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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1981

MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES

DATE: December 10, 1981  
LOCATION: Oval Office  
TIME: 10:45 - 10:55 a.m.  
FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole 

I. PURPOSE

To assure continued close cooperation from the most influential force in the association community.

II. BACKGROUND

The American Society of Association Executives is an organization comprised of 10,000 senior association managers. They have been early and ardent supporters of your budget and tax programs and are responsive to the renewed entrepreneurial spirit in America.

R. William Taylor succeeds James P. Low as chief staff executive of ASAE, after 16 years. Taylor most recently was executive vice president and general manager of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, a position held since 1968. He has also been very active in ASAE affairs prior to this assignment. James P. Low now heads the consulting firm of Low and McManis, Ltd.

III. PARTICIPANTS

R. William Taylor, president of ASAE;  
James P. Low, immediate past president of ASAE.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

10:45 - 10:55 a.m. You greet your guests at the fireplace area in the Oval Office and pause for a handshake and photograph. You offer brief remarks.

10:55 a.m. Your guests depart.

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES

- Jim, I want to congratulate you on your 16 years of service to the ASAE (American Society of Association Executives). Everyone has told me you have done a marvelous job.
  
- You really have made ASAE what it is today. ASAE sets the tone for the entire trade association community and it provides leadership for all the association executives.
  
- Bill, you have a tough act to follow, but Elizabeth Dole has informed me of your capabilities. What are your major priorities for the Association?
  
- I understand that I can expect ASAE to be active in helping us with business coalition activities, and I understand, Jim, that you will be working on a number of legislative coalitions; I hope I can have your continuing support. I understand that now that you are in the private sector you won't be bound by the restrictions that ASAE has on its own political activities.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 9, 1981

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC  
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: Thursday, December 10, 1981  
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room  
TIME: 11:30 am (Drop-by for 30 minutes)  
FROM: Martin Anderson

*MCA*

I. PURPOSE

The President traditionally drops by the meeting of the Board to receive the summary advice and recommendations of the Members.

II. BACKGROUND

This is the fourth meeting of your Economic Policy Advisory Board. They will meet today from 10 am to 3:30 pm to discuss the economic forecast for next year, general economic policy, Canadian-American economic relations, and the question of foreign investments in the United States. By the time you meet with them at 11:30 am, they should have some comments and suggestions for you on current economic and budget policy.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President  
George Shultz, Chairman  
Milton Friedman  
Arthur F. Burns  
Alan Greenspan  
Arthur Laffer  
James T. Lynn  
Paul McCracken  
Herbert Stein  
Charls Walker  
Walter B. Wriston  
Peter M. Flanigan  
Rita Ricardo-Campbell

(Staff; see attached list)

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

NOTE: NBC News will be taping the first five minutes of the President's participation for an hour and a half year end special.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The President will be seated at the table in the Roosevelt Room between Arthur F. Burns and George Shultz.

After the NBC television cameras are set, the President will make brief remarks and allow George Shultz, the Chairman of the group, to respond.

Attachments: Talking Points  
List of Staff Participants

Meeting of the President's Economic Policy Board  
December 10, 1981

LIKELY STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

The Vice President  
Secretary Regan  
Secretary Baldrige  
Ambassador Brock  
William Casey  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Michael Deaver  
David Stockman  
Martin Anderson  
Murray Weidenbaum  
Richard V. Allen  
Ed Gray  
Dave Gergen  
Ed Harper  
Thaddeus Garrett  
Richard Darman  
Roger Porter  
Danny Boggs  
Barbara Honegger  
Kevin Hopkins

OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

Congressman Jack Kemp



TALKING POINTS: ECONOMIC POLICY BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 1981

- Good morning. Welcome to the world of continuing budget resolutions. We're grateful you could all come today. I think you know how much I appreciate these sessions and value your counsel.
  
- When we came down here a year ago, we faced runaway Government, double-digit inflation and the highest interest rates since the Civil War. We agreed that we needed to restore real growth and create more jobs by encouraging savings, investment and productivity. And the way to do that was to shrink Big Government and expand the private economy by reducing spending and taxes, and getting control of regulations and the money supply.
  
- We made a good start at reducing spending, and we've cut tax rates, money growth and regulations. Inflation and interest rates are coming down. But in spite of that good start, we need to do more.
  
- The major problem facing us right now is the recession. The high rate of unemployment is a grave concern to me, so I want to ask you: Do you believe we have the right economic program in place? And if you do, how soon do you think the country can get on the road to recovery?

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JAMES W. NANCE *Jud*

SUBJECT:

Photo Session with Elliott Abrams  
Thursday, December 10  
1:00 p.m. (five minutes)  
Oval Office

Elliott Abrams, former Assistant Secretary of State for International Affairs, was sworn in today -- Human Rights Day -- as Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs.

For his photo session with you, he will be accompanied by:

Wife - Rachel  
Son - Jacob (11 months old)  
Mother - Mildred  
Father - Joseph

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*E*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 9, 1981

Reception with Republican State Legislators

Date: Thursday, December 10, 1981

Location: Treaty Room, OEOB

Time: 5:00 - 5:15 p.m.

From: Richard S. Williamson

*Rich*

I. PURPOSE

To thank them for the help they provided in getting your programs enacted during the past year, and to ask them to be vocal and firm in generating support back home for the next initiatives in the Economic Recovery Program.

II. BACKGROUND

These legislators are Republican members of the State-Federal Assembly which is meeting in town this week. SFA is the policy making arm of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and we have been working with the Republican members to effect policy positions favorable to your programs. We are holding this reception at the request of the National Republican Legislators Association, and coordinating it with the RNC.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 150 Republican state legislators from across the country.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Rich Williamson recognizes:

    Chuck Hardwick  
        President of the National Republican Legislators  
        Association

Chuck Hardwick gives brief remarks

The President arrives

Dick Richards welcomes the President

The President gives brief remarks

Mix and mingle

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Attachment:  
    Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH  
REPUBLICAN STATE LEGISLATORS  
December 10, 1981

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-- I'm delighted that you could come over here today to share some holiday season cheer with us. When I learned that the State-Federal Assembly was meeting in Washington this week, I saw it as a good opportunity to get all you Republican members together to say thank you for the tremendous job you are doing on behalf of our Economic Recovery Program -- both in endeavoring to draft favorable policy positions within the State-Federal Assembly, and in speaking to your constituents and legislative colleagues back home.

-- It's been quite a year -- for all of us. We got all the headlines, you got all the heat. I say that because I don't want you to think that we're sitting here in an ivory tower thinking that everything we do is politically popular. I used to be in state government, and I know the arduous task you have of continuing to reinforce the soundness of our party's program to your constituents.



-- Perhaps the most gratifying thing for me, personally, during this past year has been how my party has stood behind us, stood firm in the face of great controversy and competing interests. Again, Howard Baker and Bob Michael and the Republican leadership in Congress got all the headlines -- and, surely, they deserve every bit of praise we can possibly give them -- but their job would have been infinitely more difficult, if not impossible, had it not been for the broad efforts of the Republican Party generating support among the people.

-- It wasn't just a few colonels and generals fighting these battles. It was whole divisions of Republican majors, lieutenants, sargeants and buck privates delivering the message. As elected officials, you led those troops. And you won some very impressive victories. But the war is not yet won. We're winning, yes. But we've all worked too long and too hard for too many years to fall short of our dream.

-- The Economic Recovery Program is working. Inflation has cooled. Interest rates are falling. Jobs, productivity and prosperity will follow. But just as

surely we are now in a period of some painful re-adjustments. And I recognize as well as anyone that the fact that these readjustments are transitory make them no less painful.

-- But the day after our tax victory in Congress, I spoke to the NCSL annual meeting in Atlanta, and what I said then is just as true today: "America now has an economic plan for her future. We know where we are going -- we are going forward, we are going onward, and we are going upward, and we are leaving no one behind."

-- So in this season of giving, if you're so inclined to give a present to the titular head of your party, you'll give me this: your renewed resolve and redoubled efforts to take our Republican message to every corner of this land; to make our dream realized, and our years of labor reach fruition.

-- Nancy and I extend our very best wishes to you and your families in this holiday season and we thank God for his blessing that not one son or daughter of America is at war in the world today.

