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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1983

MEETING WITH SENATOR WARREN RUDMAN (R-New Hampshire)

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 1983

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 1:00 p.m. (20 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein

I. PURPOSE

To discuss Senate Appropriations Committee action on the MX resolution.

II. BACKGROUND

The Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to vote tomorrow on S. Con. Res. 26, the MX resolution. Senator Warren Rudman, a member of the Appropriations Committee, has indicated that he remains undecided on this issue. Although MX Commission Member Nick Brady feels that Rudman will eventually support the MX, Rudman describes himself as a "fence sitter" and says that he is still considering several questions before making a final decision.

Rudman questions whether we will be getting enough increase in deterrent to justify the cost of MX. He has doubts about the argument that we need to deploy the MX in order to reassure our allies. He also has reservations about spending \$16 billion to deploy the MX in 1987 since the proposed Midgetman could be ready four years later. He wants to know what the adverse affects -- politically, from a negotiations standpoint, etc. -- will be if we fail to deploy the MX. Rudman will also be influenced by a strong arms control position with relation to the MX.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

The Vice President

Senator Warren Rudman (R-New Hampshire)

Brent Scowcroft, Chairman, Commission on Strategic Forces

Staff

James A. Baker III

Edwin Meese III

William Clark

Robert McFarlane

Ken Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Rudman to arrive Southwest Gate, and be escorted from the West Basement to the Oval Office for a 20-minute meeting with the President.

Attachment: Talking Points (to be provided by NSC)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1983

MEETING WITH SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER (R-PENNSYLVANIA)

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 1983

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 1:20 p.m. (20 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *K.D.*

I. PURPOSE

To discuss Senate Appropriations Committee action on the MX resolution.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Arlen Specter serves as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee which will vote tomorrow on the MX resolution. Specter says that he remains undecided on the issue. He has not been a strong supporter of the MX in the past, and he has received technical briefings on the current MX proposals. In a letter to you on May 4, Specter suggested that you reconsider the MX proposal in light of substantial skepticism on the subject. He would prefer that we beef up our submarine force instead. During Appropriations Committee hearings on the MX resolution, Specter said that in view of the Catholic Bishops' letter, it is hard to assume that the Scowcroft Commission report, in fact, reflects "national will." Since there are at least three, and possible four, Republicans who will vote against MX on the Committee, Specter's support is crucial.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
Senator Arlen Specter (R-Pennsylvania)
Brent Scowcroft, Chairman, Commission on Strategic Forces

Staff

James A. Baker III
Edwin Meese III
William Clark
Robert McFarlane
Ken Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Specter to arrive Southwest Gate, and be escorted from the West Basement to the Oval Office for a 20-minute meeting with the President.

Attachment: Talking Points (to be provided by NSC)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1983

MEETING WITH SENATOR J. BENNETT JOHNSTON (D-LOUISIANA)

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 1983

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 1:40 p.m. (20 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein

I. PURPOSE

To discuss Senate Appropriations Committee action on the MX resolution.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Bennett Johnston serves as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee which will be voting on the MX Resolution on Thursday. Although Johnston has been generally supportive of the Administration's defense efforts, he is not a strong supporter of MX and has indicated that he is undecided on the resolution. Johnston said that he will be watching very closely our reaction and response to the letter which you received from Senators Cohen, Nunn, and Percy recommending more emphasis on arms control, the Midgetman missile, and graduated build-down. Since we only have one firm Democrat vote at this time on the Committee, Johnston's support will be very important.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

The Vice President

Senator J. Bennett Johnston (D-Louisiana)

Brent Scowcroft, Chairman, Commission on Strategic Forces

Staff

James A. Baker III

Edwin Meese III

William Clark

Robert McFarlane

Ken Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Johnston to arrive Southwest Gate, and be escorted from the West Basement to the Oval Office for a 20-minute meeting with the President.

Attachment: Talking Points (to be provided by NSC)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1983

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR A PROCLAMATION
DESIGNATING MAY 1983

"NATIONAL AMATEUR BASEBALL MONTH"

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 1983

PLACE: South Lawn

TIME: 2:00 p.m. (25 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *K. M. D.*

I. PURPOSE

To proclaim May 1983 as "National Amateur Baseball Month."

II. BACKGROUND

Amateur baseball, the "national pastime," is the cornerstone of baseball, a game which originated in this country. With more than 19 million amateur players participating in the game, and many more millions participating as spectators and sponsors, the sport touches nearly every walk of life in the United States.

The Joint House and Senate Resolution, H.R. Res. 175, introduced by Rep. Robert Garcia (D-NY) and cosponsored by many members of Congress from both parties, recognizes the wholesome recreational outlet, amateur baseball. Further, it praises the good citizenship attributes so important in the game.

Today you will sign the proclamation which passed in the House and Senate in March of 1983 in recognition of the outstanding efforts by millions of Americans as they further American ideals of sportsmanship and teamwork through amateur baseball.

Little leaguers, amateur and professional ballplayers will be in attendance today. Also joining you for the signing are Bowie Kuhn, Commissioner of Baseball; Bob Smith, President of the U.S. Baseball Federation and the International Association of Amateur Baseball; and members of the congressional baseball teams.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See Attachment A

IV. PRESS PLAN

Full press coverage.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

See Attachment B

Participants List	Attachment A
Sequence of Events	Attachment B (to be provided by Advance)
Talking Points	Attachment C (to be provided by Speechwriters)

PARTICIPANTS

With the President:

Congressman Robert Garcia, who introduced H.J. Res. 175
Congressman Silvio Conte

Baseball Officials and Professional Players:

Bowie Khun, Commissioner of Baseball
Bob Smith, President, Association of Amateur Baseball
Terry Francona, Professional Baseball Player
(Montreal Expo), former outstanding amateur
Ken Singleton, Baltimore Orioles
Rick Dempsey, Baltimore Orioles
Scott McGregor, Baltimore Orioles
Jim Palmer, Baltimore Orioles
Joe Altobelli, Manager, Baltimore Orioles

Hall of Famers:

Roger Maris, Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association,
Hall of Fame (N.Y. Yankees)
Monte Irvin, Hall of Fame (N.Y. Giants)
Stan Musial, Hall of Fame (St. Louis Cardinals)
James Honochick, Hall of Fame (Umpire)

Two Pony League Teams from Glen Burnie, Maryland:

"Athletes" and "Dodgers" (11-13 year olds)

Other Participants:

Congressman Mario Biaggi
Congressman Edwin Forsythe
Congressman Dan Glickman
Congressman Henry Gonzalez
Congressman Benjamin Gilman
Congressman George Hansen
Congressman Mel Levine
Congressman Connie Mack, III
Congressman Sid Morrison
Congressman Austin Murphy
Congressman Bill Richardson
Congressman Lyle Williams
Mr. Edward Bennett Williams, Owner, Baltimore Orioles

Representatives of various amateur baseball leagues (age 5-unlimited) including:

- Pony League
- Babe Ruth
- YMCA
- Little League
- Montgomery County Baseball League
- USSS
- Girls Softball
- Area Parks & Recreation
- D.C. Department of Recreation
- Industrial League

(Parvin/AB)
May 10, 1983
4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BASEBALL MONTH SIGNING CEREMONY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1983

This is more fun than being President. I really do love baseball and I wish all of you could be out on this lawn everyday. I wouldn't even complain if a stray ball came through the Oval Office window now and then. It's great to hear the sound of kids yelling, bats cracking and balls smacking into leather gloves.

Baseball really is the national pastime. The ball and bat are common to city streets and rural sandlots throughout the country. Whether it is a group of 8-year-olds on a vacant lot, finely-coached college all-stars, or the bottling plant's local team, baseball is fun for player and spectator alike.

So I am delighted the Congress has set aside this month to honor amateur baseball . . . now, if they would just set aside a month to honor my defense budget.

For this signing ceremony today we have Hall of Famers and Little Leaguers and that's the way it should be, because baseball appeals to young and old alike. It is increasingly appealing to people around the entire world and I'm very glad that baseball will be played as a demonstration sport at next summer's Los Angeles Olympic Games. Let's hope that it will become a full-fledged medal sport in time for the 1988 games in Seoul, South Korea.

Now I know you would rather watch the Little League game than hear me talk, so let me sign this proclamation and then let's PLAY BALL.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1983

MEETING WITH SENATOR MARK ANDREWS (R-NORTH DAKOTA)

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 1983

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 2:30 p.m. (30 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *K.D.*

I. PURPOSE

To discuss Senate Appropriations Committee action on the MX resolution.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Mark Andrews serves as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee which is scheduled to vote tomorrow on the MX resolution. Andrews has indicated his opposition to the resolution. He has not been supportive of MX in the past and has indicated that he thinks it is not cost effective to put the MX in Minuteman silos. Because of the fact that a number of Minuteman missiles are already located in Andrews' state, he considers himself somewhat of an expert on this issue.

Andrews has been generally recalcitrant in terms of Administration programs in the past few weeks. He voted against the Adelman nomination and as a member of the Senate Budget Committee, he has been extremely critical of our budget policies. During attempts to fashion a compromise budget, Andrews has consistently been one of the last holdouts. It is possible that the budget subject may come up during your discussion with Andrews. If the occasion arises, it would be helpful to encourage Andrews' increased support in the budget area generally and particularly in the field of defense policy.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

The Vice President

Senator Mark Andrews (R-North Dakota)

Brent Scowcroft, Chairman, Commission on Strategic Forces

Staff

James A. Baker III

Edwin Meese III

William Clark

Robert McFarlane

Kenneth M. Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Andrews to arrive through the Southwest Gate, and be escorted from the West Basement to the Oval Office for a 30-minute meeting with the President.

Attachment: Talking Points (to be provided by NSC)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1983

MEETING WITH SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN (D-Texas)

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 1983

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 3:00 p.m. (15 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *K.M.D.*

I. PURPOSE

To discuss Senate action on the MX resolution.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Lloyd Bentsen remains undecided on the MX resolution. He has been generally supportive of the Administration's defense requests in the past, and voted for the Jackson amendment to the Appropriations bill last year which kept the MX alive pending a report of the Scowcroft Commission. Although Bentsen does not serve as a member of the Appropriations Committee which will be voting tomorrow on the resolution, his support in the full Senate will be key in terms of bringing along other Democratic supporters.

Bentsen has been extremely supportive of your policies on Central America during the past few weeks. He made a strong speech on this issue during the closed session on Nicaragua and was also a strong supporter on the Senate Intelligence Committee during the vote on continued funding for covert activities in Nicaragua.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

The Vice President

Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas)

Brent Scowcroft, Chairman, Commission on Strategic Forces

Staff

James A. Baker III

Edwin Meese III

William Clark

Robert McFarlane

Kenneth M. Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Bentsen to arrive Southwest Gate, and be escorted from the West Basement to the Oval Office for a 15-minute meeting with the President.

Attachment: Talking Points (to be provided by NSC)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH SELECT BIPARTISAN HOUSE MEMBERS

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 1983

LOCATION: The Cabinet Room

TIME: 5:00 p.m. (45 Minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein *K.M.D.*

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the strategic forces proposal (arms control/Midgetman/MX) and to encourage support for it.

II. BACKGROUND

Both the House and the Senate are proceeding toward a vote on a resolution of approval of the President's strategic forces recommendations. The House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee may vote as early as early as this afternoon (Wednesday, May 11) on the resolution.

The majority of Member's invited to today's meeting are undecided about their support for the resolution of approval. This group of Republicans and Democrats represents a good cross-section of the House and their votes will be very important in our effort to build support for the President's strategic forces recommendations in the Congress.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See Attachment A.

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

See Attachment B.

Attachments: Participants - Attachment A
Agenda - Attachment B
Talking Points - Attachment C (provided by NSC)

Attachment A

PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
Kenneth Dam, Deputy Secretary of State
Paul Thayer, Deputy Secretary of Defense
General John Vessey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Members of Congress

Trent Lott (R-Mississippi)
Jim Olin (D-Virginia)
Bill Hughes (D-New Jersey)
Walter Jones (D-North Carolina)
Tim Valentine (D-North Carolina)
Robin Tallon (D-South Carolina)
Carroll Hubbard (D-Kentucky)
Ron Mazzoli (D-Kentucky)
Ed Jones (D-Tennessee)
Ben Erdreich (D-Alabama)
Dick Shelby (D-Alabama)
Don Fuqua (D-Florida)
Bill Nelson (D-Florida)
Bob Young (D-Missouri)
Frank Annunzio (D-Illinois)
Sam Hall (D-Texas)
J. J. (Jake) Pickle (D-Texas)
Tony Hall (D-Ohio)
Bob Smith (R-Oregon)
Tom Petri (R-Wisconsin)
Tom Ridge (R-Pennsylvania)
Martin Frost (D-Texas)
Kent Hance (D-Texas)
Toby Roth (R-Wisconsin)
George Gekas (R-Pennsylvania)
Dan Mica (D-Florida)
Charlie Whitley (D-North Carolina)
Bill Whitehurst (R-Virginia)
Jim Courter (R-New Jersey)
Ike Skelton (D-Missouri)
Sonny Montgomery (D-Mississippi)
Richard Ray (D-Georgia)

Staff

Edwin Meese, James Baker, Michael Deaver, William Clark,
Dick Darman, Craig Fuller, Dave Gergen, Kenneth Duberstein,
Bud McFarlane, Larry Speakes, M. B. Oglesby, Jr., John
Dressendorfer, Randy Davis, John Scruggs, David Wright, Bob
Kimmitt, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Nancy Risque

Attachment B

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 5:00 - 5:05 Presidential remarks.
(5 Minutes)
- 5:05 - 5:07 President calls on General John Vessey,
(2 Minutes) Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, for remarks
on military aspects and commitment to the
package.
- 5:07 - 5:10 President calls on Deputy Secretary of State
(3 Minutes) Kenneth Dam for remarks on arms control aspects
of the package.
- 5:10 - 5:40 President calls on House Republican Whip,
(30 Minutes) Congressman Trent Lott of Mississippi, for
remarks and to open discussion.
- 5:40 - 5:45 President concludes meeting.
(5 Minutes)

TALKING POINTS

- Thank you for coming down. I believe we share a common desire both to enhance the United States' deterrent posture and to pursue arms control agreements that promote stability.

- The MX Peacekeeper missile, on which the legislative clock has begun to run, offers us a significant opportunity to strengthen these twin goals. It was within this context that I endorsed the recommendations of the bipartisan Commission on Strategic Forces.

- The key feature and central value of the Commission's recommendations is its thoughtful integration in a single package of three basic, and inseparable elements, that is: the direct relationship between specific modernization programs (like Peacekeeper) and the positive impact of modernization both in promoting arms control and in assuring effective deterrence.

- Some individuals frequently question my commitment to arms control. They are flatly wrong. We will continue to pursue equitable arms reductions with great vigor.

- But to give arms control a chance, I need your strong support for the bipartisan package, including deployment of 100 Peacekeeper missiles in existing silos near Warren AFB,

Wyoming and development of a small, single-warhead missile.

If the United States foregoes this package, the Soviet Union would not have any real incentive to agree to reductions.

-- We will work closely with Congress on this vital issue. We have been meeting with several Members to examine how to integrate recent Congressional recommendations into our overall arms control approach. Let's close ranks and take an essential bipartisan step toward promoting stability and ensuring our national security.

-- Now I would like to call on General Vessey and Ken Dam for some comments.

(NOTE: Following that, call on Congressman Trent Lott, House Republican Whip, to open discussion.)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 11, 1983

MEETING WITH SENATOR CHARLES GRASSLEY (R-IOWA)

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 1983

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. (15 minutes)

FROM: Kenneth M. Duberstein

I. PURPOSE

To respond to Senator Grassley's request for a meeting with the President to discuss general defense issues.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) has been a less than enthusiastic supporter of our recent efforts in the defense area. As a member of the Senate Budget Committee, Grassley was one who strongly opposed increasing the defense mark, and has been somewhat critical of the Defense Department. Grassley feels that we would have a better chance to justify an increase in defense spending if we took certain steps to achieve procedural cost savings in the defense area generally. He would like to share with you his ideas on defense contracting, specifically repricing and increasing competitive bidding. Grassley feels we need to make changes in this area and monitor more closely those changes which have already been made. He thinks we have not managed to get across to the public what we are doing in terms of defense savings.

This will basically be a listening session to hear Grassley's ideas, but you should also take the opportunity to encourage his support on the MX.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
Senator Charles Grassley (R-Iowa)

Staff

James A. Baker III
Edwin Meese III
William Clark
Kenneth M. Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Grassley to enter through the Southwest Gate,
and be escorted from the West Basement to the Oval Office
for a 15-minute meeting with the President.

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
SENATOR CHARLES GRASSLEY

-- Chuck, I understand you have some good ideas as to how we can accomplish further defense savings, and I am glad we have this opportunity to get together.

-- As you know, we have already taken a number of steps to bring the defense overhead down, and I would be interested to hear what ideas you have along this line.

(General discussion of Grassley's ideas)

-- I appreciate the careful consideration you have given this subject, Chuck, and I will be glad to look into these ideas.

-- As you know, in terms of defense issues, we have a very important vote coming up in the Senate shortly on the MX. As you know, I have endorsed the recommendations of the Scowcroft Commission, and I believe that the MX is a vital element of this package which offers us an opportunity to enhance our deterrence and at the same time to promote arms control. I hope you will be able to support me on this, and I would be interested to know your thoughts.