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# THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

# THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE Tuesday, February 24, 1981

8:30 am (60 min)	Meeting with Republican Congressional Leaders (Max Friedersdorf) (See Tab "A")	Cabinet Room
9:30 am (15 min)	Staff Time (Baker, Meese, Deaver)	Oval Office
9:45 am (15 min)	Drop-by at Economic Briefing (David Gergen) Open Press Coverage (See Tab "B")	450 OEOB
10:15 am (15 min)	National Security Briefing (Richard V. Allen)	Oval Office
10:30 am (15 min)	Mesting with James Baker, Ed Mese Michael Deaver, Max Friedersdorf and James Brady Could	Oval Office
11:00 am (30 min)	H. E. Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister  of Israel  (Richard V. Allen)  (Briefing paper  Pool Photo Opportunity distributed separately)	Owal Office
Noon	Lunch alone	Oval Office
12:55 pm (15 min)	The President and Mrs. Reagan greet Secretary Weinberger, Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez and his family in Oval Office Pool Photo Opportunity (See Tab "C")	Oval Office
1:15 pm	The President and Mrs. Reagan and the others depart White House for Pentagon	
1:30 pm	Medal of Honor Ceremony Open Press Coverage	The Pentagon
2:15 pm	The President and Mrs. Reagan arrive White House	
3:00 pm (30 min)	Presentation of Diplomatic Credentials for the Ambassadors-designate of Barbados, Jamaica and Kuwait  (Richard V. Allen) (See Tab "D")	Oval Office
3:45 pm (30 min)	Pool Photo Opportunity  Staff Time (Baker, Meese, Deaver)	Oval Office
7:30 pm	The President and Mrs. Reagan attend White House Dinner for Governors Pool Photo Opportunity (See Tab "E")	State Dining Room

### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

# MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 1981

PLACE: The Cabinet Room

TIME: 8:30 a.m. (one hour)

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf

# I. PURPOSE

To meet with the Republican Congressional Leadership and receive a report on the progress and strategy for passage of the President's Economic Recovery Program.

# II. BACKGROUND

The President meets regularly with the Republican Congressional Leadership. This is the second meeting and will provide the opportunity for a report of the Leadership, Chairmen and jurisdictional committee ranking members to report to the President on developments since the President's address on the Economic Recovery Program.

### III. PARTICIPANTS

(See Attachment 1)

# IV. PRESS PLAN

Photo opportunity, no press coverage (Baker and Michel to brief in Press Room afterwards.)

# V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- A. Remarks by the President (5 minutes)
- B. Remarks by the Leaders
  - 1. Senator Baker reports (5 minutes)
  - 2. Congressman Michel reports (5 minutes)

- C. Jurisdictional Committee Reports
  - Senate: a. Senator Hatfield (Chairman, Senate Appropriations Comm.) 5 min.
    - b. Senator Domenici (Chairman, Senate Budget Comm.)- 5 min.
  - House: a. Congressman Latta (ranking, Budget Comm.) 5 min.
    - b. Congressman Conte (ranking, Appropriations Comm.) 5 min
- D. Summations (10 minutes)
  - 1. Senator Baker
  - 2. Representative Michel
  - 3. The President

Senator Baker has recommended, and Minority Leader Michel concurs, that the Leadership meetings should be structured to permit the responsible jurisdictional Senators and Congressmen to report, and goals and aims of the meeting be accomplished. Each speaker is alloted 5 minutes for his presentation, and the meeting should be closed with brief summations by Baker, Michel and the President.

ATTACHMENT 1 **PARTICIPANTS** 

The Vice President OMB Director Dave Stockman Chairman of the CEA, Murray Weidenbaum Chairman of the RNC, Richard Richards Under Secretary of Treasury Norman Ture

### SENATE

Howard Baker, Majority Leader of the Senate Ted Stevens, Majority Whip of the Senate James McClure, Chairman of the Republican Conference Jake Garn, Secretary of the Republican Conference John Tower, Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee Bob Packwood, Chairman of Commerce and Senatorial Campaign Committee Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of Senate and Chairman of Judiciary Committee

Paul Laxalt

Mark Hatfield, Chairman of Appropriations Committee

Pete Domenici, Chairman of Budget Committee

Bill Roth, Chairman of Governmental Affairs

# HOUSE

Bob Michel, Minority Leader of the House Trent Lott, Majority Whip of the House Jack Kemp, Chairman of Republican Conference \* Dick Cheney, Chairman of Republican Policy Conference Jack Edwards, Vice Chairman of Republican Conference Ed Madigan, Chairman of Republican Research Committee Guy Vander Jagt, Chairman of National Republican Congressional Committee

Clarence "Bud" Brown, Senior House Republican on Joint Economic Committee

Frank Horton, Ranking Minority Member of Government Operations Jimmy Quillen, Ranking Minority Member of Rules Committee Silvio Conte, Ranking Minority Member Appropriations Committee Delbert Latta, Ranking Minority Member Budget Committee Tom Evans - Vice Chairman of National Republican Congressional Committee

John Rhodes, Dean of House Republicans

# STAFF

Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver
Martin Anderson
Max Friedersdorf
Lyn Nofziger
Ken Duberstein
Powell Moore

# REGRETS

Senator Bob Dole - hospitalized Senator Roger Jepsen - out of town Representative Clair Burgener - out of town Representative Barber Conable - hearings Ways and Means Committee \* Representative Dick Cheney - out of town (advised last minute)

# SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- -- Remind the Leaders that you sought to convey urgency for consideration of your Economic Recovery Program when you addressed the Joint Session of Congress.
- -- Indicate awareness to the Leaders that the House and Senate Budget Committees, and the Joint Economic Committee, have already held hearings on your proposal. (Thank Senator Domenici in particular for calling hearings the morning after your address.)
- -- Also mention that the House Ways and Means Committee is opening hearings today at 9:00 a.m. on the tax cut proposal and that is the reason that Secretary Regan is absent.
- -- Indicate your desire to hear a report from the two leaders,
  Howard Baker and Bob Michel, and then from the Senate
  Chairmen and the ranking Republican Members in the House.

### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

# DROP BY ECONOMIC BRIEFING (UNANNOUNCED APPEARANCE)

Tuesday, February 24, 1981 Conference Room, 450 Old EOB 9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

# I. PURPOSE

Cabinet officers are engaged in hour-long press briefings each day this week to broaden press understanding of the economic package and to pump the program. Your appearance Tuesday is an opportunity to create a story for Tuesday, P.M., T.V., answer a few questions from the press (they are eager for another press conference), and to hype the briefings.

# II. PARTICIPANTS

Participants on Tuesday will be Secretary Haig, Schweicker, Bell and Director Stockman.

# III. PRESS PLAN

Full press coverage. (Your appearance is unannounced; only a few journalists have been tipped off, so that the room should not be full.)

# IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

9:00 a.m. -- Briefing begins with Cabinet officers.

9:45 a.m. -- You appear, read statement from standing mike, then take a few questions; Jim Brady will cut off by 10:00 a.m.

ATTACHMENT: PROPOSED STATEMENT

# STATEMENT FOR ECONOMIC BRIEFING

Before today's briefing ends, I thought I might add a few words of my own to those you have already heard from members of the cabinet.

Over the past six days since I spoke to the Congress, the response to our economic program has been enormously encouraging:

- -- Several thousand Americans have already written to me or sent in telegrams expressing strong support (latest telegram count:2490 favorable, .43 unfavorable -- 98% favorable rating).
- -- Yesterday, as you know, I had an opportunity to meet with the nation's governors. They all recognized that this program will require some belt-tightening, but many of them also agreed with my basic philosophy -- that only if our government grows less will our economy grow more.
- -- Finally, I am very pleased that this morning, Senators

  Pete Dominici of New Mexico and Fritz Hollings of South Carolina

  are together introducing a reconciliation resolution in the

  Senate so that the Congress can begin speedy and earnest deliberations
  on our proposals.

Their bipartisan support for this resolution is very much in the spirit of what I said to the Congress last week -- that economic recovery must not be a concern of one party or one President but of all parties and, indeed, of all Americans.

This morning I called both Senators Dominici and Hollings to thank them for their help and to say once again: This should not be simply my plan; it should be our plan.

So, I am very pleased today that the legislative process to put America back on the road to economic health is now fully underway.

And now I'll tak a few questions from you.

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# THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

# SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1981

# EVENT

Medal of Honor Presentation

THE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION

**Brief Remarks** 

Reading of Award Citation

Award of Medal of Honor

Inspection of Troops

WEATHER

Mid 50's

Occasional Rain Showers

Cloudy

**DRESS** 

Men's Business Suit

Women's Afternoon Dress

ADVANCE

AHEARN, RICK KUHN, JIM KUONEN. ROCKY

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12:45 p.m. Mrs. Reagan proceeds from Residence to Oval Office.

12:50 p.m. Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger and the Roy P. Benavidez family arrive The White House, West Lobby Entrance, and proceed to The Oval Office.

# CLOSED PRESS COVERAGE

12:55 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan greet Secretary Weinberger and the Benavidez family in The Oval Office.

POOL PHOTO COVERAGE

# Meeting Participants

THE PRESIDENT
Mrs. Reagan
Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger
Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez, USA
(retired)
Mrs. Hilaria Benavidez (wife)
Miss Denise Benavidez (daughter)
Miss Yvette Benavidez (daughter)
Master Noel Benavidez (son)

# STAFF AND PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

1:05 p.m. Board motorcade at Post C-9.

1:10 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, Secretary Weinberger, and the Benavidez family depart The Oval Office via the porch and proceed to motorcade for boarding.

# POOL PHOTO COVERAGE

1:15 p.m. The Vice President and Mrs. Bush arrive The Pentagon and proceed to The Hall of Heroes.

1:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart The White House en route The Pentagon.

Motorcade	Assignments
Lead	
Spare	Medical Officer
<u>Limo</u>	THE PRESIDENT Mrs. Reagan Secretary Weinberger M/Sergeant Benavidez MF§: Benavidez

Motorcade Assignments (cont.) USSS Follow-Up J. Canzeri Control D. Fischer Military Aide VIP Vehicle Denise Benavidez Yvette Benavidez Noel Benavidez Military Social Aide Staff Vehicle I E. Meese J. Baker M. Deaver Staff Vehicle II S. Studdert Press Officer Official Photographer Press Van I Press Van II Tail

1:20 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive The Pentagon, Mall Entrance.

They are met by:

Frank C. Carlucci, Deputy Secretary of Defense

POOL PHOTO COVERAGE

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan proceed through Time-Life Corridor to The Hall of Heroes.

They are accompanied by:

Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger Deputy Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez (recipient) Mrs. Hilaria Benavidez (wife) Miss Denise Benavidez (daughter) Miss Yvette Benavidez (daughter)

# STAFF AND GUEST INSTRUCTIONS

Master Noel Benavidez (son)

Staff and guests will be escorted to staff viewing area adjacent to press pool area.

1:22 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive at The Hall of Heroes.

CLOSED PRESS COVERAGE

They are met by:

The Vice President
Mrs. Bush
Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh
General David C. Jones, Chairman, Joint
Chiefs of Staff
General Edward C. Meyer, Chief of Staff of
the Army
Sergeant Major of the Army William A.
Connelly
Mrs. Weinberger
Mrs. Carlucci

- 1:25 p.m. Dignitaries and the Benavidez children are escorted by military social aides to stage area, Inner Court.
- 1:26 p.m. The Vice President and Mrs. Bush are escorted by military social aides to stage area, Inner Court.
- 1:27 p.m. Mrs. Reagan and Mrs. Benavidez are escorted by military social aides to stage area, Inner Court.
- 1:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Master Sergeant Benavidez are announced and proceed directly to the platform.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

1:32 p.m. Honors

1:33 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Master Sergeant Benavidez, escorted by the Commander of Troops, inspect the troops.

THE PRESIDENT will proceed off-stage right and return stage right following inspection.

1:35 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Master Sergeant Benavidez return to the platform. Chairs are available if THE PRESIDENT and Master Sergeant Benavidez wish to be seated. If seated, THE PRESIDENT may remain seated until introduced.

1:36 p.m. The Army Drill Team performs.

1:43 p.m. The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps troop in review.

- 1:46 p.m. Introduction of THE PRESIDENT by Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger.
- 1:47 p.m. THE PRESIDENT makes remarks and reads the Award Citation.

# **FULL PRESS COVERAGE**

- 1:57 p.m. Secretary Weinberger joins Master Sergeant Benavidez on platform and remains standing beside him through presentation.
- 2:02 p.m. THE PRESIDENT presents the Medal of Honor to Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez, USA (retired).

THE PRESIDENT'S Military Aide steps forward and hands the medal to THE PRESIDENT, who removes the medal from the case and places it around the recipient's neck.

2:03 p.m. The National Anthem is played by the U.S. Army Band.

2:04 p.m. Conclusion of Ceremony

2:05 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Master Sergeant Benavidez proceed up the Left Staircase and to The Hall of Heroes.

Mrs. Reagan, Mrs. Benavidez, The Vice President and Mrs. Bush, Secretary Weinberger and Mrs. Weinberger, and the Benavidez children follow up the Left Staircase and proceed to The Hall of Heroes foyer.

# STAFF AND PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

Staff and guests will be escorted to the staff holding area. Press pool will be escorted from Inner Court to The Hall of Heroes, preceding THE PRESIDENT and are pre-positioned.

2:06 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Master Sergeant Benavidez pose briefly for photos in The Hall of Heroes.

# POOL PHOTO COVERAGE

2:08 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Master Sergeant Benavidez form receiving line in The Hall of Heroes foyer.

# Receiving line order:

THE PRESIDENT
Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez
Mrs. Reagan
Mrs. Benavidez
The Vice President
Mrs. Bush
Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger
Mrs. Weinberger

2:28 p.m. Receiving line concludes.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, The Vice President and Mrs. Bush proceed to motorcade, escorted by Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger and Mrs. Weinberger.

# STAFF AND PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

2:30 p.m. Board motorcade at Mall Entrance.

2:33 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan board motorcade at Mall Entrance.

The Vice President and Mrs. Bush board The Vice President's Limo.

2:35 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart en route The White House.

Motorcade Assignme	<u>nts</u>
<u>Lead</u>	
Spare	Medical Officer
Limo	THE PRESIDENT Mrs. Reagan
USSS Follow-up	
The Vice President's Car	The Vice President Mrs. Bush
VP Follow-up	
<u>Control</u>	J. Canzeri D. Fischer Military Aide
VP Control	J. Hagin Lt. Col. Matheny
Staff Vehicle I	E. Meese J. Baker M. Beaver

Motorcade Assignments (cont.)

Staff Vehicle II S. Studdert Press Officer Official Photographer

Staff Vehicle III R. Ahearn J. Kuhn R. Kuonen

Press Van I

Press Van II

Tail

2:40 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive The White House. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to The Oval Office; Mrs. Reagan inside Residence.

The Vice President and Mrs. Bush accompany THE PRESIDENT to the West Wing.

# MEDAL OF HONOR CEREMONY PENTAGON INNER-COURT 24 FEBRUARY 1981

# SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

PRE-CEREMONY CONCERT

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT ("HAIL COLUMBIA" MOVING)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT

ARRIVAL FANFARE

HONORS: FOUR (4) RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES, "HAIL TO THE CHIEF", (21 GUNS)

INSPECTION (WALKING FRONT ONLY)

U.S. ARMY DRILL TEAM PERFORMANCE

TROOP IN REVIEW (THE OLD GUARD FIFE AND DRUM CORPS)

INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT REAGAN

CITATION READ

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

NATIONAL ANTHEM (THE U.S. ARMY BAND (PERSHING'S OWN))

CONCLUSION OF CEREMONY

DEPARTURE FANFARE



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863, has awarded in the name of the Congress the Medal of Honor to

# MASTER SERGEANT ROY P. BENAVIDEZ UNITED STATES ARMY, RETIRED

for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty:

On May 2, 1968, Master Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Roy P. Benavidez distinguished himself by a series of daring and extremely valorous actions while assigned to Detachment B-56, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, Republic of Vietnam. On the morning of May 2, 1968, a 12-man Special Forces Reconnaissance Team was inserted by helicopters in a dense jungle area west of Loc Ninh, Vietnam to gather intelligence information about confirmed large-scale enemy activity. This area was controlled and routinely patrolled by the North Vietnamese Army. After a short period of time on the ground, the team met heavy enemy resistance, and requested emergency extraction. Three helicopters attempted extraction, but were unable to land due to intense enemy small arms and anti-aircraft fire. Sergeant Benavidez was at the Forward Operating Base in Loc Ninh monitoring the operation by radio when these helicopters returned to off-load wounded crewmembers and to assess aircraft damage. Sergeant Benavidez voluntarily boarded a returning aircraft to assist in another extraction attempt. Realizing that all the team members were either dead or wounded and unable to move to the pickup zone, he directed the aircraft to a nearby clearing where he jumped from the hovering helicopter, and ran approximately 75 meters under withering small arms fire to the crippled team. Prior to reaching the team's position, he was wounded in his right leg, face, and head. Despite these painful injuries, he took charge, repositioning the team members and directing their fire to facilitate the landing of an extraction aircraft, and the loading of wounded and dead team members. He then threw smoke cannisters to direct the aircraft to the team's position. Despite his severe wounds and under intense enemy fire, he carried and dragged half of the wounded team members to the awaiting aircraft. He then provided protective fire by running alongside the aircraft as it moved to pick up the remaining team members. As the enemy's fire intensified, he hurried to recover the body and the classified documents on the dead team leader. When he reached the team leader's body, Sergeant Benavidez was severely wounded by small arms fire in the abdomen and grenade fragments in his back. At nearly the same moment, the aircraft pilot was mortally wounded, and his helicopter crashed. Although in extremely critical condition due to his multiple wounds, Sergeant Benavidez secured the classified documents and made his way back to the wreckage, where he aided the wounded out of the overturned aircraft, and gathered the stunned survivors into a defensive perimeter. Under increasing enemy automatic weapons and grenade fire, he moved around the perimeter distributing water and ammunition to his weary men, reinstilling in them a will to live and fight. Facing a build-up of enemy opposition with a beleaguered team, Sergeant Benavidez mustered his strength, and began calling in tactical air strikes and directing the fire from supporting gunships, to suppress the enemy's fire and so permit another extraction attempt. He was wounded again in his thigh by small arms fire while administering first aid to a wounded team member just before another extraction helicopter was able to land. His indomitable spirit kept him going as he began to ferry his comrades to the craft. On his second trip with the wounded, he was clubbed from behind by an enemy soldier. In the ensuing hand-to-hand combat, he sustained additional wounds to his head and arms before killing his adversary. He then continued under devastating fire to carry the wounded to the helicopter. Upon reaching the aircraft, he spotted and killed two enemy soldiers who were rushing the craft from an angle that prevented the aircraft door gunner from firing upon them. With little strength remaining, he made one last trip to the perimeter to ensure that all classified material had been collected or destroyed, and to bring in the remaining wounded. Only then, in extremely serious condition from numerous wounds and loss of blood, did he allow himself to be pulled into the extraction aircraft. Sergeant Benavidez' gallant choice to join voluntarily his comrades who were in critical straits, to expose himself constantly to withering enemy fire, and his refusal to be stopped despite numerous severe wounds, saved the lives of at least eight men. His fearless personal leadership, tenacious devotion to duty, and extremely valorous actions in the face of overwhelming odds were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect the utmost credit on him and the United States Army.

NOT AVAILABLE AS OF 6:30 p.m.

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### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 19, 1981

FROM:

MUFFIE BRANDON

RE:

THE GOVERNORS DINNER

DATE:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1981

TIME:

7:30 PM

# **SCENARIO**

7:00 PM

Dinner guests commence to arrive in the Diplomatic Reception Room.

Map Room: coat check facilities

(Harpist will play and fire is lit)

Guests are directed upstairs by Aides to Blue Room; Red Room and Green Room for refreshments.

(Fires are lit in each room.)

7:40 PM

Guests are directed to East Room by aides in preparation for receiving line.

7:45 PM

The President and Mrs. Reagan descend the Grand Staircase.

Pause: Ruffles and Flourishes

The President and Mrs. Reagan proceed down Cross Hall to the East Room.

Pause: The President and Mrs. Reagan are announced.

The President and Mrs. Reagan enter the East Room accompanied by "Hail to the Chief"

page two	
7:50 PM	The Receiving Line commences in the East Room
	(Background music by the Marine Orchestra)
	Guests proceed through the Receiving Line to the Green Room.
	Guests pass through the Green Room back to the Cross Hall and down the Cross Hall to the State Dining Room.
8:14 PM	The President and Mrs. Reagan proceed from the East Room through the Cross Hall and enter the State Dining Room
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8:15 PM	Dinner is served.
9:00 PM	Dessert is served accompanied by the Strolling Strings
9:15 PM	Toasts
	The President
	The Honorable George Busbee: Governor of Georgia
9:30 PM	After dinner guests arrive Diplomatic Reception Room and are escorted upstairs for coffee and liqueurs.
	Dinner guests depart the State Dining Room for coffee and liqueurs in the Red Room, The Blue Room and the Green Room.
	The President and Mrs. Reagan will accompany their guests
9:50 PM	Guests are directed to seating in East Room.
•	The President and Mrs. Reagan enter the East Room
9:55 PM	The entertainment begins
	(Dance Band replaces orchestra during this time)
10:25 PM	Entertainment finishes.
10:26 PM	The President makes brief remarks to the guests and is photographed with the cast of CHORUS LINE
10:35 PM	The guests proceed to the Grand Foyer for dancing.

10:35 PM

The President and Mrs. Reagan dance and retire when they wish.

10:40 PM

The Marine Dance Band continues soft dancing music until 11:00 PM.

Guests are escorted downstairs for their coats and bid a courteous "good night" by the Aides and members of the Social Staff. PRESIDENTIAL TOAST: WINTER MEETING OF NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION STATE DINNER, FEBRUARY 24, 1981

It is a special pleasure for Nancy and me to welcome all of you to the White House, and particularly to the State Dining Room where it is traditional for our Nation to honor Chief Executives.

Renewing old friendships during the last few days has been a particular pleasure. Some of the faces I see here tonight were guests at similar dinners when Nancy and I attended as representatives of California.

These last three days have been extremely helpful to me and my staff as we map out the economic and domestic policies for this country -- working with you as we seek to restore the rightful balance between the States and the Federal Government.

It is a <u>return</u> to federalism that we seek, a concept born with the very first Administration. George Washington said it best when he warned that we must be wary of the danger of monolithic, centralized government.

I am confident we are beginning along the road to recovery, that we do have a mandate from the people to turn things around. You have heard me say before that returning the States appropriate powers and resources, coupled with needed flexibility, is a key to our recovery. I firmly believe that. It is not only a commitment of this Administration, it is my personal commitment to you.

I look forward to working with you in this common endeavor, together restoring the intent of the constitution and efficiency and responsiveness to Government.

Ladies and gentlemen, I ask that you join me in a toast to the Honorable George Busbee, Governor of the State of Georgia, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Governor's Association. Let us also toast the cooperative effort that will help bring back economic vitality to this Nation, and to all of our citizens.