniform and easily divisible the better.

The flaw in commodity money is that it only imperfectly and with considerable time-lag reflects developments in the economy as a whole and is subject to new discoveries and techniques, which although real enough with reference to that commodity may bear little or no relation to the rest of the economy. It, however, is preferable to quasi-money (or its totalitarian alternative) and may be quite adequate for a relatively primitive economic structure.

A large and sophisticated economy need not subject itself to the vagaries of the distribution of deposits of metallic ores or prospective and refining technology. Another mechanism can be used, which with much breifer lags will mirror much more closely the movements of the real economy. If the Central Bank limits itself to the discounting of notes and bills representing the production, exchange, storage, sale, export, etc. of real goods and services, its certificates will be money not quasi-money; the quantity thereof will rise or fall with the rise or fall of real economic activity, inflation (and deflation) will be impossible, the long-term bond market and the stock market as a financing mechanism will revive, and productivity and competitiveness will improve.

In fact, this is exactly what the original framers of the Federal Reserve system had in mind -- the reason they set up twelve regional reserve banks rather than a single central bank. These regional banks were to discount commercial, industrial and agricultural paper generated in their area. This is a big country and economic growth is not uniform in the various regions. Those who wrote the legislation would be horrified to know that the backing for the federal reserve notes, intended to be the real economy, eventually became the federal debt.

All that is really required to establish a sane monetary and financial system is to require that the Federal Reserve banks fulfill their original function. To do that, all that basically is required is to pass a law forbidding the Federal Reserve banks to acquire Treasury obligations as assets.

If this or something like it is <u>not</u> done, what appears to be (but is not) a definitional confusion will render it impossible for this country to rebuild its economy, its technology or its defenses.

Certain foreign central banks, some notably more effective than ours in controlling the money supply, follow a portfolio policy much closer to that which would be prescribed by a "real bills" doctrine. At the very least, we should study their policies and operations and perhaps learn from them.

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Trade Effects of "Domestic" Policy

Background

war economic policy. Successive rounds of multilateral negotiations have lowered trade barriers at national boundaries, especially tariffs, to the point that they impose minimal distortions to trade in goods. Burgeoning world trade made interdependence a meaningful reality -- among developed countries and between developed and truly developing countries.

As trade restraints became themselves constrained, governments were faced with the task of finding other measures which could serve as a buffer between trade and domestic production -- especially when domestic pressures required a slower - or less pronounced - adjustment process than market forces would produce. To the extent that tariffs (and other trade measures) were designed to influence the relative competiveness of domestic and foreign production, domestic policy measures such as : selective tax relief, direct subsidies to labor, capital or production, price

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supports, controlled capital market, among others, could effectively replace the abandoned "trade policy" measures.

Current trade problems facing the U.S. vis-a-vis

Europe, Canada and Japan can largely be attributed to "domestic"

policy actions in those trading partners. Steel is a

question of subsidies to European producers. Agriculture

is a question of EC agricultural policy especially price

supports, themselves supported by variable levies and

high domestic food prices which effectively reduce the

quantity of foodstuffs demanded. Autos may be associated

with Japanese capital markets which result in an undervalued

yen and low capital costs to producers. With Canada, we

are faced with discriminatory aid-to-industry policies

which handicap U.S. investors, while also subsidizing

Canadian exports.

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VERSAILLES SUMMIT - TRADE INITIATIVE Trade Effects of "Domestic" Policy

Background

Trade liberalization has been a hallmark of postwar economic policy. Successive rounds of multilateral negotiations have lowered trade barriers at national boundaries to the point that tariffs impose minimal distortions to trade in goods among industrialized countries. Burgeoning world trade made interdependence a meaningful reality -- among developed countries and between developed and truly developing countries.

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capital market among others, effectively replace the abandoned "trade policy" measures.

Current trade problems facing the U.S. vis-a-vis Europe, Canada and Japan can largely be attributed to "domestic" policy actions in those trading partners. Steel problems are a question of subsidies to European producers. Agriculture problems stem from EC agricultural policy, especially price supports, themselves supported by variable levies and high domestic food prices which effectively reduce the quantity of foodstuffs demanded. Some argue that the rapid penetration of Japanese production into U.S. and European automobile markets is associated with Japanese domestic policies relating to capital markets, industrial policy and export strategies, giving Japanese producers unfair cost advantages. Others argue that that, "Japanese auto problem" is, in fact, attributable to the failure of U.S. and European industry to adjust to vigorous competition from imports. In either case, the "auto problem" stems from domestic not trade policies. With Canada, we are faced with discriminatory aid-to-industry policies which handicap U.S. investors, while also subsidizing Canadian exports. While the USG has a better record on microeconomic or sectoral interventions in the U.S. economy, we are not totally immune from challenge were our trading partners writing this paper.

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International Investment

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Direct investment and trade flows are closely related.

Hence, the effects of investment policy have a close relationship to those of trade policy. Governments can and do employ investment measures for nationalistic, neighbor-beggaring objectives when the rules of the game preclude the use of trade policies to the same ends.

National measures aimed at influencing or controlling foreign investment to a country's advantage at others' expense have become increasingly widespread and worrisome, to the point where the USG's traditionally open policies toward direct investment are under threat. Pressures are building for the United States to abandon its market-oriented policies to retaliate against other governments' actions in both the trade and investment policy fields. Of principal concern to the USG, and most closely related to issues of trade policy, are various forms of government intervention to attract, and then control, foreign investors so that the flows of economic gains from investment are distorted. The distortions invariably tilt the economic benefits, including most notably the trade flows that

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investment generates, in favor of host countries and against investors' home countries. Thus, nationalistic and GATT-proscribed trade objectives are achieved without any apparent violation of GATT rules. Among the most offensive interventionist practices of governments, incentives and disincentives, performance requirements (local content rules, other import substitution requirements, and export quotas), and discriminatory taxation devices rank high. These techniques have proliferated in both developed and developing countries (Canada, the UK, Brazil, and Mexico all provide examples).

Internationally, the investment policy competition has neither rules nor efficient dispute-settlement mechanisms.

Except for non-binding OECD guidelines, there are no proscribed actions or sanctions placed on offensive government actions.

Interventions in investment decisions have multiplied. As the resulting distortions have pervaded the international economic system, frictions among nations, and protectionist responses, have developed. The lack of rules and consequent sources of disorder are not solely trade-related; issues of investor protection and of regulating MNC activity also come into play, usually as matters of contention between developed and developing countries.

In 1977, a proposal that the USG take the initiative in promoting the formulation of GATT-like rules of the game

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failed for lack of interagency consensus. Now, however, such a consensus exists and the time is ripe for a new effort.

Proposed Summit Action

At Versailles, the United States should take the lead in opening a discussion of investment policy regimes as a key trade-related policy issue, and a major opportunity to reverse the advance of protectionism. We should focus on investment incentives and performance requirements because they are most closely related to trade issues, but we should take the opportunity as well to stress all investment policy questions, including issues relating to conditions of entry, investor protection, and MNC activity. We should push for a firm commitment by Heads of State, expressed in the Summit Communique, that their ministers at the GATT Ministerial in November, 1982, will join in a coordinated proposal for a major expansion of the GATT, or a new but related GATT-like mechanism, to cover investment policies, practices and behavior of governments.

Supporting and Follow-up Actions

Prior to the Summit in June, it will be necessary to prepare a detailed interagency strategic plan to launch and follow through on the US investment policy initiative.

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Such a plan will both guide the detailed Summit preparations on this issue and provide for consistency in preparation for the GATT Ministerial. At the latter, we would press for agreement to convene a major negotiating conference, under GATT auspices, to create a GATT-like regime for investment. At a minimum, such a regime should provide for (1) agreed rules of investment policy conduct by national governments; (2) dispute-settlement procedures and mechanisms; and (3) safeguard and compensation rules -- all patterned on the existing machinery of the GATT.

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By June, the durability of trade and investment relations among the Summit Countries will have been severely tested. We are likely to meet either in a relatively upbeat context, based on real progress toward resolving our problems, or in a very strained climate if such progress is not achieved. Over the next four months any of the following areas could cause serious confrontations among Summit participants and there is a real risk that several of the areas may get out of hand at once:

Improved Access to the Japanese Market - a serious concern
for all other participants.

Further Sanctions Against the Eastern Bloc - a particularly critical issue between the United States and the Europeans.

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The political management of these issues will be complicated greatly by adverse economic conditions, especially high unemployment in Europe and North America, and weak governments in Europe.

Since we cannot predict at this time how these problems will look at the time of the Summit, our preparations for the Summit should focus on less volatile, longer-term issues and initiatives in the trade and investment areas. In some instances, the Summit could address directly problems of concern primarily to the countries involved, and in others it should spur progress in other areas (e.g., GATT Ministerial). It is suggested that we establish the following as key trade and investment priorities for the Summit:

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