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### WASHINGTON

May 22, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVE FISCHER

FROM: M. B. OGLESBY,

SUBJECT: Attendance at Presidential Meeting

The following Members of the House of Representatives attended the GOP Leadership meeting with the President at 9:30 a.m. on May 16, 1983:

- o Dick Cheney (R-Wyoming)
- o Barber Conable (R-New York)
- o Silvio Conte (R-Massachusetts)
- o Jack Edwards (R-Alabama)
- o Bob Lagomarsino (R-California)
- o Del Latta (R-Ohio)
- o Tom Loeffler (R-Texas)
- o Jim Martin (R-North Carolina)
- o Guy Vander Jagt (R-Michigan)

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVE FISCHER

FROM: M. B. OGLESBY,

SUBJECT: Presidential Meeting Attendance

The following individuals were in attendance at the 11:00 a.m. meeting today with the President in the Cabinet Room regarding the MX missile:

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

# Members of the House of Representatives

Jack Edwards (R-Alabama) Tom Lewis (R-Florida) Richard Ray (D-Georgia) Hamilton Fish (R-New York) Sherwood Boehlert (R-New York) Thomas Tauke (R-Iowa) John Spratt (D-South Carolina) Dan Coats (R-Indiana) Harold Volkmer (D-Missouri) Rod Chandler (R-Washington) Thomas Ridge (R-Pennsylvania) Stan Parris (R-Virginia) Lynn Martin (R-Illinois) Bob Whittaker (R-Kansas) Judd Gregg (R-New Hampshire) Buddy Roemer (D-Louisiana) Lee Hamilton (D-Indiana)

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WASHINGTON

May 17, 1983

TO:

DAVE FISCHER

FROM:

PAM TURNER

SUBJECT:

Attendance at Meeting with the President

The following Senators attended a meeting with the President (GOP Leadership) on Tuesday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cabinet Room:

Howard Baker James McClure John Tower Jake Garn Bob Dole Mark Hatfield

REGRET: Ted Stevens

Dick Lugar

Strom Thurmond Pete Domenici Paul Laxalt

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WASHINGTON

# MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

DATE:

Tuesday, May 17

LOCATION:

Cabinet Room

TIME:

9:30 a.m. (60 minutes)

FROM:

Kenneth M. Duberstein

# I. PURPOSE

To discuss the status of the budget resolution, reiterating your commitment to spending control and no tax increases for 1984 and 1985, and to review the upcoming votes in both the House and Senate on the Scowcroft Commission recommendations (MX, Midgetman and arms reductions).

### II. BACKGROUND

The Senate last Thursday voted against (48-52) the compromise two-year budget proposal supported by the Republican Leadership and discussed with you at the last meeting of this group on May 3. The compromise increased defense spending to 7½% in 1984 and contained the Administration's revenue figure for 1984 and 1985. The Senate also defeated, by a larger margin, a substitute three-year resolution offered by Senator Slade Gorton (R-Wash) that would have raised taxes approximately \$9 billion and \$15 billion in 1984 and 1985 and reduced defense spending to 6% for 1984.

The Budget Committee will be drafting a revised resolution on Tuesday for Senate floor action on Wednesday or Thursday. Senator Domenici and others are recommending "something close to the Gorton proposal" as a way, on a bipartisan basis, to break the impasse. We opposed the Gorton proposal last week and it appears that there will be insufficient movement toward our position to warrant our endorsement.

On the MX/Midgetman proposal, the Senate Appropriations Committee (17-11) and the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee (9-3) approved a resolution of approval to proceed with the MX. The full House Appropriations Committee will vote later today on the package with Senate and House floor debate scheduled later this week and next. Keys to these victories and the upcoming floor votes are the letters you sent last week to nine House members and to Senators Cohen, Nunn and Percy embracing fully the recommendations of the Scowcroft Commission.

In addition, the House and Senate must vote to increase the debt ceiling prior to the Memorial Day recess now scheduled to begin on May 26 and will also likely dispose of, in one way or another, the withholding on interest and dividends issue. All in all, it's going to be a hectic two weeks.

# III. PARTICIPANTS

List attached.

# IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

# V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

List attached.

# SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

9:30 - 9:40 (10 minutes)	President opens meeting.
9:40 - 9:45 (5 minutes)	President calls on Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker for report on Senate activities.
9:45 - 9:50 (5 minutes)	President calls on House Republican Policy Committee Chairman Dick Cheney for report on House activities.
9:55 - 10:25 (30 minutes)	President opens meeting for comments and discussion.
10:30	President concludes meeting.

# PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger
Secretary of Treasury Don Regan
Director of OMB, David Stockman
Chairman of CEA, Martin Feldstein

## Senate

Howard Baker, Majority Leader of the Senate James McClure, Chairman of the Republican Conference John Tower, Chairman of Republican Policy Committee Jake Garn, Secretary of Republican Conference Bob Dole, Chairman of Finance Committee Charles Percy, Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee Mark Hatfield, Chairman of Appropriations Committee

Regrets: Ted Stevens, Assistant Majority Leader of the Senate

Dick Lugar, Chairman of Senatorial Campaign

Committee

Strom Thurmond, President pro tempore of

Senate

Pete Domenici, Chairman of Budget Committee

Paul Laxalt

#### House

Jack Edwards, Vice Chairman of Republican Conference Dick Cheney, Chairman Republican Policy Committee Robert Lagomarsino, Secretary of Republican Conference Jim Martin, Chairman of Republican Research Committee Silvio Conte, Ranking Republican Member, Appropriations Committee

Barber Conable, Ranking Republican Member, Ways and Means Committee

Del Latta, Ranking Republican Member, Budget Committee Guy Vander Jagt, Chairman of Republican Congressional Committee

Tom Loeffler

Regrets: Bob Michel, Republican Leader of the House Trent Lott, Republican Whip of the House Jack Kemp, Chairman of Republican Conference James Quillen, Ranking Republican Member, Rules Committee

> Bill Dickinson, Ranking Republican Member, Armed Services Committee

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Ed Meese, Jim Baker, Michael Deaver, Bill Clark, Ken Duberstein, Craig Fuller, Dick Darman, Dave Gergen, Larry Speakes, Ed Harper, Nancy Risque, M.B. Oglesby, Pam Turner, Mike Hudson, Ed Rollins, Joe Hagin, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Bob Kimmit

# TALKING POINTS

# On the budget,

- -- Understand Senate will be again considering a budget resolution being shaped today in the Budget Committee. Recognize how difficult it is to put a budget together but hope the Senate will act responsibly.
- -- Question is simply this: Are we to continue on the course toward hard-won economic recovery? Or are we to stop that recovery just as it is gaining force by reversing course and raising taxes? Answer is clear.
- Last year I went along with \$100 billion in tax reform because of Congress' commitment to make \$3 in outlay reductions for every \$1 in new revenue. Congress simply hasn't lived up to its word.
- -- Budget I submitted in January was fair and balanced.

  Democrats in House passed their party platform that would undo all the good we have done.
- -- In an effort to reach a compromise, I went along with the plan developed by the Senate Leadership that we discussed here two weeks ago. It included less defense spending than I had asked for and more domestic spending.
- -- Now, I have to make clear that I have gone as far as I can responsibly go.

# On the MX,

- -- I was extremely pleased with the bipartisan congressional action on MX last week. There is another key MX vote in the House Appropriations today, and I understand MX may come to the Senate floor later this week.
- -- The Scowcroft Commission's bipartisan recommendations, which I strongly endorse, concluded that there is a direct relationship between specific modernization programs (like Peacekeeper and the small missile) and our dual objectives of effective deterrence and arms reductions.
- They are flatly wrong. We will continue to pursue equitable reductions with great vigor. But to give arms control a chance, I need strong congressional support for the bipartisan package, including deployment of 100 Peacekeeper missiles in existing silos and development of a small, single-warhead missile. If we forego this package, the Soviet Union would not have any real incentive to agree to reductions.
- -- We will continue to work closely with Congress on these vital issues. I need your support and leadership and ask you to join me in sending a signal of resolve to the Soviets.
- -- Hope resolution of approval will be adopted by the House and Senate before the Memorial Day recess.

# On debt ceiling and IMF,

- -- Know we have much to discuss but want to mention briefly two other items.
- -- One, as distasteful as it is, we must pass a debt ceiling increase before recess.
- -- Two, I want to emphasize the importance I attach to prompt passage of legislation providing for the U.S. share -- \$8.5 billion -- of an internationally agreed increase in the resources of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The IMF is the centerpiece of U.S. strategy for dealing with the international debt problem.
- -- The international financial situation will be a major topic at the Williamsburg Summit, and I would like to be able to point to early consideration of the IMF legislation as evidence of U.S. resolve to deal with current problems and as a demonstration of support for the role of the IMF.
- -- Now, with Bob recuperating in the hospital, I'll ask Howard to lead off and then turn to Dick Cheney.

#### WASHINGTON

# MEETING WITH SELECT BIPARTISAN HOUSE MEMBERS

DATE:

Tuesday, May 17, 1983

LOCATION:

The Cabinet Room

TIME:

11:00 a.m. (45 minutes)

FROM:

Kenneth M. Duberstein

# I. PURPOSE

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

# II. BACKGROUND

On Tuesday afternoon the full House Appropriations Committee will consider House Concurrent Resolution 113 which approves the release of engineering development funds for basing the Peacekeeper missile. The full House will consider the Resolution possibly as early as next week, prior to the Congressional Memorial Day recess.

Those in attendance today represent a cross section of Republican and Democrat Members who are undecided or leaning in favor of supporting the strategic forces proposal. Their support will not only aid in the passage of H.Con.Res. 113 but will assist in the approval of MX procurement funds as requested in the FY '84 Defense Authorization bill, which is scheduled tentatively to be considered early in June.

### III. PARTICIPANTS

See Attachment A.

# IV. PRESS PLAN

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### V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

See Attachment B.

Attachments: Participants - See Attachment A.

Agenda - See Attachment B.

Talking Points - See Attachment C.

(Provided by NSC)

# **PARTICIPANTS**

The President
The Vice President
Bud McFarlane, Deputy Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
General John Vessey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

# Members of the House of Representatives

Jack Edwards (R-Alabama) Les Aspin (D-Wisconsin) Tom Lewis (R-Florida) Richard Ray (D-Georgia)
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# Attachment B

# SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:00 - 11:05 (5 minutes)	Presidential remarks
11:05 - 11:08 (3 minutes)	President calls on Ken Dam, Deputy Secretary of State, for remarks on arms control aspects of the package.
11:08 - 11:10 (2 minutes)	President calls on General John Vessey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, for remarks on military aspects and commitment to the package.
11:10 - 11:40 (30 minutes)	President to open discussion with House Members.
11:40 - 11:45	President concludes meeting

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## BRIEFING PAPER

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 16, 1987

MEETING WITH: Luncheon in recognition

of the Arts in America and the tradition of private

sector support

DATE: May 17, 1983

LOCATION: State Floor, State Dining Room

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

FROM: James S. Rosebush

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the lunch is a unique effort to recognize the contributions of the private sector to the cultural life of the nation. The President and Mrs. Reagan will honor six pairs of artists and patrons of the arts by presenting them with a framed certificate of recognition.

# II. BACKGROUND

The lunch will focus national attention on the corporations, foundations and individuals who support the American artists. Recognition of achievement in these areas will hopefully help set example for others to create and support cultural growth of the nation. This event was proposed and sponsored by the President's Committee on Arts and Humanities.

### III. PARTICIPANTS

President and Mrs. Reagan
120 guests
The President's Committee on Arts and Humanities
National Council on the Arts
President's Committee Advisors
Select White House Staff
Congressional Representatives
Press
Artists and Patrons
State and Local Arts Agencies

# IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Photo Writing Pool

# President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities

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Texaco Philanthropic Foundation, Inc., NY John K. McKinley, Chairman and Chief Exec. Officer

HONOREES

James Michener Pipersville, PA

Philip Morris, Inc. New York, NY

George Weissman, Chairman and Chief Exec. Officer

Cleveland Foundation Cleveland, OH

Stanley C. Pace, Chairman of Distribution Committee (Pres., TRW, Inc.)

Elma Lewis Boston, MA

Dayton Hudson Foundation Minneapolis, MN William Andres, Chairman and Chief Exec. Officer Dayton Hudson Corp.

Artist

Frederica Von Stade

(born, Somerville, NJ) Old Brookville,NY

Czeslaw Milosz Berkeley, CA

Frank Stella (born, Malden, MA) New York, NY

Philip Johnson (born, Cleveland, OH)

New York, NY

Luis Valdez San Juan Bautista, CA

Director/Playwright

Pinchas Zukerman St. Paul, MN

Conductor

Art

Opera

Painter

Architect

Poet/Novelist

New Members Schuyler Garrison Chapin Susan L. Davis Frank Stanton Lloyd M. Taggart

\*NOTE: Award will be accepted by Andrew Heiskell SEQUENCE OF EVENTS Arts and Humanities Luncheon May 17, 1983 Revised May 16, 1983 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Cross Hall/State Dining Room

FROM: GAHL HODGES

11:00 a.m. Honorees arrive the Southwest gate and proceed to Diplomatic Reception Room.

11:15 a.m. Guests begin to arrive the Southwest Gate,
Diplomatic Reception Room. They are led up
the Grand Staircase to the Cross Hall
where refreshments will be available.

11:45 a.m. MRS. REAGAN arrives the State Floor via the elevator and proceeds to the Red Room where she will meet the honorees.

NOTE: Also in attendance will be:

The Honorable Andrew Heiskell The Honorable Armand Deutsch The Honorable Frank Hodsoll The Honorable Barnabas McHenry

11:50 a.m. Preparations for the receiving line begin.

12:00 noon

The President arrives the State Floor via the elevator and proceeds to the Blue Room via the Cross Hall. Mrs. Reagan proceeds from the Red Room to the Blue Room. They take their places in front of the fireplace, and the receiving line begins. The receiving line will feed from the south door of the Green Room into the Blue Room, past THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN in front of the fireplace, out the Blue Room into the Cross Hall, and into the State Dining Room.

NOTE: Mr. I. M. Pei, recent recipient of the Pritzker Architectural Award, and Mr. Arthur Pritzker will pose for a picture with THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN.

At the conclusion of the receiving line, Mr. Robert Fitzpatrick (President, California Institute for the Arts) and Mr. Franklin D. Murphy (Chairman, Executive Committee, Times Mirror Company), will present a set of the 1983 Olympic posters to PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN (photo opportunity.)

12:25 At the conclusion of the poster presentation, THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN proceed from the Blue Room to the Cross Hall and proceed to their seats in the State Dining Room.

Luncheon is served.

1:15 THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN proceed to the lectern.

Brief remarks by THE PRESIDENT.

MRS. REAGAN then calls upon the first patron and artist, Mr. John McKinley and Ms. Frederica Von Stade. The two honorees proceed to the lectern while Mrs. Reagan reads of their accomplishments.

THE PRESIDENT presents their awards.

Mr. McKinley and Ms. Von Stade then proceed back to their seats.

MRS. REAGAN then calls upon the second patron and artist, Mr. James A. Michener and Mr. Czeslaw Milosz. The two honorees proceed to the lectern while MRS. REAGAN reads of their accomplishments.

THE PRESIDENT presents their awards.

Mr. Michener and Mr. Milosz then proceed back to their seats.

MRS. REAGAN then calls upon the third patron and artist, Mr. George Wiessman and Mr. Frank Stella. The two honorees proceed to the lectern while MRS. REAGAN reads of their accomplishments.

THE PRESIDENT presents their awards.

Mr. Weissman and Mr. Stella then proceed back to their seats.

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MRS. REAGAN then calls upon the fourth patron and artist, Mr. Stanley C. Pace and Mr. Philip Johnson. The two honorees proceed to the lectern while MRS. REAGAN reads of their accomplishments.

THE PRESIDENT presents their awards.

Mr. Pace and Mr. Johnson then proceed back to their seats.

MRS. REAGAN then calls upon the fifth patron and artist, Miss Elma Lewis and Mr. Luis Valdez. The two honorees proceed to the lectern while MRS. REAGAN reads of their accomplishments.

THE PRESIDENT presents their awards.

Miss Lewis and Mr. Valdez then proceed back to their seats.

MRS. REAGAN then calls upon the sixth patron and artist, Mr. William Andres (pronounced Andriss), and Mr. Pinchas Zukerman. The two honorees proceed to the lectern while MRS. REAGAN reads of their accomplishments.

THE PRESIDENT presents their awards.

Mr. Andres and Mr. Zukerman then proceed back to their seats.

1:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the award presentation, THE PRESIDENT expresses his congratulations to the patrons and artists. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN then depart the State Dining Room via the Cross Hall to the elevator.

All guests may begin to depart.

NOTE: As the guests are departing, Messrs. Heiskell, Deutsch, Hodsoll and McHenry will escort the honorees into the Blue Room via the Cross Hall.

### Medallion presentation.

At the conclusion of the medallion presentation, the honorees may begin to depart.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARTS IN AMERICA LUNCHEON TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1983

It is a great pleasure for Nancy and me to welcome to the White House you who both create and support the arts. The human need to create and enjoy art is as profound as the urge to speak. In fact, it is through our art that we best understand ourselves and can be understood by those who come after us.

The American way of supporting the arts is different from that in many other countries. Our arts do not derive from national academies; their support does not come from royal courts or ministers of culture. Ours is a much broader cultural base. It reflects the kaleidoscope of individuality, diverse land and ethnic population, and civic pride that are America. They also reflect the great American volunteer tradition.

At the Federal level, we support the work of the National Endowment for the Arts to stimulate excellence and make art more available to more of our people. The Endowment also encourages private support. We owe a great deal of thanks to the members of the National Council on the Arts, many of whom are here today, for their help in these areas.

While the purpose of this gathering is to honor six of our leading artists and six art patrons, it is also an appropriate forum to call for a renewed commitment to private giving. Last year I appointed this Committee to help in this effort, and Nancy agreed to serve as the honorary chairperson. Under the able leadership of Andrew Heiskell, I am glad to report that the Committee has accomplished a great deal. We hope that through

events like this one we can inspire others to join our cause and, in doing so, lift the spirits and enrich the lives of all our people. The arts must be supported, not only for themselves, but for the joy they bring to Americans everywhere. So I urge all of you here today to contact your friends, associates, and neighbors — to commit yourselves, your corporations, foundations, and community groups — to the private giving we need to assure that art continues to play an integral part in our national life.

Now, I would like to call on Nancy to announce the honorees.

PRESIDENT'S CONCLUSION

Thank you, Nancy, and thank you all for being here today. I would also like to thank Andrew Heiskell and the other members of the Committee for their leadership. You are an inspiration to all of us. You represent the very best in our society. Your contributions benefit not only our citizens today, but also our children and our children's children.

I hope this luncheon will be the first of a series recognizing artists and scholars and their supporters. I have asked Frank Hodsoll, as Chairman of the National Endownment for the Arts, to explore the possibility of establishing a medal to recognize the Nation's best in this area.

We will continue doing everything we can to encourage growing private support for the arts. With your help and the good efforts of the NEH, we will demonstrate the commitment and appreciation of our people and our Government for American artistic excellence.