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1) Subject: Meeting with Bipartisan  
Congressional Leadership to discuss:  
A) Korean airliner incident  
B) Lebanon

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 3, 1983

MEETING WITH BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

DATE: Sunday, September 4, 1983

LOCATION: The Cabinet Room

TIME: 10:00 a.m. (90 minutes)

FROM: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN *Ker D.*

I. PURPOSE

To brief and discuss with the key bipartisan congressional leadership foreign policy/national security developments in two areas: the Korean airliner incident and the situation in Lebanon.

II. BACKGROUND

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at 9:30 a.m. in the Oval Office.

This meeting affords the opportunity to brief the leadership on the current situation with respect to the Soviet's shooting down of the Korean airliner and the involvement of U. S. troops in Lebanon.

With respect to the Korean airliner incident, the President met with the National Security Planning Group on September 2 to discuss this incident and possible international responses.

With respect to Lebanon, Congress has become increasingly concerned about the presence of U. S. troops in Lebanon. Bud McFarlane has returned from the region and will provide an up-to-date briefing on the situation. Calls have been made by some members of Congress for the President to report to Congress under Section 4 (a) (1) of the War Powers Resolution. That provision would require reporting to Congress because U. S. forces are involved in or face "imminent hostilities." Subsequent to such a report, U. S. forces would have to be withdrawn within 60 days unless Congress specifically enacts legislation allowing them to remain.

On August 30th, the President provided a report to Congress on the situation in Lebanon stating that the report was consistent with Section 4 of the War Powers Resolution, while specifically avoiding mention of Section 4 (a) (1).

Senator Baker and others believe that pressure will quickly build in Congress for a vote on allowing continued deployment of U. S. forces in Lebanon. This could lead to an Executive-Legislative confrontation over the constitutionality of Section 4 (a) (1) and this will in all likelihood be a subject of discussion at this meeting.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See Attachment A

IV: PRESS PLAN

White House photographer and press pool photographers at beginning.

V; SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

See Attachment B

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Attachments: List of Participants (A)  
Sequence of Events (B)  
Talking Points (C)

\*BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP  
PARTICIPANTS

The President  
The Vice President

Secretary of State, George Shultz  
Secretary of Defense, Caspar Weinberger  
Attorney General, William French Smith  
Director of CIA, Bill Casey  
Director of OMB, Dave Stockman  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, John Vessey  
Ambassador Robert McFarlane

SENATE

Howard Baker, Majority Leader of the Senate  
Robert Byrd, Minority Leader of the Senate  
Strom Thurmond, President pro tempore of Senate

HOUSE

Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Speaker of the House  
Jim Wright, Majority Leader of the House  
Bob Michel, Republican Leader of the House

STAFF

Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver  
Bill Clark  
Ken Duberstein  
Dave Gergen  
Larry Speakes  
Dick Darman  
Fred Fielding  
Pam Turner

\*Principals only - no substitutes

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

10:00 - 10:10      The President opens meeting with comments on Korean airliner incident.

10:10 - 10:20      The President calls on National Security Agency for playing of tape (and translation) of Soviet's pilots' transmissions.

10:20 - 10:30      The President calls on Secretary Shultz for remarks on the airliner incident and to outline options being considered.

10:30 - 10:45      The President opens meeting for general discussion.

10:45 - 10:50      The President makes concluding remarks on this segment of the meeting and makes brief comments on the Lebanon situation.

10:50 - 11:05      The President calls on Bud McFarlane for briefing.

11:05 - 11:30      The President opens meeting for general discussion.

- 11:30 -          The President concludes the meeting.

TALKING POINTS ON KOREAN PLANE

- Appropriate to begin meeting with moment of silent prayer for the 269 passengers on Flight #7 including Congressman Larry MacDonald and for our dear friend and colleague, Scoop Jackson, whose wisdom and guidance we could so use right now.
- Appreciate your returning to Washington on short notice to discuss the Korean plane incident and the situation in Lebanon.
- Both matters deserve full dialogue. I hope when we leave here we can speak with a united voice.
- First, on the Korean plane incident---it was a barbaric, uncivilized, cold-blooded act committed by the Soviet regime. There is no excuse that can justify this ruthless taking of innocent life. It is an affront to humanity.
- The Soviets have tried to deny their responsibility but we have definite proof that the Soviets intentionally shot down that unarmed civilian aircraft.
- I would now like to play a part of the actual recording of Soviet fighter aircraft communications. A Soviet linguist from the National Security Agency will translate for you.

(Tape and translation)

--- I believe that is conclusive evidence that the Soviets are responsible for that reprehensible act.

--- I met with my senior advisors on Friday evening to develop a measured, firm response. I want to ask George Shultz to give you a summary of the kinds of responses we are considering.

(Secretary Shultz makes remarks)

--- Before asking for your comments and thoughts on this measured approach, I would like to make a request. It would be very helpful if, when Congress returned, you were to pass promptly a resolution strongly condemning the Soviet's grotesque actions and supporting our international efforts on this incident.



TALKING POINTS ON LEBANON

--- Now let us turn to another sensitive matter, the situation in Lebanon. We recognize that this may not be as sensational or dramatic as the Korean plane incident but vital U.S. interests are at stake. We are at a critical point in trying to help re-establish peace in that troubled, but important, area. For the U.S. to turn tail at this juncture would be a grave mistake.

--- Our objectives in Lebanon, ever since the fighting ended last summer, have been to help the Lebanese re-establish their independence, regain control over their territory, and bring about the departure of all foreign forces -- while achieving security for Israel's northern border.

--- Syria, egged on by the Soviets, is trying to stir up animosities among the various Lebanese communities, and undermine the Gemayel government.

--- Bud McFarlane has just returned from the region and I want him to brief you on the current situation and outlook.

*Bud* —

(Bud McFarlane makes remarks)

--- Want to ask for your views on this situation.

*No present plans - change mission etc,*

*Howard* —

--- We need broad bipartisan support for our efforts in Lebanon. Know there is concern in the Congress about the Marine presence in Lebanon and the casualties last week.

--- I'd like your thinking on how to ensure the support we need to help bring peace to that vital region.

(FYI, Mr. President---look first to Howard Baker for response)

WPC, GS, B...  
DC, AF, DD, EM, JAB  
KD, LS

10-12:45 P.M. CABINET

ATTACHMENT A

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Attorney General, William French Smith  
Director of CIA, Bill Casey  
Director of OMB, Dave Stockman  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, John Vessey  
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12:45-12:49 JAB, LS, JAB, EM

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1983

TO: DAVE FISCHER  
FROM: PAM TURNER   
SUBJECT: Attendance at Meeting with the President

The following Senators attended a bipartisan Congressional leadership meeting on Sunday, September 4, 1983 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cabinet Room to discuss the Korean airliner incident and the situation in Lebanon:

Senator Howard Baker  
Senator Robert Byrd  
Senator Strom Thurmond