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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
FROM: LEIGH ANN METZGER *ham*
SUBJECT: NATIONAL DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

I thought you might like to know what has been done to highlight the National Days of Thanksgiving you proclaimed for April 5-7. Our office has sent out over 1500 proclamations, as well as audio tapes and photographs of your radio actuality session. Specifically, the following actions have been taken:

- o Upon publication, ceremonial proclamations were sent to our key contacts list (approximately 50 people, including Jerry Falwell, Gary Bergel, Gary Bauer, Bob Dugan, Richard Land, Morris Chapman, Ralph Bohlmann, Beverly Brafford, Dr. G. Raymond Carlson, Paul Crouch, Tony Evans, E.V. Hill, Dr. D. James Kennedy, Beverly LaHaye, Marlin Maddox, and Adrian Rogers)
- o The National Prayer Embassy, Intercessors for America and other prayer groups have been active in publicizing this event with their membership. See attached faxed prayer alert sent from National Prayer Embassy to its 450 members.
- o Mass mailings have been sent to all Catholic Bishops and Archbishops, Episcopal Bishops, Presbyterian synod and presbytery executives, as well as several hundred evangelical women regional leaders. All National Association of Evangelicals member denominations, denominational periodicals, and state Southern Baptist newspapers were sent proclamations. The radio actuality was highlighted in these mailings.
- o Approximately 900 ceremonial proclamations were sent on March 14th to National Religious Broadcasters for special mailings to their member broadcasters (see attached cover letter).
- o Proclamations were mailed to the following Catholic groups: Knights of Columbus, First Friday Group, U.S. Catholic Conference, Vatican Embassy, Catholic Traditionalist Movement, and the conservative National Catholic Register.

- o Audio tapes were made available to National Religious Broadcasters and Family Research Council.
- o An audio tape and proclamation was sent to Eternal Word Network, the largest Catholic cable network in the U.S., for their use. EWT promised to run advertising throughout the week prior to April 5-7.
- o 50 ceremonial proclamations were distributed to Christian Coalition, for distribution to their state chapter heads. Another 40 proclamations sent to Regent University to be distributed to their President's (Pat Robertson) Council of Advisors.
- o Proclamations were also sent to major black religious newspaper editors (ie. A.M.E., A.M.E. Zion, National Baptist Church, Church of God in Christ), mainline denominational heads (Presbyterian Church (USA), Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, United Church of Christ), and to Reverends Halverson and Ford, chaplains of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

In addition, scores of proclamations have been sent out to various religious groups (including Thanksgiving Square, Plymouth Rock Foundation, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, National Thanksgiving Foundation, World Vision, and Campus Crusade for Christ) who contacted us requesting a copy.

Your radio address started playing on March 22nd, and has received approximately 1,000 calls per day. We anticipate 10,000 calls will have been recorded by April 7th, at this pace.

THE NATIONAL PRAYER EMBASSY
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TODAY'S PRAYER ALERT

MARCH 11, 1991

FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRAYER EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON D.C., HERE IS TODAY'S PRAYER ALERT:

LET US GIVE GREAT PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD! LAST THURSDAY, MARCH 7, PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH ISSUED A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL DAYS OF THANKSGIVING IN RECOGNITION OF THE MERCY AND PROVIDENCE OF GOD IN GIVING THE ALLIED FORCES SUCH SWIFT AND DECISIVE VICTORY IN THE PERSIAN GULF WAR. WE DO NOT HAVE WORDS OR SPACE TO EXPRESS PROPER GRATITUDE TO SEE THIS DOCUMENT COME FORTH WITH ITS POWERFUL TESTIMONY TO THE GRACE AND GOODNESS OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

ONE CHURCH HISTORIAN SAID THAT SUCH A PROCLAMATION -- SO FULL OF SCRIPTURE AND REVERENCE -- HAS NOT BEEN SEEN IN THIS CENTURY. MANY OF YOU PRAYED FOR GOD'S HELP, THEN PRAYED THAT THE LORD WOULD RECEIVE GLORY AND BE PUBLICLY CREDITED FOR HIS MERCIFUL INTERVENTION. NOW, YOU WILL REJOICE IN HOW FULLY YOUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED!

LET'S GIVE THANKS TOGETHER: GRACIOUS GOD AND FATHER, THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADVISORS FIND THE CHOICE OF WORDS AND THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCES TO GIVE YOU WORTHY THANKS. MAY MANY WORSHIP YOU AS THEY READ THIS PROCLAMATION, IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN!

NRB

National Religious Broadcasters

Serving Since 1944

March 21, 1991

Dear NRB Member:

So much has happened since the last time I had the opportunity to correspond with you in November, I hardly know where to begin. I want to report to you on our national convention, our March 7 meeting at The White House, the National Days of Thanksgiving, April 5-7, and a general update on NRB.

Beginning my tenure as NRB executive director in February 1990, this past year has been a unique learning experience. Putting together an international convention, over nine months time, is as great an undertaking as it appears.

Overshadowed by events in the Persian Gulf, recession and threats of terrorism, one cannot help but be reminded of our constant reliance on God for all that we try to accomplish.

NRB '91

Committed to providing a quality program of spiritual and professional renewal, NRB welcomed 7,250 people, from 17 countries, to the NRB 48th annual convention and exposition in Washington, DC.

General session speakers included Moody Bible Institute President Joseph M. Stowell III, Charles Colson and evangelist Jerry Johnston. They reminded each of us that a message with substance, a ministry with accountability and integrity, and a mission guided by continual prayer should be our goal.

We were honored Monday, January 28, to be joined by President George Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush, FCC Chairman Alfred Sikes, and FCC Commissioners Ervin Duggan and James Quello.

In his introduction of Chairman Sikes, NRB general counsel Richard Wiley spoke of him as "a believer, as a devout Presbyterian, and as a man who is willing to stand up and be counted when it comes to the poison of indecent and obscene programming."

In his fifth address before NRB, President Bush renewed his endorsement of "adoption, not abortion," and religious-based child care without restrictions by the federal government. He also reaffirmed his commitment to restoring voluntary prayer in schools.

"And I have been honored to serve as President of this great nation for two years now," said Bush in closing, "and believe more than ever that one cannot be America's President without trust in God. I cannot imagine a world, a life, without the presence of the One through whom all things are possible."

E. Brandt Gustavson, LL.D., *Executive Director*

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March 7th Meeting at The White House

National Religious Broadcasters was honored to be invited back to The White House for a meeting of religious leaders. I joined NRB board member Jerry Falwell of the Old Time Gospel Hour, and ten others, for briefings by senior staff.

During our Persian Gulf discussion, Vice President Dan Quayle joined the group. Frankly, I was very impressed by his knowledge of the region, the current situation, and how well he articulated the U.S. policy. (We were disappointed that the Vice President was unable to join us during NRB '91 and hope he will participate next year.)

We were joined by President Bush who thanked us, on behalf of his staff and the military, for all the support you've shown these last several months. Please know that the outpouring of concern by you, your listeners and viewers, has made a difference. We will never know, in this lifetime, how merciful God has been.

When we entered the Oval Office with the President, he disclosed to us that every time he walks into this room, he prays that he will conduct his duties in an orderly and decent manner. How moving to be in this influential and historic place and hear the President of the United States admit his dependence on God for wisdom and guidance.

National Days of Thanksgiving, April 5-7

President Bush has proclaimed April 5-7, 1991 as National Days of Thanksgiving. On your behalf, I have pledged NRB's support of this occasion, to give God the glory. Accordingly, I am asking you, and every NRB member, to plan an appropriate observance of this event.

I was so moved by the words and spirit of this proclamation, I made a unique request of The White House. Through the kindness of the President and his staff, I am pleased to be able to enclose an official copy of the Proclamation. I know you will want to keep it as a reminder of this important time in the life of our country.

An audio tape message, by the President, is being made available to the media by The White House. The message can be accessed and recorded by calling 1-800-424-9090 or 1-202-456-7198, beginning the afternoon of March 29th.

1991-92 NRB Executive Committee

During our 48th Anniversary Banquet, January 29, the 1991-92 NRB officers and members-at-large were installed. They are:

President: David Clark, Regent University
First Vice-President: Robert Straton, Walter Bennett Communications
Second Vice-President: Richard Mason, Radio Bible Class
Secretary: Sue Bahner, WWG-AM/Rochester, NY
Treasurer: Brian Erickson, Back to the Bible

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Members-at-large: Kay Arthur, How Can I Live?/Precept Ministries
Stuart Epperson, Salem Communications Corp.
Paul Ramseyer, Northwestern College Radio
Jose Reyes, La Voz de Salvacion
Jerry Rose, WCFC-TV/Chicago, IL

Please remember each of these individuals, that God would grant them wisdom and discernment in leading NRB this year.

Thank You

I would be remiss if I did not thank each member who has faithfully supported NRB over the last year, many times beyond the regular member dues. At the convention alone, more than \$50,000 was donated or pledged to the financial needs of NRB. It means so much to the leadership and staff to know you are standing with us. We are always appreciative of those members who make an extra effort to pay their dues punctually so that budgets may be maintained and commitments kept.

Since her appointment last fall, Leigh Ann Metzger has become an important friend to NRB. Serving as Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, Leigh Ann is our contact at The White House through whom our voice is heard. She has been instrumental in NRB developing the strongest relationship we have enjoyed with an administration, in recent memory. I want to publically commend her, and her staff, for their outstanding work on our behalf.

This has been a difficult winter for us as we have had to say goodbye to two dear friends, Thomas F. Zimmerman, who passed away January 2, and Robert A. Cook on March 11. How richly blessed we were to have known these faithful brothers during more than 120 years of combined Christian service, over 70 of those years with NRB.

Our love and prayers go out to Elizabeth Zimmerman and her family, and Coreen Cook and her family. May God bless them for so generously sharing these men with so many.

Thank you again for your support and participation in NRB. Remember us as we seek to serve you in the days ahead and we will remember you in your labors. We look forward to celebrating with you, and others across the country, the National Days of Thanksgiving.

Warmly in His Name,



E. Brandt Gustavson
Executive Director

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Muslim Cleric Lauds 'Christians' Support for Peace And Justice'

John Thavis, senior correspondent in the Catholic News Service Rome bureau, traveled to the Middle East in early March to report on the postwar situation.

By JOHN THAVIS

AMMAN, Jordan (CNS) — Last August, shortly after the Persian Gulf crisis began, Jordan's most outspoken Muslim cleric delivered a stinging sermon in an Amman mosque, saying the real battle in the region was between "Islam and the Crusaders," between the people of Muhammad and "the infidel leaders."

The sermon was seen in Amman as a dangerous sign of Islamic extremism.

But more recently, with the Gulf conflict in full swing, the cleric, Zeid Keylani, now Jordan's minister of Islamic affairs, preached a remarkably different homily in Amman's main mosque.

Broadcast on national television and radio, it rejected the caricature of Christians as modern-day "crusaders" and underscored Christians' support for peace and justice. The war hurts both Christians and Muslims, he said — we are one.

~~It was a gratifying gesture to many Catholics in Jordan, who had feared the war might fuel Muslim extremism in a country that has traditionally shown religious tolerance.~~

One big reason such a split was avoided, church leaders say, is the leadership shown by Pope John Paul II during recent months.

In particular, the pope's convocation of a March 4-6 summit of Middle Eastern and Western bishops brought appreciative reviews in Jordan, where it was reported in most newspapers.

"This meeting gave people hope, and it



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St. Patrick of Chancellorsville

This stained glass window in St. Patrick Church in Chancellorsville is one of six windows depicting the life of the saint credited with bringing Catholicism to Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is this Sunday, March 17.

Bush Calls For Day of Thanksgiving

By FLORENCE HERMAN

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — Retired Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans was one of 15 religious leaders who joined President Bush March 7 for a private meeting in which Bush signed a proclamation calling for three days of Thanksgiving for the victory in the Persian Gulf War.

Archbishop Hannan, in an interview with the *Clarion Herald*, New Orleans archdiocesan newspaper, said he was told he was invited to the meeting and the proclamation ceremony because of a letter he wrote the president commending his policies in the Persian Gulf.

"The president wanted an ecumenical group to witness his signing of the proclamation," said Archbishop Hannan, who was the only Catholic representative. "He wanted to carry it out in a private way, so that the proclamation would take precedence."

The proclamation declared April 5-7 national days of thanksgiving for the allied success in liberating Kuwait.

The president was anxious not to make the ~~announcement seem like a political~~ move, Archbishop Hannan said, and "he told me that he wouldn't be at too many of the welcome home ceremonies because he didn't want to make them political."

Archbishop Hannan's letter, sent to the president prior to the start of the ground war, thanked Bush for going through the political process before beginning the actual fighting.

"According to the president's secretary, this was his way of thanking me for the letter," Archbishop Hannan said.

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pastoral plans for postwar church action, much of the discussions and conclusions centered on the need to resolve concrete political problems based on the same values of justice and defense against aggression that sparked the U.S.-led military

also sent the concluding statement of the meeting to the press in the hope that it, too, will be published.

The statement, he said, was "very important for people here" because it stressed that the search for justice goes beyond religious distinctions.

The conclusion of the Vatican conference coincided with a speech by President George Bush that also raised peace hopes among Jordanian commentators. Bush said the Persian Gulf War had set the stage for an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict, to be based on United Nations resolution.

At the same time, Jordanian church leaders said they were realistic about the difficulties of negotiations on the crucial issue of the Israeli-occupied territories.

"We have heard these same words more or less for the last 30 years. Unless there is U.S. pressure on Israel to make concessions, there will be no peace in this region," said Bishop Sayegh, whose faithful in Jordan include thousands of displaced Palestinians.

Melkite Archbishop Saba Youakim of Amman said there are strong expectations now that the Palestinian question will be dealt with. "A little good will on Israel's side is needed," he said.

"The Vatican conference was a good first step by the church, he said. Now, he added, there is already talk about the need for a second, similar conference that would include Orthodox Christian leaders.

The pope's gift of \$80,000 in relief aid to Middle Eastern countries will also be "much appreciated, even by non-Christians," Archbishop Youakim said.

"I think that in the last few months, Muslims here have come to respect very much the position of the pope, who has

"very good things" about the pope, he said.

This trend is important, he added, because the Muslim Brotherhood, a more extreme group, scored important wins in Jordan's parliamentary elections last year.

Archbishop Youakim said the war is viewed by Jordanian Catholics as a tremendous waste of resources, bringing only death and destruction.

He participated in a Christian peace conference in Baghdad last fall, where he met with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. He said he was impressed with the fair way Christians were treated by the Iraqi leader.

"He is an intelligent man, a strong man, but I think he could have avoided this war, because it was ruinous for everyone," he said.

The Gulf war has left many Jordanians bitter toward the West — but not toward the church, Archbishop Youakim said.

One reason was the local church's relief efforts. The modern Melkite cathedral in downtown Amman, for example, housed about 1,000 Sri Lankan refugees every night in the period following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. They were awaiting permission from the nearby Sri Lankan Embassy to repatriate.

That was only one example of a church mobilization for refugees and returnees, he said. Jordanian Catholics make up less than 2 percent of the population.

Bush Calls...

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Archbishop Hannan said Vice President Dan Quayle and a special adviser to the president briefed the religious leaders before they met with the president.

"The president emphasized the need for a long peace process," said Archbishop Hannan, adding that the president took questions from the religious leaders at the meeting.

"I asked him if he thought there was a better opportunity for world peace now than there was at the end of World War II," said Archbishop Hannan.

"He replied yes, that he thought since we were not engaged in a Cold War with Russia as we were at the end of World War II and we have some of the Arabian countries on our side now, we do indeed have a better chance for peace," Archbishop Hannan said.



PRESIDENT BUSH is joined at a private meeting by retired New Orleans Archbishop Phillip M. Hannan (right).

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
GOVERNOR SUNUNU

FROM: DAVID DEMAREST *AD*

RE: THREE MONTH PLAN

*To Dave
J.S. see p-2
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We are making plans for events and activities designed to aggressively promote the President's agenda within the context of themes articulated in the State of the Union speech: new world order, encouraging economic growth, investing in the future and giving power and opportunity to the individual.

Factoring in potential overseas travel this spring, and given our priorities, we've made the following assumptions to guide our plans. Our assumptions are:

- o ✓ We will attempt to keep the moral high ground through a consistent appeal for unity in purpose and action (a la Persian Gulf) and tap the rekindled optimism that has swept the nation in the wake of the war.
- o The opposition will try to take the high-ground this spring by attacking our domestic agenda. If we are positioned as conciliatory, positive, and forward looking, they will appear petty and carping.
- o Our primary domestic focus will be on our five priority issues -- crime and drugs, education, transportation and energy. This will be reflected in speeches, his schedule, and surrogate activities.
- o The President will frequently repeat his 100 day challenge to the Congress to act on the transportation and crime legislation, before the June 14 deadline. We are planning at least three Presidential events for each issue (one a month).
- o Between now and the August recess we are planning seven or eight events to highlight education, and are planning a kick-off event to send up our legislation.

- o The commencement speeches will serve as a thematic anchor around which we'll look for and create events to promote specific components of the President's agenda. They will highlight broad themes reflecting his values and his agenda for building a better America.
- o We'll need to be flexible enough to deal with the most contentious legislative issues: civil rights, parental leave, strike-breaker legislation, potential vetoes of the Hatch Act and campaign finance reform, but are not looking for specific events to highlight our position on these issues.
- o We'll also need to build in limited time, when appropriate, to deal with the rest of the President's agenda: turnover legislation, fast track, civil rights, infant mortality, HOPE initiative, Capital Gains, and conservation/environmental issues.

With your approval, we will continue the implementation of this plan.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

John / Dave

Let's not forget volunteerism,

Points of Light etc

Tim Burke - anti drugs

As we do "crime, drugs, education"
lots of opportunity for "points of light"
approach. citizen helping citizen
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Note for Governor Sununu

From: David Demarest

Date: March 28, 1991

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by AC
3-28

Regarding the attached -- *Re: Pension Proposal*

Rarely do we have the opportunity to announce something NEW in our economic speeches, hence reporters have an argument for cursory coverage. All would agree that this pension plan proposal is significant, so why not incorporate it into the President's April 9 American Business Council speech.

Incorporation into the speech does not unduly 'hype' the issue, but simply takes advantage of an opportunity.

I've read the four 'con' arguments in the attached and in addition to being overly defensive, they are not particularly convincing:

1. A Potus announcement prompts partisanship? If that's our worry, what about other Potus initiatives, on education for example. We are not going to back off because of a worry about partisanship.

2. If we are in favor of this initiative, and it does involve changes to the tax code, we crossed the opening the tax code problem some time back.

3. Potus claiming credit later is fine. Potus getting credit later is wishful thinking.

4. Arcane.

The "pro" arguments seem pretty convincing to me.

Please advise.

cc Ed
Andy

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March 25, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR SUNUNU

FROM: EDE HOLIDAY *EH*

SUBJECT: Pension proposal unveiling

The decision memo to the President on the proposed pension reform package has been cleared by OMB and forwarded to Phil Brady's office. I recommend that the decision memo go forward to the President.

The attached memo from Secretary Martin deals not with the merits of the proposal, but whether the announcement of it should be made by the President or by Secretary Martin. She believes that the initiative should be announced by the President. Treasury and OMB believe that Secretary Martin should make the announcement.

I've prepared for you the attached one page list of pro's and con's on who should do the announcement.

Attachments

cc:

DMH
DMH

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20210

MEMORANDUM TO: THE HONORABLE JOHN H. SUNUNU
Chief of Staff

FROM: LYNN MARTIN

SUBJECT: Proposal to Expand and Simplify Pensions

At our meeting on March 13th, you asked me for a specific recommendation with regard to how the pension proposal should be unveiled. The proposal, now agreed to by all parties 1) expands pension coverage and 2) promotes portability and simplifies. Not a bad mix.

There are two alternatives: I can introduce the package, emphasizing that it could affect 26 million folks who have no pensions, influence an additional 12 million who work for state or local governments, and help one million more, mainly union members, who have their vesting time cut in half. Obviously, I'd be happy to do this. With anecdotal evidence, it's plus, plus.

Because it's so good, I think the next alternative is the right way. That alternative is to have the President unveil the package - for all the above reasons. This should be at an event that reinforces the good that this initiative brings.

I assume you would want the President to be the focal point. I believe "pension power" fits the policy agenda and matches the President's objective to "create a plan of action right here at home to put more power and opportunity in the hands of the individual."

Later we can send a bill to Congress that has populist appeal, helps small business and should enjoy bipartisan support.

We are prepared to move quickly since there's much interest on the Hill and if we're late, we will look like "wannabes." If we wait too long, others will take credit, depriving the President of his rightful mantle of leadership in this area. The Congressional break provides us with a window. When they get back, many bills will be introduced.

I'm also including one idea for the right venue if you approve. I look forward to your answer.



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Chief of Staff

FROM: LYNN MARTIN

SUBJECT: Pension Proposal Unveiling

The major plus of the pension proposal is the fact that 28 million workers could now be offered pension coverage that currently have none. This could best be illustrated by unveiling the proposal at a small business site - a bakery or small manufacturing firm would be ideal - where the President can meet and talk with a number of the employees who currently have no pension but under the new proposal could, for the first time, have coverage.

This would provide the pool covering the President with excellent visuals as well as the clear message that this proposal is aimed at the average worker.

Other options include unveiling the proposal before an affected group or directly to leaders of small businesses at a special announcement.

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Roll-Out of Pension Initiative

Arguments for Presidential Announcement

- o adds a new element to the President's domestic agenda which supports the State of the Union theme of power and opportunity to the individual
- o can be packaged to have broad appeal--expands pension coverage and enhanced portability for an estimated 40 million people--particularly at middle income levels and for small business
- o is good news for labor at a time when the Administration is opposed to labor on parental leave, civil rights, and striker replacement
- o has a reasonably good prospect of being included in Rostenkowski's tax simplification bill as the package is anticipated to have broad bipartisan support

Arguments for Secretary Martin Announcement

- o a Presidential announcement may tend to prompt partisan criticism of the initiative and raise the risk that some in Congress may seek to divert the revenue raisers in the package to uses outside the Administration's proposal
- o although the package is revenue neutral, it may be wise to provide the President a little distance on the initiative as it involves changes to the tax code
- o if the initiative passes the Congress, the President can later claim credit for it
- o While Treasury Tax Policy analysis indicates that the redistribution effects across income groups are slight, there will still be individual winners and losers; the primary opposition to the package is expected to come from individuals who would lose the benefit of the forward averaging provisions in the tax code on large lump-sum pension distributions; these individuals may tend to be part of our base political support

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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March 20, 1991

THE CHIEF of STAFF
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MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR SUNUNU

FROM: BOBBIE KILBERG ^{BK}
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

KATHY JEAVONS ^{KJ}
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: The Orthodox Union and the Civil Rights Debate

The Orthodox Union (OU) may be ready to endorse the Administration's Civil Rights proposal.

For your information, the OU represents nearly one million American Jews through its 800 member synagogues nationwide. The OU's Institute for Public Affairs is the think tank action center responsible for representing and mobilizing the world's largest Orthodox Jewish community. The Institute for Public Affairs (IPA) has 1000 member synagogues and nearly half a million members. The IPA serves as the Orthodox communities' link to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC).

The significance of the OU's endorsement of our civil rights proposal is threefold. First, it would be the first and only major American Jewish organization to break with the civil rights coalition.* Second, its lobbying ability is quite strong. Third, its support for our proposal and opposition to H.R. 1 would prohibit NJCRAC from lobbying for or signing on to any amicus brief in support of H.R.1. (NJCRAC is a powerful lobbying force and member of the civil rights coalition firmly supporting H.R.1. NJCRAC's charter states that any member organization opposing NJCRAC's position on any given bill vetoes NJCRAC's lobbying abilities on that bill.)

The OU's Executive Committee is meeting this evening and may reach a decision on its position. We have been actively promoting the Administration's package with OU's officers and staff and have offered a meeting with Boyden Gray and other White House officials. The OU did not want a White House meeting until after their Executive Committee session. We have discussed the situation with both Bill Kristol and Boyden Gray, and both will

* Agudath Israel of America is a smaller Orthodox Jewish organization that has been supportive of the Administration's position throughout the civil rights debate.

cc: David Demarest
Boyden Gray
Bill Kristol
Ed Rogers

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MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR SUNUNU
CHIEF OF STAFF *AA*

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *AA* ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: BOBBIE KILBERG *BK*
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC
LIAISON

SICHAN SIV *fz*
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC
LIAISON

LEIGH ANN METZGER *LAN*
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC
LIAISON

RE: MASS MAILING OF "OPPORTUNITY PACKAGE" TO
KEY CONSTITUENT LEADERS

We wanted to let you know that the Office of Public Liaison has sent the "Opportunity Package" to 5,493 key constituent leaders. The mailing went out on March 4, 1991.

Great work!
[Signature]

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MARCH 7, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR SUNUNU
GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

RE: RETURNING TROOPS

Attached is a schedule of the first wave of troops returning from the Gulf this weekend. In an effort to be part of the weekend news cycle, which will be dominated by the coverage of their return, I think we should consider having the President visit a military base tomorrow afternoon or Saturday.

There are several within easy reach we have not yet visited. For example, Langley Air Force Base in Virginia is holding a welcome home ceremony at noon tomorrow. Ft. Bragg, North Carolina has three flights, totaling nearly 3000 troops, coming home tomorrow afternoon as well.

AC-

*You are probably
already on top of
this, but is there
feedback for
Demarest?*

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Attention - Friday & Sat schedule
FYX - Deb A. (1)

DAY 1 SCHEDULE

UNIT	# of Troops PAX	POE/DESTINATION (USA)	Time DPT (C)	ARR TIME (C)/HOME BASE (L)
24ID	763	DHAHRAN/FT STEWART	070700	080830/080030
82 ABN	900	DHAHRAN/FT BRAGG	072025	082000/081200
82 ABN	(900)	DHAHRAN/FT BRAGG	072100	082100/081300
24ID	(763)	DHAHRAN/FT STEWART	072130	081920/081120
1 TFW	520	DHAHRAN/LANGLEY	072130	082030/081230
82 ABN	(900)	DHAHRAN/FT BRAGG	072200	082200/081400
24ID	(763)	DHAHRAN/FT STEWART	080030	082050/081250
1ID	175	DHAHRAN/FT RILEY	080030	090130/081630
MEDICAL	400	BAHRAIN/TRAVIS	080130	090115/081415
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DAY 1 SCHEDULE (CONT)

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513 MI	100	DHAHRAN/FT MONMOUTH	080210	082345/081545
1 TFW	(520)	DHAHRAN/LANGLEY	080210	082345/081800
5TH SFG	(254)	KKMC/CAMPBELL AAF	080345	090615/082115
2AD	75	DHAHRAN/GARLSTEDT	080445	081245/081045
5TH SFG	(254)	KKMC/CAMPBELL AAF	080545	090815/082315
1 TFW	(520)	DHAHRAN/LANGLEY	080620	090001/081600
197TH ^{Inf} Bde	137	DHAHRAN/FT BENNING	081000	090500/082000
3D USMC	600	JUBAIL/KANEOHE BAY	081310	092200/090900
3D USMC	(600)	JUBAIL/KANEOHE BAY	081355	100100/091159
5TH SFG	132	KING FAHD/CAMPBELL AAF	081400	090900/090001
MEDICAL	235	JUBAIL/NORFOLK	081500	090720/082320

DAY 1 SCHEDULE (CONT)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PAX</u>
RCT-7	200
BSSG-7	200

POE/DESTINATION

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JUBAIL/CAMP PENDLETON

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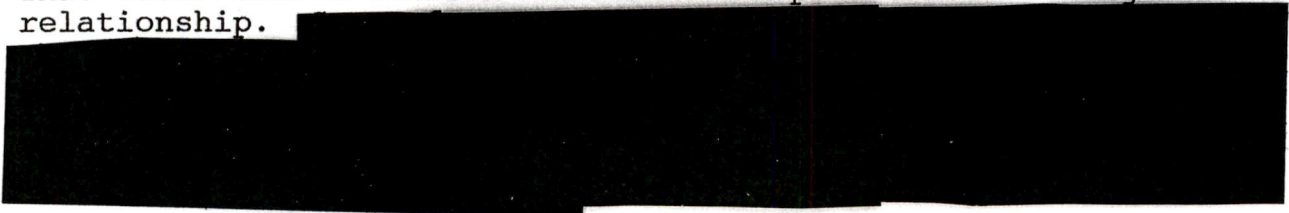
From: Bobbie Kilberg

Re: Staff Restructuring

I understand that you may be moving in the direction of including OPL in a cluster of offices under an Assistant to the President and I appreciate the fact that you considered my views in that process. However, given the rumors that continue to fly around town about what functions that cluster would contain and also about another individual being brought in to head Public Liaison, I thought it was important to present my concerns directly to you before any final decisions are reached. They are as follows:

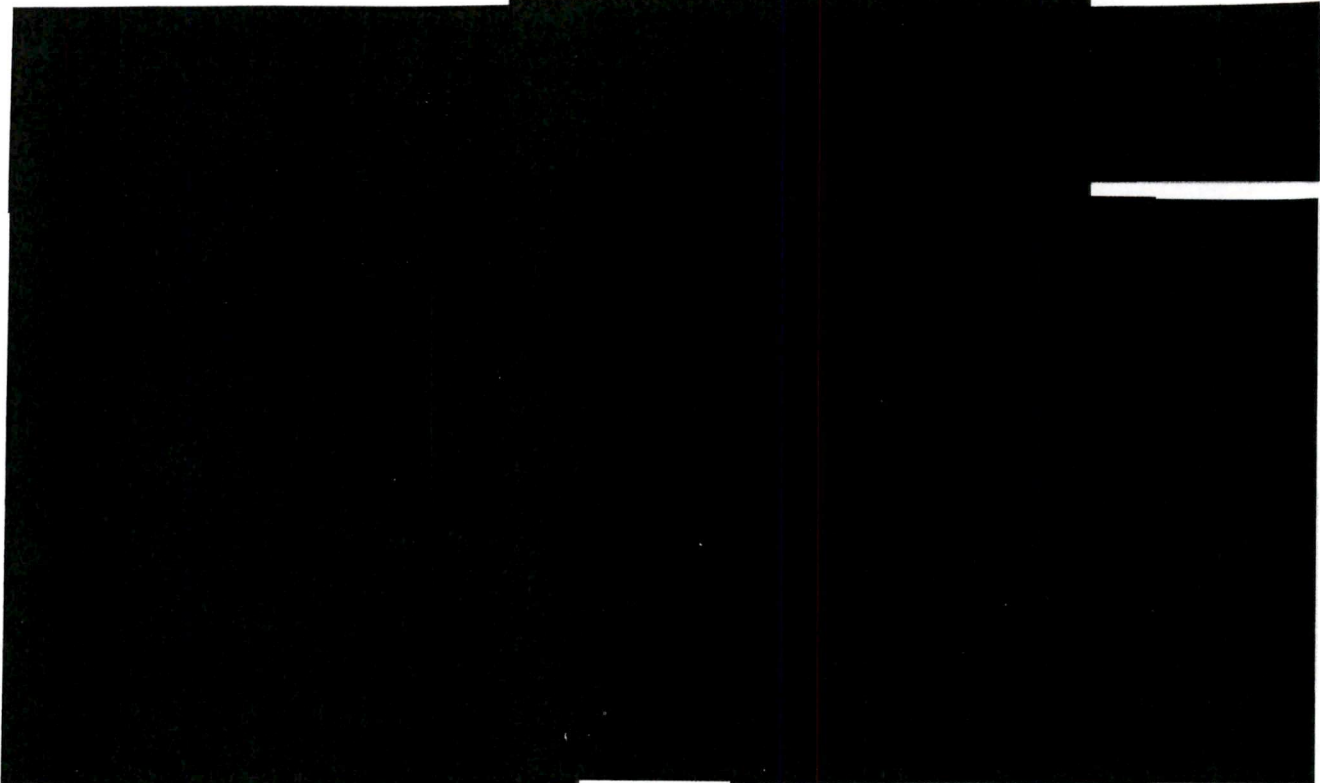
1. A cluster that effectively focuses on the President's political needs should include both Political Affairs and Public Liaison. The functions of these two offices complement each other in crucial ways and they should be working in daily tandem. A persistent rumor has a cluster that consists of only Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs. I believe that would be a waste of resources for an Assistant to the President since each of those offices can run themselves without an Assistant and one does not get much benefit from the coordination of the two functions. If there is an appearance problem about combining Political Affairs and Intergovernmental Affairs in one cluster, then consideration should be given to placing Intergovernmental with another cluster but Political Affairs and Public Liaison should not be separated.

2. If an Assistant to the President is created for only Public Liaison and Intergovernmental, the holder of that position will inevitably wind up running Public Liaison because there would not be enough other work to keep that individual busy. That could create tension rather than a productive working relationship.



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5. I would hope that in considering anyone for Assistant to the President that the chemistry between that individual and the Deputy Assistants who would be working for that individual be considered.

I have written this memo in a cooperative spirit and hope that is reflected in my text. I would like to remain in the White House for the next two years serving the President and working for you.

January 11, 1991

THE CHIEF of STAFF
has seen

I am delighted to send greetings to all those gathered in Atlanta to celebrate the sixth Federal Holiday honoring the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Through an unshakable faith in the goodness of humankind and in the power of ideas, Dr. King changed our Nation. He knew that bigotry and injustice cannot stand against the unyielding force of moral truth, and he urged his followers to choose the path of dignity and righteousness in the quest for change. Martin Luther King's appeals for racial harmony were rooted in respect for the God-given rights of every individual; and, today, we do well to reflect upon the lessons he shared with us.

Dr. King's legacy remains a great source of wisdom and strength as we strive to fulfill our dream of a world where, in his words, "people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." As our Nation embraces the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., I call on all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principles of freedom and equality for which he gave his life.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a most productive and rewarding celebration. God bless you.

Call Joe Watkins for dispatch

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January 10, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

FROM: SICHAN SIV *Sichan*

SUBJECT: ETHNIC AMERICANS AND THE SITUATION IN THE
SOVIET UNION

In today's meetings with Baltic and Ukrainian American representatives, I was asked to inform you of their communities' concerns about the recent developments in the Soviet Union, especially the various troop movements and the intimidation created by the "house-to-house searches for deserters." They think that the Soviet Union is taking advantage of your and the West preoccupation with the Gulf situation to mount these repressive measures. The Ukrainian American community is planning a "demonstration against Soviet communist repressions" on January 13.

The communities were, however, very pleased with your statement on January 8. They urged that it be repeated until the Soviet Union heeds your call for "peaceful and constructive negotiations" in order to avoid an outcome a la Tienanmen or Romania; and that the United States not stand idly while the crackdown continues. They requested that the February summit between the Soviet Union and the United States be postponed and that U.S. economic assistance/food aid to the Soviet Union be halted.

These concerns and requests have been also expressed in various telegrams and letters that we have received during the past few days. I have attached, for your information, two letters that were handed to me today.

Attachments

JOINT BALTIC AMERICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE



REPRESENTING
ESTONIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL
AMERICAN LATVIAN ASSOCIATION, INC.
LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL, INC.

January 9, 1991

The President
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Today's reports of Soviet intimidation and force in the Baltic countries have caused great alarm in our communities. Baltic activists have been receiving phone calls from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania hourly, outlining the gravity of the situation. We were pleased to hear your strongly worded statement on January 8, and would like to meet with you at the earliest possible time to discuss actions your administration might be willing to take to promote a peaceful resolution of the current situation. Representatives of the Joint Baltic American National Committee will be holding a meeting in Washington D.C. this Saturday, January 12, to discuss the current situation.

We are of the belief that although international law and the long standing United States' policy of non-recognition support the Baltic countries right to independence, the ultimate solution to the current problem lies in the political rather than the legal sphere. We would like to gain insight into your viewpoint and future plans with regard to the Baltic countries so that we may advise Baltic Americans and leaders in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania of the United States position. In addition we would like to discuss how the current Persian Gulf crisis could affect developments in the Baltic countries.

We propose that the meeting be attended by the Presidents of the American Latvian Association, the Estonian American National Council, and the Lithuanian American Council. We would also propose that the Director of Public Relations of the Joint Baltic American National Committee attend as our joint representative in Washington DC.

We look forward to your favorable response, your staff may contact Ms. Sandra Aistars at the Joint Baltic American National Committee for any assistance in responding to our request.

Sincerely,

Juhan Simonson
President, Joint Baltic American National Committee

January 8, 1991

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your meeting with President Gorbachev will take place at a critical time for the nations within the Soviet Union. We, the undersigned, representatives of Americans of Ukrainian descent, should like to respectfully draw your attention to a number of crucial matters confronting the people of Ukraine.

1. Although the Ukrainian SSR is a founding member of the United Nations which should expect to enjoy all the rights of the other charter nations, Ukraine remains in a colonial state directly controlled by the Kremlin rulers with the support of the KGB and the soviet military.

2. The attempt by President Gorbachev to impose a new Union Treaty upon the Ukrainian people carries with it grave consequences for the democratic processes underway in Ukraine. A Union Treaty can only undermine the peaceful and orderly exercise by the Ukrainian nation of its inalienable right to independence. Your worthy goals of European stability and international peace and security cannot be achieved through a reconstituted Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. For European stability to be durable, the principle of sovereign equality must stretch from the Atlantic to the Urals. Therefore, America's policy of support for genuine self-determination and independence should not be limited to the Central European states and must encompass the countries of Eastern Europe as well.

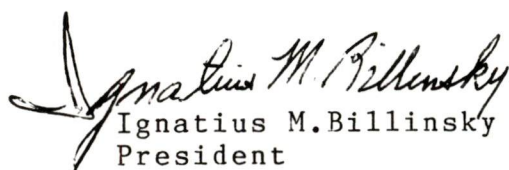
3. Today, even the limited hard won successes scored by the democratic forces in Ukraine are being reversed by the re-introduction of arbitrary "diktats" reminiscent of the Brezhnev era. Thus, deputies such as Stepan Khmara, labor organizers such as Mykhailo Ratushny and other leaders of the democratic movement have been arrested and/or brutally beaten by the KGB. Given the recent pronouncements of Mr. Kryuchkov, the KGB chief, it is within the realm of possibility to foresee reenactments of the Tiananmen Square tragedy in various locations throughout the Soviet Union.

We ask you, Mr. President, to support the democratic, independence movements in Kyiv, Riga, Tbilisi, Tallinn, Vilnius, Yerevan, Baku and all other points of democracy's light, seeking to break through the darkness of communist tyranny. The United States, as the bearer of the torch of liberty, must answer this historic call, insisting upon full

economic and political independence for all the republics within the USSR. We sense that democratic forces throughout America are sympathetic to these views. Indeed, we are confident of your resolve to go forward in advancing the blessings of democracy, self-determination and national independence for Ukraine and all of the other republics. There can never be genuine stability in Europe as long as Ukraine is occupied by Soviet imperial forces and remains under the dictatorial rule of the Kremlin.

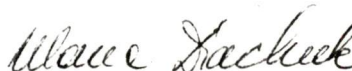
Please accept, Mr. President, sincere assurances of our support and our deepest respect.

Sincerely,



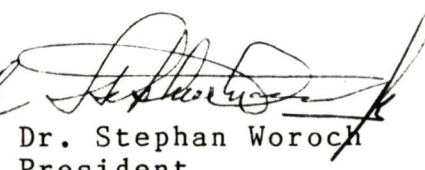
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JANUARY 4, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR SUNUNU

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: BOBBIE KILBERG, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON
JEFF VOGT, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE LETTER TO MEMBERS; HUMANA
CORPORATION CEO'S RESPONSE

Attached for your information is a letter from Drew Lewis, Chairman of the Business Roundtable, to Roundtable CEO members regarding the Administration's Gulf policy. This was sent to each of the 200 Roundtable CEOs.

Also attached is a response that we thought you should see from Humana Corporation's Chairman, David Jones. It is the only negative response to date that Drew has received. Please share Drew's letter with the President if you deem appropriate.

Drew Lewis
Chairman

James T. Lynn
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James D. Robinson III
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Mr.
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Dear :

Yesterday, President Bush convened a meeting at the White House of business community representatives, including The Business Roundtable, on the subject of the Persian Gulf. I also spoke by phone with Governor Sununu and wanted to convey quickly the tone and substance of the President's message.

The President is asking for the support of America's business leaders as the crisis in the Gulf heightens. While the President desires a peaceful resolution, he also feels, I think, that diplomacy and economic sanctions might not force Saddam from Kuwait or achieve lasting stability and security in the Persian Gulf. The Administration is reaching out to us, and ultimately to the American people, to prepare us for the decisions that may be necessary.

I can't emphasize enough the full sense of the President's deep resolve and determination as he approaches the next phase of the Gulf crisis.

The President stressed four major points in his discussion:

1. This is a defining moment for the emerging new world order. The unprecedented unity of the international community in rebuking Saddam's aggression must be preserved. Absent a victory for international law, international outlaws like Saddam will dictate the geopolitical realities of the post-Cold War world. Saddam's unprovoked attack on Kuwait cannot be rewarded with inaction.
2. The moral case for the use of force is made stronger by the reports of terrorism and brutal mistreatment of civilians in Kuwait. The President was especially appalled by a new report from Amnesty International that documents human rights violations in Kuwait since August 2. He believes that torture and mistreatment continue.

Bobbie Kilberg
FYI - This is Bill
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OFFICE TELLS ME
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3. The dangers of waiting indefinitely for economic sanctions to work are substantial. With each passing day Saddam is strengthening his forces in Kuwait and Southern Iraq, producing more chemical and biological weapons and drawing nearer to a nuclear weapons capability. The President stressed that many developing nations and the fledgling democracies in Eastern Europe are being severely damaged by the economic consequences of Saddam's aggression. While sanctions have pinched the Iraqi civilian economy, the White House indicates that Iraqi military capabilities are being affected only at the margins. After ten years of war the Iraqi population is hardened to deprivation, but Saddam is not a leader sensitive to public opinion.

4. Stability in the Persian Gulf requires a strong response to Saddam and forceful American leadership. Saddam's goal, according to the President, is the political domination of a volatile and vital region. His aggression not only imperils the world's oil lifelines and thus the global economy, but it also tests our resolve to use strength -- within the proper boundaries of the U.N. Charter -- to exercise individual and collective self-defense.

Because the President made a direct request for our help, I wanted to send you the main themes of his message. You may want to communicate these points directly to your own organization and to your elected representatives. Especially in this holiday season, you may wish to express support for our service men and women stationed abroad and their loved ones at home through special events organized in your community.

While each of us will respond to the President's request in a manner fitting our own convictions and those of our companies, I know that the President will be most grateful for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Drew Lewis

CHARLTON HESTON

TO: John Sununu, via Patty Presock or Bridget
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January 6, 1991

Dear Governor:

Thanks for your recent note. Herewith,
the message I sent the President today, (bold-
faced below) I hope you share this view, and
may see fit to discuss it with him. As ever ..

I cheered your comments to the American
people Friday. I hope you or one of those
speaking on your behalf may find it appropriate
in the coming days to point out that since
August you've repeatedly demonstrated your
determination to "walk the extra mile" in
search of peace, while your critics on Capitol
Hill and in the media continue to cry for one
more mile. How many more must you walk? Ten?
A hundred? Do they expect you to do it
barefoot? On your knees, perhaps? The people
don't want that, Mr. President. Someone must
say this.

Those same critics also angrily cite the
"sole" right of Congress to declare war. "It's
in the Constitution!" they shout. They are
wrong. The wording is "Congress shall have
power to declare war." Nowhere in that
document is it written that the President, as
Commander in Chief, does not also have this
power. There are many powers assigned to
Congress in Section 8 of the Constitution that
are widely shared by the states, the courts,
and the Executive Branch. This point should
also be made, to the people as well as the
Congress.

God bless the United States



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David A. Jones
Chairman of the Board
Chief Executive Officer

December 28, 1990

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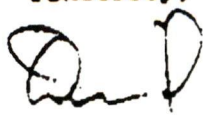
Dear Drew:

I wanted you to see in advance the letter I am sending to you and fellow Roundtable members, in response to your letter of December 20, 1990.

Please call me if you have any comments.

Sincere best wishes for a happy New Year.

Sincerely,



David A. Jones

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cc: William L. Lurie

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December 28, 1990

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Mr. Drew Lewis, Chairman
The Business Roundtable
200 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10166

All Members of The Business Roundtable

RE: PRESIDENT BUSH/PERSIAN GULF

Dear Drew and Fellow Members:

I received Drew's letter of December 20, 1990 by fax on December 21. I agree that we should all seek to help the President. However, like the former secretaries of defense and joint chiefs of staff who have testified, along with Senator Nunn and, I expect, a majority of Congress, I believe that President Bush needs our help to summon the patience and steadfastness to give diplomacy and his remarkably effective embargo a chance to work.

Moreover, President Bush needs to hear from each of us, and from our employees, that adherence to Constitutional requirements for Congressional debate and prior approval is the most fundamental issue in this crisis. The clear purpose of our founding fathers in requiring Congressional approval before starting a war, is specifically and precisely to prevent a well-intended president from acting impulsively and unilaterally. Acting in the absence of such mandate is a potentially impeachable offense, and we who are his friends and supporters should counsel him that it is his duty to uphold the Constitution, and that open public and Congressional debate on an issue of this magnitude is a sign of strength, not weakness.

Although Mrs. Jones and I have a son (a Marine) who has been on the front lines since mid-August, we applaud President Bush's masterful leadership in protecting Saudi Arabia and the Emirates, thus assuring our and global oil supplies. His mobilization of world opinion against Iraqi aggression and his organization of perhaps the most successful peacetime embargo ever, are entirely praiseworthy. The embargo has prevented Saddam Hussein from selling either his or Kuwaiti oil (costing him at least \$1.5 billion per month), and is estimated to have reduced Iraq's exports by 97 percent and imports by at least 90 percent. With hard currency reserves shrinking, Iraq's meager imports are sure to fall, as smugglers are unlikely to sell on credit.

Attached is a letter from the December 4, 1990 New York Times which quite succinctly summarizes the reasons for staying with the embargo.

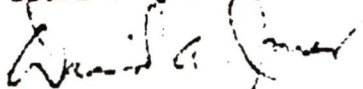
Turning to the four points emphasized by President Bush on December 19, it should be noted:

- The U.N. resolutions, our protection of Saudi Arabia and the Emirates and successful embargo constitute a clear victory for international law. However, it is grossly unfair that most of the money and fighting men come from America, although our proportion of oil imported from the Middle East is relatively modest.
- The second point, that Saddam Hussein is a brutal bully, is undoubtedly true. Sadly, brutality abounds, and if the world wishes to punish it, the world should participate proportionately.
- His third point, about chemical and nuclear weapons, although an afterthought, has been an effective scare tactic with the American public. The Soviet Union has possessed such capabilities for more than 40 years, but our policy of patience and steadfastness proved successful, chiefly because those weapons are suicide weapons which can be used only once. If Saddam Hussein attacks our troops with such weapons, his nation, sadly, will be obliterated, but that is no reason to inflict massive casualties on the enslaved Iraqi people simply because such weapons might be used.
- Probably all agree that stability in the Persian Gulf is desirable, but impossible to achieve, unless the Israeli/Palestinian conflict is resolved. As Secretary Schlesinger and others have noted, the humiliation of Iraq will create its own set of problems and uncertainties.

The entire nation was relieved when President Bush offered to receive Iraq's foreign minister, and to send Secretary Baker to visit Saddam Hussein, between December 15 and January 15. Then, when Saddam Hussein chose an advantageous date within those suggested, President Bush rescinded the invitation. This act, coupled with the President's seeming reluctance to adhere to Constitutional principles, creates the unfortunate impression that a bunker mentality has overtaken The White House and its staff.

I urge you and your employees to join me in encouraging the President to call for Congressional debate and concurrence, renewed diplomatic initiatives and, if war is declared, to insist that our allies contribute their proportionate share of fighting men.

Yours very truly,



David A. Jones

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cc: President Bush
Members of Congress

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JANUARY 4, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR SUNUNU, CHIEF OF STAFF

DAVID DEMAREST, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: MOLLY OSBORNE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF
PUBLIC LIAISON

BOBBIE KILBERG, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

RE: BUSINESS COMMUNITY COALITION IN SUPPORT OF WHITE
HOUSE EFFORT TO UPHOLD "SCORING" PROVISIONS OF
BUDGET AGREEMENT

The business community worked very closely with the Office of Legislative Affairs and the Office of Public Liaison in support of our efforts to uphold the "scoring" provisions of the budget agreement. The business community communicated a strong and coherent message of support for our position on the Hill.

On December 21, 1990 the Office of Public Liaison hosted a meeting on the budget scoring procedures in the Roosevelt Room with twenty-four business groups. As a result of this meeting, an organized and effective coalition was formed that performed very well on short notice and during the holiday week.

- Wayne Gable, President, Citizens for a Sound Economy, and Wayne Valis, President of Valis Associates, drafted a letter of support which was sent to every Congressional office on January 2, 1991 by Citizens for a Sound Economy. Valis Associates recruited 42 signatories for the letter. (please see attached)
- Dirk Van Dongen, President, National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors, organized an effective lobbying force on the Hill which included individual letters to Congressional members, phone calls, and meetings. (samples of individual letters attached)
- Barry Rogstad, President, American Business Conference, organized business association contact with the media.
- Sam Maury, President, The Business Roundtable, hosted two subsequent meetings on the budget scoring procedures following our meeting of December 21, 1990.

January 2, 1991

Dear Representative:

We, the undersigned, are writing on an important matter, ensuring that the spending limits and budget enforcement mechanisms enacted by Congress and signed by the President are not weakened.

We wish to convey our strenuous objection to any rule change regarding scoring authority for budget bills. The scoring provision is integral to the enforcement mechanism of the budget agreement.

Even more important, this is a fundamental matter of integrity. The budget agreement had three interrelated parts: revenues, spending, and enforcement. The question of score keeping was specifically discussed and agreed to by the budget summit participants. Furthermore, it was fully treated in the conference report (see attached). At issue here is a matter of trust and integrity.

House members were deeply split over the wisdom of the budget agreement as a whole. So were we. Some of us supported the agreement and some of us opposed it. However, the strongest basis for support was the understanding that the budget process reforms would be vigorously enforced. This proposed rule change undermines the basis of this support and jeopardizes our capacity to mobilize future public support for sound fiscal policies.

Accordingly, we are united in our conviction that a weakening of the enforcement provision could engender economic and financial uncertainty at a time when the nation can least afford it.

You will soon face an important vote. We urge you to vote for the motion to commit in order to maintain the integrity of the budget agreement.

Sincerely,

Joint Letter Signatures

Aetna
American Bakers Association
American Business Conference
American Cyanamid Company
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Furniture Manufacturers Association
American Legislative Exchange Council
American Paper Institute
American Pulpwood Association
Americans for Tax Reform
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The Business Roundtable
Chamber of Commerce of the U.S.A.
Citizens Against Government Waste
Citizens for a Sound Economy
Coalition For Fiscal Restraint
Commercial Weather Services Association
Committee for Private Offshore Rescue and Towing
Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget
Dairy and Food Industries Supply Association
Deficit Reduction Group
Electronic Industries Association
Independent Bakers Association
Koch Industries
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Truck Stop Operators
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Cattlemen's Association
National Coal Association
National Forest Products Association
National Paint & Coatings Association
National Printing Equipment & Supply Association
National Soft Drink Association
National Solid Wastes Management Association
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DECEMBER 27, 1990

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE:

OUR MORE THAN 13,500 MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF THE RECENTLY-ENACTED FIVE-YEAR DEFICIT REDUCTION PACKAGE IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE RESUMPTION OF SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS THEREFORE URGES THAT YOU OPPOSE ANY CHANGE IN HOUSE RULES WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF RENEGING ON KEY ELEMENTS OF THE 1990 DEFICIT AGREEMENT.

IN PARTICULAR, NAM STRONGLY URGES THAT YOU VOTE AGAINST ANY PROPOSED RULE CHANGE THAT WOULD SHIFT BUDGET SCORING AUTHORITY FROM THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE.

WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO SIDESTEP AND WEAKEN THE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS OF THE 1990 DEFICIT REDUCTION AGREEMENT WOULD SERIOUSLY ERODE CONFIDENCE IN THE INTEGRITY OF U.S. FISCAL POLICY.

SHOULD THIS ATTEMPT SUCCEED, WE WILL URGE PRESIDENT BUSH TO VETO ANY BILLS WHICH REPLACE OMB SCORING WITH CBO SCORING.

SINCERELY,

JERRY J. JABINOWSKI
PRESIDENT
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
MANUFACTURERS

(Text of Mailgram sent to all 435 House members of 102nd Congress regarding the proposed rule change on scoring)

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December 21, 1990

Dear Member of Congress,

On behalf of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I wish to express our opposition to the proposed change to House Rule XXI which is expected to come to the House floor on January 3, 1991.

The ink is barely dry on the budget deal that was negotiated and enacted at the end of the 101st Congress. CCAGW opposed this deal because we believe that we can only reduce the deficit by eliminating government waste, not through tax increases. We also argued that Congress would break its word about cuts in spending, as it has always done in the past. By changing the rules regarding the enforcement provisions, the House of Representatives will be confirming our fears that the spending restraint provisions of the budget agreement will not be honored.

As you know, the budget agreement requires that tax cuts or new direct spending be offset by comparable savings and/or tax increases. If the additional spending cannot be covered, a mini-sequester will occur which will involve mandatory cuts in entitlement programs. Under the budget agreement, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is responsible for estimating the budgetary cost for entitlement spending initiatives.

The House rule change would strip OMB of this responsibility by making two agencies of Congress, the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation, the scorekeepers on the budgetary cost of complex tax or benefit legislation.

Your opposition to the rule change will demonstrate your determination to make sure Congress keeps its word. Don't add bad faith to the unnecessary taxes already inflicted on the taxpayer. CCAGW will record the vote on the rule change as the first key anti-waste vote of the 102nd Congress.

Sincerely,


Alan L. Keyes
President

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Dirk Van Dongen
President

IDENTICAL LETTER SENT TO ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

December 26, 1990

The Honorable Bob Michel
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-228 Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Minority Leader:

The single most positive provision of the recently enacted budget agreement is its spending enforcement mechanism. This mechanism requires pay-as-you-go financing for all new spending, with strict cost estimates prepared by the Office of Management and Budget.

H.Res. 5 will reverse this provision, substituting the Congressional Budget Office for OMB. Given the historical record, adoption of this proposal will assuredly create conditions under which fiscal responsibility and accountability will remain vague, at best. Spending will increase because of the resulting lack of discipline, causing even higher deficits, and continued calls to raise taxes.

The budget agreement was widely disparaged by our members. They saw it as signaling a return to the days of tax and spend, and reacted with a level of emotion against "Washington" which we have not seen in years.

To now undermine the most positive restraint on spending contained in this agreement through a procedural rules vote will serve to compellingly confirm their views.

On behalf of our 45,000 members we urge you in the strongest possible terms to vote against H.Res. 5.

Respectfully yours,

Dirk Van Dongen
President

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SENT TO 4,500 NAW MEMBERS WITH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS
WITH THEIR MEMBER OF CONGRESS

December 26, 1990

Dear :

On January 3rd, 1991, the first battle of the new Congress will be waged, the outcome of which could have severe consequences for the federal budget deficit and your taxes. On that date, the House of Representatives will vote to reverse the spending enforcement mechanism of the very recently enacted federal budget agreement.

There was very little to like about the budget agreement which was passed in the closing hours of the 101st Congress after months of contentious negotiations. The budget package raised taxes and achieved little in the way of reducing the federal budget deficit. However, the single most positive provision of the budget package is its spending enforcement mechanism, which requires pay-as-you-go financing for all new spending programs with strict cost estimates prepared by the Office of Management and Budget.

The proposed rule change, H.Res. 5, will transfer sole budget scorekeeping authority to the Congressional Budget Office, which is under the authority of Congress. Given the fact that it is Congress which is responsible for our current federal deficit, this proposal is akin to giving the fox responsibility for guarding the henhouse.

If H.Res. 5 is approved by the House, the result will be that those in Congress who don't want to be under fiscal constraints will be able to spend even more of your tax dollars, thereby driving our massive federal deficit even higher. This will undoubtedly lead to greater pressure to raise corporate tax rates.

The House Leadership is hoping to push H.Res. 5 through on the first day of the 102nd Congress before the nation's taxpayers have had time to focus on this critical issue. Don't let them get away with it! Please call your Representative at (202) 224-3121 (Capitol Switchboard) today with this simple message: Vote No on H.Res. 5. As always, please let us know the results of your contacts with your Representative. You can call NAW at (202) 872-0885 or Fax a note to (202) 785-0586.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dirk Van Dongen
President

**A FARM BUREAU
SPEEDLINE**

Individually Addressed to All Members of the House.

**WILL NOT BE SENT
UNTIL 12-27-90.**

December 27, 1990

The Honorable Thomas S. Foley
Speaker of the House
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Farm Bureau did not support the budget summit package enacted this fall because of the tax increases it contained. Since spending control is the only long-term solution to deficit reduction, we were also concerned that the promised spending restraint in exchange for the all too certain tax increases would never materialize.

Our fears now unfortunately may be realized if the House adopts a rule permitting the use of budget estimates by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) rather than the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). As you know, the budget negotiators agreed to use OMB estimates, which have the effect of providing greater spending control than CBO estimates. The proposed House rule would substantially weaken the spending control mechanisms contained in the budget package.

We ask you to vote against the proposed rule change. Its enactment would mean less spending restraint and an even greater push for more tax increases to pay for more spending. Congress and the Administration must get control of federal spending rather than attempting to solve budget problems by enacting tax increases. We believe that the adoption of the proposed House rule would not lead to meaningful spending restraint. Please vote against it.

Sincerely,

Dean R. Kleckner
President



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*Office of the President***December 27, 1990**

**The Honorable Thomas S. Foley
Speaker of the House
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515**

Dear Mr. Speaker:

We in the paper industry have long been concerned with the problem of a skyrocketing federal budget deficit. Accordingly, we were supportive of last year's budget agreement, including the structural and procedural changes which were designed to help reduce spending.

Companies in the paper industry are therefore quite concerned about the recent decision by the Democratic Caucus to revise the recently agreed upon budget package with regard to whether OMB or CBO will be the arbiter of future spending. Before changing any of the new procedures, we would hope that the new process, just put in place a few months ago, could first take effect. If, in the future, change is needed, we would propose that such revision be subject to the normal legislative process.

The budget deficit and the budget process are too serious an issue to consider in such an indirect manner. We in the paper industry hope that you, as Speaker, can exert the leadership necessary to keep the budget process intact.

Sincerely,

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**cc: Democratic Leadership
Republican Leadership
Selected Members of the House**

December 27, 1990

Name

Dear First :

On January 3, 1991, the House of Representatives will vote to reverse the spending enforcement mechanism of last fall's budget agreement. ABC views the enforcement provision as the most significant, positive component of the budget package. It requires pay-as-you-go financing for all new spending programs with strict cost estimates prepared by the Office of Management & Budget. Changing this procedure would not only unilaterally violate the agreement, but, in my judgment, undermine support for and the credibility of additional attempts at meaningful budget reform.

This matter is of critical importance to ABC. The issue will be surfaced as part of the adoption of the House Rules for the new session of Congress immediately after the holidays. I will be talking with the press and meeting with Members of Congress on behalf of ABC and as part of a business association coalition we are mobilizing this week.

Timing is very important. For those of you who are in your office prior to the 3rd, I encourage you to contact your Congressman on this key issue. I have enclosed three documents to help you in this process.

- (1) An ABC statement on our position (to be released);
- (2) The lead editorials in the Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal on 12/27;
- (3) A background statement on the issue - The Wall Street Journal 11/30 article.

Your assistance on this issue can make a difference. Call the ABC office if we can be of assistance. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Barry K. Rogstad

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**ABC PRESIDENT CALLS ON CONGRESS
TO UPHOLD ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS OF BUDGET AGREEMENT**

For Immediate Release --
DATE

Contact: Peggy Roth Murray
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Washington, D.C. -- The following is a statement by Barry K. Rogstad, president, on behalf of the members of the American Business Conference. ABC is an organization of 100 chief executive officers of America's fastest-growing, midsize companies. Founded in 1981 to meet the needs of medium-size successful companies, ABC is dedicated to the promotion of policy initiatives which foster growth, job creation and a high standard of living for all Americans.

**STATEMENT BY BARRY K. ROGSTAD
PRESIDENT, AMERICAN BUSINESS CONFERENCE**

"The members of the American Business Conference (ABC) supported the budget agreement negotiated between Congress and the Bush Administration in late autumn.

Our decision to support the agreement was not without reservations. The deciding factor was the inclusion of strong provisions to enforce budgetary discipline over the long term. Such enforcement provisions seemed to us the only reliable way to get federal spending under control.

ABC strongly opposes current efforts in the House of Representatives to loosen those provisions. The attempt to eliminate the Office of Management and Budget from the process of estimating costs of new legislation is in direct conflict with a central part of the budget agreement as it pertains to enforcement.

At issue here is a matter of trust. Those who seek to renege on the budget agreement are guilty of encouraging the sort of corrosive cynicism about Washington already so evident across the nation. Worse, they are engendering economic uncertainty at a time when the nation can least afford it.

We call on all parties to live up to the spirit and letter of the budget agreement."

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American Business Conference

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MEMORANDUM

To: ABC Members
From: Barry Rogstad *BKR*
Date: January 2, 1990

As I explained in my letter to you of December 27, an effort is underway in the House of Representatives to repudiate a section of last year's budget agreement pertaining to enforcement.

The House will be considering the rule to change the enforcement provisions tomorrow. I urge you to wire or fax a message to your Representative urging him or her to support the framework of the budget agreement as negotiated last year. A possible message:

Dear Representative _____:

It has come to my attention that the House will be considering a rule change in conflict with the bipartisan budget agreement negotiated late last year. Specifically, an effort is underway to substitute CBO for OMB as scorekeeper for the enforcement provisions of the agreement.

I urge you to resist this change. All of us made sacrifices last year for the cause of deficit reduction. Repudiating those sacrifices by welching on the agreement is not the best way to start 1991.

TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Dear _____:

The members of the American Business Conference (ABC) made every effort last year to promote the achievement of a bipartisan budget agreement. You may recall receiving a copy of the full page advertisement our members placed in leading newspapers calling for a meaningful package for the sake of the economic security of our children.

From our perspective, the final budget agreement was especially notable for its effort to establish strong enforcement provisions. We understand that these provisions were a source of contention for Congressional and Administration negotiators. In the end they were enacted because Republicans and Democrats alike recognized their desirability.

The House of Representatives is currently contemplating a rules change that would repudiate a key section of the enforcement provisions. Specifically, some are seeking to substitute the Congressional Budget Office for the Office of Management and Budget as the "scorekeeper" for determining the revenue effects of new legislation.

We see no reason for this change. Consequently, we urge the House to live up to the letter and the spirit of the agreement. ABC respectfully submits that the proposed rule change should be repudiated.

This issue is not tangential; it bears directly on the integrity of our political process. ABC and other groups interested in progressive change will not be able to support future budget reforms if we cannot be sure of the durability of negotiated agreements. More important, Congress, already the target of corrosive cynicism, simply invites more popular distrust by reneging on such an important part of the budget compromise. Finally, it should be obvious that our economy does not enjoy sufficient resiliency to tolerate this sort of legislative tinkering.

Compromise is central to the efficient functioning of democracy. For all of its imperfections, last year's budget agreement was a true product of the democratic process. We urge the House of Representatives not to short-circuit that process. The budget agreement should be allowed to come into effect unaltered by last minute rules changes.

Sincerely,

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Washington, D.C. - Referring to a movement in the House of Representatives to repudiate a section of last year's budget agreement pertaining to enforcement, American Business Conference President, Barry K. Rogstad, said today, "A deal is a deal."

The proposed provision, H. Res 5, changes the scoring authority for budget bills by substituting the Congressional Budget Office for the Office of Management and Budget as scorekeeper for the enforcement provisions of the budget agreement.

"We all made sacrifices last year for the cause of deficit reduction, said Rogstad, "repudiating those sacrifices by wenching on the agreement is not the best way to start 1991. The members of the American Business Conference supported the budget agreement negotiated between Congress and the Bush Administration in late autumn, but our decision to support the agreement was not without reservations. The deciding factor was the inclusion of strong provisions to enforce budgetary discipline over the long term. Such enforcement provisions seemed to us the only reliable way to get federal spending under control."

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"At issue here is a matter of trust," continued Rogstad, "The fundamental issue is integrity. The budget agreement had three key parts: revenues, spending and enforcement. The question of score keeping was specifically discussed and agreed to by the budget summit participants, and fully treated in the conference report. Those who seek to renege on the budget agreement are guilty of encouraging the sort of corrosive cynicism about Washington already so evident across the nation. Worse, they are engendering economic uncertainty at a time when the nation can least afford it."

Rogstad, a member of a consortium of business and public interest groups urging Congress to resist the enforcement change, called on all parties, "to live up to the spirit and letter of the budget agreement." ABC has been in contact with House members and has encouraged its members to contact their respective members of Congress. Separately, the business and public interest group consortium has also sent a message to members of Congress urging them to maintain the integrity of the budget agreement and to oppose any enforcement alteration.

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PLEASE DELIVER ASAP

DATE: 1/2/91

TO: see attached list

FROM: Brian Lopina, Director of Government Relations
WITH: Citizens for a Sound Economy
PHONE: (202)488-8200

RE: Action items on the House budget rules change

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS PAGE: 2

COMMENTS:

There are three action items concerning the rules change under way. Any assistance you can lend is greatly appreciated.

1) Coalition members will be making unscheduled lobby visits to swing Democratic offices tomorrow morning before the vote. You or your designee are welcome to join us. We will be handing out "A deal is a deal" buttons plus copies of the coalition letter. Here are the details.

Lobby visits from 10:00 am to noon, Thursday, January 3.
Meet at the Longworth cafeteria at 9:45 am. If possible, please
R.S.V.P. to Brian Lopina (488-8200) if you plan on joining us.

2) Coalition members are currently phoning the target list. If your organization is making calls, it would be helpful to forward any intelligence gathered to Mary Tavenner of NAW/D. She is doing a vote count. Her fax number is 785-0586.

3) The vote is expected between 3:00 pm and 3:30 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday. Coalition members wearing buttons will gather on the House steps during the vote as a show of strength. You or your designee are welcome to join us. You may want to monitor the exact time of the vote by calling the cloakroom throughout the day. Here are the details.

Show of strength during the vote. Assemble on top of the
House steps right before the vote, just outside the chamber.
Time estimate is 3:00 p.m. Buttons will be provided.

Thanks for your help.

Brian



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Martin Perlman
1990 President

December 28, 1990

Dear Representative:

During the protracted battle over the budget reconciliation package last fall, Congress agreed to use the Office of Management and Budget as the authority to determine cost estimates for spending and revenue estimates. The 157,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) are concerned that the House, on January 3, is expected to vote on a rule change that would in effect transfer OMB's scorekeeping authority to the Congressional Budget Office.

NAHB's members, at the request of the Democratic Congressional leadership and the White House, supported both the original failed budget agreement and the package that was ultimately passed. While NAHB was not entirely satisfied with many of the provisions in the two proposals, we, nonetheless, felt that the proposals represented an honest attempt to achieve budget cuts and secure budgetary reform. In fact, we are convinced that the recent decline in mortgage rates is, at least in part, due to the fact that a budget agreement was signed into law.

Now, before the ink from the President's pen has dried, there is an effort to change the rules on how spending and revenue estimates are to be scored. NAHB feels that this attempt, if successful, would not only drastically impact the enforcement mechanism of the new budget process, but will undermine any credibility that Congress and the Administration gained by reaching an agreement. Accordingly, NAHB strongly, but respectfully, requests that you vote against the proposed rule change.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Martin Perlman", is written over a horizontal line.

Martin Perlman



AMERICAN BAKERS ASSOCIATION

Paul C. Abenante
President

December 31, 1990

Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

The American Bakers Association is writing on an important matter, ensuring that the spending limits and budget enforcement mechanisms enacted by the Congress and signed by the President are not weakened.

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Even more importantly, this is a fundamental matter of integrity. This agreement had three interrelated parts: revenues, spending and enforcement. The question of score keeping was specifically agreed to by the budget summit participants. We believe this provision is critical to the U. S. government's ability to control federal spending.

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Sincerely,

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You will soon face an important vote. We urge you to vote against any rule change that would undermine the integrity of the enforcement mechanism of the budget agreement.

Sincerely,

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January 2, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: Selected U. S. Representatives in Important
Furniture Manufacturing Areas

FROM: Joseph G. Gerard

SUBJECT: AFMA Key Vote on Budget Agreement
Enforcement Provisions

It appears that on January 3, 1991, the House Democratic leadership will offer a change to Rule XXI of the Rules of the House. Clearly this change would contradict the enforcement provisions contained in the budget agreement, which was passed in the closing days of the 101st Congress. The change would require that any bills altering government benefit programs or taxes state that Congressional, rather than Administration, cost estimates be utilized. If the leadership's resolution containing the change to Rule XXI does pass, we understand that Congressman Michel will then move to have it committed for the purpose of striking only the change to Rule XXI.

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that your vote on the Michel motion will be AFMA's first KEY VOTE for the 102nd Congress. We urge you to vote in favor of Congressman Michel's motion.

After watching the promises of TEFRA go unkept, we would view the retention of this Democratic leadership provision to be nothing short of political chicanery at its worst, not only with respect to the particular scheduling of this vote, but also with respect to the substance of the issue. Begrudgingly, our organization supported the budget agreement largely on the basis of the enforcement provisions contained therein. We urge you NOT to allow another TEFRA to occur. Instead, we urge you to preserve the honor of the budget agreement.