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January 25, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Letter to Senator Danforth re:

Administration Position on Telecommunications Bill

(prepared by USTR)

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced letter and has no objection to it from a legal perspective.

bcc: Dianna Holland

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RESPONSE:

DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506 202-395-5114

January 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM

TO:

RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM:

MICHAEL B. SMITH;

SUBJECT:

White House Staffing of Attached Memorandum

The attached memorandum requires internal White House action and suggests Presidential approval prior to Monday, January 28. This memo requests the President's approval of a letter to Senator Danforth responding to his telecommunications trade bill. We intend to use the letter in support of our negotiations with Japan on telecommunications that begin Monday as follow-up to the President's recent meeting with Prime Minister Nakasone. If the letter is sent by the President, the Japanese will get a clear signal that we are fully committed to achieving success in these negotiations. The text of the letter has been approved by State, Treasury, Commerce, Justice, Defense, Transportation, Labor, Energy, CEA and OMB.

I'd personally appreciate your expediting internal consideration of this memorandum. I know that time is short, but forging an interagency consensus took an inordinate amount of time.

Attachment

THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE WASHINGTON 20506

January 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

William E. Brock FROM:

SUBJECT: Administration Position on the Danforth

Telecommunications Bill

Senator Danforth plans to reintroduce his telecommunications trade bill and hold a hearing on it in February. In July and September of last year, the Administration was asked to testify on the bill, but the agencies were unable to agree on a final position. As a result, I asked Senator Danforth if we could delay testifying. He agreed with the understanding that we would have a position when the bill is reintroduced in the 99th

The member agencies of the Trade Policy Committee (TPC) are opposed to the Danforth bill as it was introduced during the last Congress. They do, however, agree on the following points:

- The Administration should support an alternative to (1) the Danforth bill which grants you broad authority to negotiate market access agreements in telecommuni-
- We should use existing authority to begin immediately (2) negotiating market access agreements and, if necessary, self-initiate 301 cases. (Negotiations with Japan are scheduled to begin next week.)
- A letter should be sent to Senator Danforth reflecting the position outlined above.

Accordingly, I have prepared the attached letter for you to send to the Senator. The agencies have approved the text.

To realize its maximum benefit in negotiations with the Japanese, the letter should be signed and sent to Senator Danforth before the Under Secretaries begin their discussions with the Japanese next Monday, January 28. On behalf of the TPC, I recommend that you approve the attached letter for transmittal before next Monday. The Senator has assured us that the letter will be appreciated and that he will work with us on a bill, as long as we understand that he is not giving the Administration "final say" on the contents of his bill.

Attachment

PROPOSED LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO SENATOR DANFORTH

January 25, 1985

Dear Jack:

I want to commend you for the work you've done on telecommunications. Because of your efforts, national awareness of the trade problems in this sector has been heightened.

As you know, I've placed high priority on getting increased access to the Japanese telecommunications market. Next week, the Under Secretaries from several government agencies will be in Japan to begin the negotiating process in this and other important sectors. I also intend to initiate market access negotiations with other countries in the very near future. Where appropriate, I will use my authority under the unfair trade statutes to ensure that these negotiations succeed.

In the meantime, I understand that you are considering proceeding with your telecommunications trade bill. There are elements in that bill, as it was introduced last session, that the Administration cannot support. Perhaps a more flexible approach can be taken giving us broader negotiating authority than we have under current law.

I've asked Bill Brock to work with you on this issue. I hope we can work together to find some mutually acceptable approach for dealing with this problem.

Thanks for your help and support.

Sincerely,