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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 11, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR VICE ADMIRAL JOHN POINDEXTER

FROM: JOHN A. SVAHN *JAS*

SUBJECT: Reservation to Draft of the Acts of the Universal Postal Union

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO
THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PETER J. WALLISON
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT: Status of the President's Ratification of
the Universal Postal Union Convention

This office has reviewed the President's ratification of the Universal Postal Union Convention and after consultations with the Department of Justice, the Office of Policy Development and the State Department's Office of Legal Adviser, we are of the opinion that it would not be appropriate to withdraw the President's ratification.

We understand that in lieu of a "reservation" (i.e. objection) to Article 23(4) of the Convention, the Office of Policy Development, the Council of Economic Advisers, the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Justice have drafted a letter from the President to the Postmaster General and a public statement setting forth the Administration's policy on private sector competition in international mail. We further understand that these documents will be forwarded to the President by John A. Svahn (Assistant to the President for Policy Development) on Monday. We recommend that you continue to hold the Convention pending a decision on Mr. Svahn's submission. We have no legal objection to the concept of a letter and statement being issued in connection with the ratification, but we would appreciate an opportunity to review these documents before they are released.

Furthermore, since the proposed letter and public statement deal directly with implementation of the Convention, we recommend that such documents be cleared with the State Department and the National Security Council. It may also be advisable to contact the Postal Service.

cc: Paul Thompson ✓

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