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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE AT THE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONSUMER FEDERATION OF AMERICA

February 7, 1980

10:50 am

The President proceeds to motorcade
for boarding.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en
route Capital Hilton Hotel.

(Driving time: 3 minutes)

10:53 am

MOTORCADE ARRIVES Capital Hilton Hotel.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President will be met by:

Ms. Ellen Hoss, President, Consumer
Federation of America (CFA)
Ms. Kathleen O'Riley, Executive Director,
CFA

10:54 am

The President proceeds to holding room
for brief photo session with members of
the Executive Board of CFA.

NOTE: The following will
be in attendance at the
photo session:

Mr. Ken Kovack, Steelworkers
Union
Mr. Warren Braren, Consumers
Union
Mr. Alex Radin, American Public
Power Associate
Mr. James Boyle, Texas Consumer
Association
Mr. Jake Clayman, AFL-CIO
Mr. William Matson, Pennsylvania
Consumers League

10:56 am Executive Board departs holding room and proceed to seats on stage.

10:57 am The President departs holding room and proceeds to offstage announcement area.

10:58 am The President arrives offstage announcement area and pauses.

"Ruffles & Flourishes"
Announcement
"Hail to the Chief"

The President proceeds inside Presidential Ballroom to stage and takes his seat.

10:59 am Remarks by Ms. Kathleen O'Riley concluding in the introduction of the President.

11:00 am Presidential remarks.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 800

11:25 am Remarks conclude.

The President departs stage and proceeds to motorcade for boarding greeting the guests along the way.

11:27 am MOTORCADE DEPARTS Capital Hilton Hotel en route South Grounds.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE
CLOSED DEPARTURE

11:30 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Private

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To Hedley

- a) We'll try to move on the ambassador to Turkey.
- b) I talk to Schmidt frequently. Cy will be going to FRG soon, & Helmut is coming here. All of us are a little uncertain about one another. We may have an early summit meeting.

J.

February 6, 1980

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EYES ONLY

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HEDLEY DONOVAN *RD*

This may be an entirely superfluous report, but I'm told by people who were in touch with Schmidt and his circle at the end of last week that the Chancellor is again in need of major American hand-holding.

This comes from an Aspen Institute "workshop" in Bonn attended by only about a dozen people, including Schmidt, Ted Heath, Kissinger. The discussions were private; Kissinger also had a lengthy personal conversation with Schmidt.

Joe Slater, president of the Aspen Institute, has been involved with German affairs for 35 years and is thoroughly familiar with the rhythm of German insecurities no matter who is in power in Bonn -- or Washington. He says what he was hearing last week was definitely above the "normal" level of German anxiety, and expressed with more than the "normal" Schmidt acerbity. Major themes: there is no common Allied understanding of American aims (is there a common American government understanding?); no shared updating of American strategic doctrine; no agreed view as to how much is left of detente.

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What are the Soviets to understand of present Allied aims? Vastly greater density of nuclear targets (including every launcher) on the Federal Republic than anywhere else in the world. American response to the hostage-taking has been admirable, but what is the post-hostage policy? And -- "I have 2 million hostages in East Berlin and 17 million in East Germany."

Not too far between the lines, Schmidt sounded to the Americans increasingly worried about his domestic political situation.

February 7, 1980

EYES ONLY

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HEDLEY DONOVAN 

At our last private meeting, I was asking whether we were paying enough attention to Turkey.

You doubtless saw the Turkish story in today's Post. (attached). Bill Macomber, our Ambassador out there in 1973-77, says it sounds only slightly exaggerated -- i.e., newspapers are beginning to "discover" a situation that has been fairly desperate for several years. "It's not a basket case yet, but it's late in the day." He urges that Javits and a few other Senators be persuaded to stop sitting on the Ambassadorial nomination you have before them -- not a time for us to be without an Ambassador there. And the Turkish government needs to be asked rather regularly for their views about Iran, West Bank, Pakistan. That doesn't cost anything. But we may also have to spend some money.

I know about the Greek Lobby.

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Notwithstanding that other Lobby, I hope your admirable intention to press for progress on the Palestinian question, as you expressed at the recent Foreign Policy Breakfast, will prevail.

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It does seem more and more clearly the prerequisite to any real rallying of support by the moderate Middle East regimes for our policies. If we are unwilling or unable to budge Israel on this, it calls into question (with many Americans, as well as the Saudis) our capacity to conduct an independent foreign policy based on the national interest.

Turkey Slips Toward Anarchy

By Dusko Doder
Washington Post Foreign Service

ANKARA—Coffee and light bulbs have disappeared from Turkish shops, but Soviet-made Kalashnikov rifles are readily available in the bazaars, and the cycle of violence that marks life in this country today already has produced several "liberated" towns in the hands of terrorist armies.

The police in many areas are openly split along political lines—"right-wing" police forces and "left-wing" police forces.

If the frequent ideological violence were not enough, there are regular reports in eastern Turkey of armed clashes involving Kurdish secessionists. About 7 million Kurds live in

eastern Turkey along the border with Iran, Iraq and Syria.

All this is taking place while the Turkish Army is enforcing martial law, another sign of Turkey's potential slide toward anarchy.

This strategically placed country, an important member of NATO, is lurching toward chaos. Its social fabric is in desperate need of repair, if repair is even possible.

Fiercely independent and a secular state since the revolution of Kemal Ataturk in 1923, Turkey today is on the verge of collapse, undermined by economic fragility and torn by political violence.

Officials said that armed leftist

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Impoverished Turkey Is Sliding Toward Anarchy

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groups are in control of the eastern town of Tunceli while rightist paramilitary forces are in charge of the city of Erzurum, a strategic provincial capital of 105,000 in Turkish Armenia.

Lawlessness and banditry also are reported on the rise throughout Turkey as factories stand idle because of oil shortages and one out of four workers is without a job.

The absence of any type of unemployment insurance or even temporary support for the jobless has put an enormous strain on the society.

Those who hold jobs and have seen their income steadily shrinking because of 70 percent inflation were dealt a devastating blow 10 days ago when Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel's government announced stringent belt-tightening measures, including price increases of from 50 to 300 percent on virtually all basic commodities.

So far, there have been few mass acts of civil disobedience. Friday, thousands of Istanbul residents who use ferry boats to reach work across the Bosphorus refused to pay their fares.

But Turkish and Western officials say the situation is potentially explosive, since widespread dissatisfaction could easily turn into riots and provoke a reluctant military to take over the government.

Demirel said he urgently needs Western financial assistance to buy oil and get the economy moving. After two months in office, he has vowed to eliminate anarchy and restore government control in "liberated areas." His entire "time and energy" is devoted to the issues of economy and terrorism, he said, with the latter getting "70 percent" of his attention.

Although the government arrested more than a thousand suspected terrorists in January, the crackdown has yet to make an appreciable impact on the political violence.

Since the beginning of the year, there have been an average of six assassinations daily. In the 22 months before Demirel took power last November, 2,444 persons were killed and more than 10,000 others were injured in terrorist attacks.

Korkut Ozal, who served as interior minister in the previous Demirel government and who is intimately familiar with Turkey's security forces, said that "police have been divided into leftist and rightist groups, which makes it almost impossible to enforce the law."

Takeovers of cities and town, he said, became possible "because most policemen are taking sides with the anarchists."

He said that weapons made in the Soviet Bloc are coming to Turkey mainly from Bulgaria, but also from Syria and Lebanon. Other officials said the Palestine Liberation Organization is also involved in shipment of arms to Turkey.

While armed confrontations between urban underground Marxist groups and extreme right-wing nationalists have been gradually escalating over the past three years, the imposition of martial law came after violent clashes between members of the Alewi sect, the Turkish designation for the Shiite Moslem minority, and majority Sunni Moslems.

The immediate cause was the killing of 115 Alewis at Karamanmaras in December 1978. The Alewis were known to sympathize with leftist groups.

The sectarian tension coincided with the last days of the Iranian monarchy. Watching the shah's fall, Turkish authorities feared that Iran's Shiite drive against secular authorities would spread across the border into Turkey.

But while there has been no evidence of Shiite agitation in Turkey for an Islamic republic, Iranian developments produced a more serious threat to Turkey in the form of Kurdish nationalism.

Both Turkish and Western sources report a vigorous revival of Kurdish nationalism in eastern Turkey and frequent armed clashes between Turkish forces and underground Kurdish rebel groups.

Western sources say it is impossible to assess the scope of these battles. However, the long-term danger is real. While there has been no discrimination against the Kurds, their language is not allowed official status in a country Ataturk created as one "in which Turks live and Turkish is spoken." Even the term Kurd is not allowed. The Kurds are called "mountain Turks."

The Turks, said a senior NATO diplomat, "look with horror at the prospect of Iran falling apart and an independent or autonomous Kurdistan coming into existence. If the Iranian Kurds obtained such status, Turkey's Kurds would be tempted to follow suit."

Turkish sources said that the Kurdish secessionists are divided into several groups and that pro-Moscow factions are the best organized and most

numerous. They said the number of underground Marxist militants operating in urban centers is in the thousands or tens of thousands.

At least nine leftist groups are known to operate in Istanbul and Ankara, ranging from the Marxist-Leninist Propaganda Union to the Turkish Revolutionary Communist Union. Officials fear that these groups are in cooperation with the Moscow-oriented Kurdish groups.

Rightist armed groups are known to maintain close association with the ultra-right Nationalist Action Party.

Both sides carry out terrorist attacks against prominent figures ranging from businessmen and judges to newspaper editors, uncooperative police officials and the Americans in Turkey.

Both sides would like to provoke a military takeover, but for different reasons.

The rightists would like to see an authoritarian government in Ankara that would stamp out the left and the Kurdish problem. The leftists believe a military takeover would be a prelude to a Marxist revolution.

"This could lead to a terrible end," said columnist Hasan Cinal, pointing out that the numbers of unemployed are swelling with young people who have no prospects of employment. This year 435,000 high school graduates have applied to universities but only 40,000 were accepted.

An Istanbul industrialist, Mehmet Mermerci, said "The middle class is being crushed by inflation, the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer and that's why I fear we are going to have a revolution in Turkey."

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1. DISTINGUISHED CONSUMER LEADERS FROM ALL OVER THE NATION,
2. ONCE AGAIN, I AM PLEASED TO MEET WITH YOU. /
3. THIS FEDERATION HAS A PROUD HISTORY --
4. AS A VOICE FOR CONSUMERS
5. AND AS AN INCUBATOR OF GOOD IDEAS. /
6. THE CONCEPT OF A CO-OP BANK WAS FIRST PRESENTED HERE,
7. AND NOW THE CO-OP BANK IS ABOUT TO OPEN FOR BUSINESS. /
8. THAT IS JUST THE MOST RECENT, ^{OF MANY} EXAMPLES. //
9. { FROM THE ^{VERY} BEGINNING,
10. { YOU HAVE FOUGHT FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF OUR PEOPLE. /
11. AND WITHIN OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT,
12. THAT IS ALSO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRESIDENT,
13. WHO ALONE HAS AS HIS CONSTITUENCY ALL THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA.
14. I TAKE THAT RESPONSIBILITY VERY SERIOUSLY. // AND ESPECIALLY NOW.
15. MUTUAL TRUST -- BASED ON FAIRNESS --
16. IS NEVER MORE NEEDED THAN AT A TIME OF CRISIS,
17. WHEN NATIONAL SOLIDARITY IS SO IMPORTANT. /

ASSESS
COMPLEXITIES
NAT/INT

1. { AS YOU KNOW,
2. WE ARE FACING EXTREMELY DIFFICULT & COMPLEX PROBLEMS, ^{HERE AND} AROUND THE WORLD.
3. OUR DOMESTIC & OUR FOREIGN CONCERNS
4. ARE MORE CLOSELY INTERRELATED ~~THAN~~ ^{NOW, PERHAPS}
5. THAN EVER BEFORE IN OUR HISTORY.
6. AND THE HARD TRUTH IS
7. THAT THERE ARE NO EASY OR SIMPLE ANSWERS TO ANY OF THOSE PROBLEMS --
8. BUT THERE ARE ANSWERS.
9. THE SOVIET MILITARY AGGRESSION IN AFGHANISTAN IS A SERIOUS-THREAT-TO-PEACE,
10. AND HAS DRAWN THE CONDEMNATION OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.
11. THE SOVIET UNION ^{WE MUST BE SURE THAT} ~~MUST~~ UNDERSTAND THE DEPTH OF UNIVERSAL OUTRAGE & CONCERN.
12. IN MY STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH I DESCRIBED THE CONSEQUENCES
13. OF A THREAT TO OUR OWN VITAL INTERESTS
14. IN THE PERSIAN GULF REGION.
15. AS LONG AS SOVIET INVADING FORCES ARE IN AFGHANISTAN,
16. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR OWN FORCEFUL ACTIONS.

1. NORMAL COMMERCE HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED,
2. THERE WILL BE NO HIGH-TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT SOLD TO THE SOVIET UNION,
3. I WILL NOT ISSUE PERMITS TO SOVIET FISHERMEN IN "U.S." WATERS,
4. AND NEITHER THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOR I WILL SUPPORT OLYMPIC GAMES IN MOSCOW. //

AMERICANS WANT PEACE.

5. WHEN WE ACT CALMLY, FIRMLY, AND WITH STRENGTH --

6. AND WHEN WE DESCRIBE CLEARLY THE ADVANTAGES OF PEACE WITHOUT AGGRESSION,

7. THEN WE REDUCE-THE-RISK-OF-WAR. /

8. *THE HOLDING OF OUR HOSTAGES HAS SHOCKED & OUTRAGED OUR NATION.
IN IRAN, IN ASIA & ELSEWHERE, DOING EVERYTHING, PROTECT MIA'S - GET OUR PEOPLE HOME*

9. THE UNITED STATES IS MEETING ITS INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES ↘

10. WITH RESTRAINT & RESOLVE --

11. AND AMERICANS HAVE EXHIBITED A REMARKABLE DEGREE ↘

12. OF NATIONAL UNITY & COMMON PURPOSE. // *AS PRCS I NEED YOUR HELP & YOUR SUPPORT.*

13. WE MUST DEFEND OUR INTERESTS AT HOME AS WELL AS ABROAD.

14. ABOVE ALL, THAT MEANS CUTTING OUR EXCESSIVE-DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL.

15. THERE ARE ^{ONLY} TWO THINGS WE CAN DO:

16. CONSERVE ENERGY & INCREASE AMERICAN PRODUCTION OF ENERGY.

17. THE ^{SE} TWO ARE ^{ALSO} CLOSELY INTERRELATED. /

1. WE MUST FACE FACTS.
2. WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE THE PAINFUL-ADJUSTMENT ✓
3. TO THE WORLDWIDE-REALITY-OF-HIGHER-ENERGY-PRICES. ✓
4. SUBSIDIZING OIL PRICES TO KEEP THEM ARTIFICIALLY LOW ✓
5. CAN ONLY HARM OUR EFFORTS FOR CONSERVATION (*PEOPLE USE MORE THAN THEY NEED*)
6. AND IMPEDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES IN AMERICA. (*CHEAP OIL SEEMS TO BE A BARGAIN*)
7. AFTER 3 YEARS OF SOME OF THE TOUGHEST LEGISLATIVE BATTLES
WASHINGTON HAS EVER SEEN,
8. WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF ENACTING A COMPREHENSIVE-ENERGY-PROGRAM ✓
9. THAT WILL ^{IMPROVE} ~~CHANGE~~ THE WAY OUR NATION PRODUCES & USES ENERGY. ✓
10. { CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ACTED RESPONSIBLY ✓
11. { IN GETTING THIS PROGRAM THROUGH THE HOUSE & THE SENATE,
ON THE ENERGY SECURITY CORP. AND MOBILIZATION BOARD
12. BUT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEES ARE ANOTHER STORY.
13. WE EXPECTED THEM TO ACT LAST YEAR.
14. NOW IT IS FEBRUARY,
15. AND THE CONFEREES ARE STILL BOGGED DOWN IN BICKERING & DELAY.
16. APPARENTLY THEY DO NOT SHARE THE SENSE OF URGENCY ✓
17. THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE FEEL IN THIS MATTER.
18. OUR NATIONAL SECURITY DEMANDS ACTION ON ENERGY --
19. AND WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. //

1. WE WILL THEN HAVE AN ENERGY PROGRAM
2. THAT WILL HELP US CUT DOWN WASTE,
3. PRODUCE AMERICAN COAL, CRUDE OIL, NATURAL GAS & SYNTHETICS,
4. SHIFT TO SOLAR & OTHER REPLENISHABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY,
5. AND PROTECT THE QUALITY OF OUR ENVIRONMENT. /

6. WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT CONSERVATION ➤
7. IS THE CHEAPEST & CLEANEST SOURCE OF ENERGY WE HAVE. /

8. WHEN WE INSULATE A HOUSE, *RIDE IN AN EFFICIENT VEHICLE --*
9. OR SHARE A RIDE WITH FELLOW WORKERS, --
10. WE SPEND LESS FOR FUEL,
11. BREATHE CLEANER AIR,
12. AND DO SOMETHING CONCRETE FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY. /

13. IT REQUIRES SOME SACRIFICE,
14. BUT IT IS ^{ACTUALLY} ~~ALSO~~ A BETTER WAY TO LIVE. //

1. THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THERE WILL BE SACRIFICES. - *but*
2. IN OUR COUNTRY ^{WE} ~~THEY~~ MUST ^{SEE THAT THEY ARE} BE SHARED WITH JUSTICE & EQUITY. //
3. THAT IS WHY WE HAVE FOUGHT ✓
4. TO GET MORE THAN \$10 BILLION IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS ✓
5. TO HELP LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS PAY THEIR ENERGY BILLS & WEATHERIZE THEIR HOMES. /
6. THAT IS WHY I WILL BE FIGHTING FOR PASSAGE ✓
7. OF A STANDBY GASOLINE RATIONING PLAN --
8. TO BE USED IF WE HAVE A SEVERE FUEL SHORTAGE. /
9. AND THAT IS WHY I HAVE FOUGHT SO HARD ✓
10. FOR A STRONG WINDFALL PROFITS TAX --
11. SO THAT BIG OIL COMPANIES CARRY THEIR SHARE OF THE BURDENS. #
12. YOU ALSO KNOW THAT THE WORLDWIDE SKYROCKETING OF ENERGY PRICES *UPT CONFERENCE COMM. MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. EXPECT EARLY ACTION BY CONGRESS.*
13. IS THE BIGGEST CAUSE OF INFLATION.
14. AND INFLATION CONTINUES TO BE THE NUMBER-ONE ENEMY OF CONSUMERS. /
15. AS PRESIDENT, I MUST TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT INFLATION.
16. THE INFLATION WE FACE TOOK 15 YEARS TO BUILD UP.
17. IT IS A WORLDWIDE PROBLEM. *SOME > 100% / YR*
18. THE BATTLE TO REDUCE IT WILL BE LONG & HARD,
19. AND THERE WILL BE NO EASY VICTORIES. /

1. INFLATION CANNOT BE VANQUISHED WITHOUT EFFORT & SACRIFICE.
2. IT CANNOT BE ABOLISHED-BY-DECREE
3. OR BY CREATING A GIGANTIC NEW FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY. /
4. THERE ARE NO SIMPLE SOLUTIONS,
5. NO MAGIC WANDS TO WAVE INFLATION AWAY. /
6. IN THE SHORT TERM, OUR MOST URGENT TASK IS TO PREVENT "OPEC" PRICE INCREASES
7. FROM SPILLING OVER INTO THE BASIC-WAGE-PRICE-STRUCTURE OF OUR ECONOMY. //
8. WE ALSO HAVE A DEEP-MORAL-OBLIGATION ✓
9. TO SEE THAT THE BURDENS OF INFLATION
10. DO NOT REST DISPROPORTIONATELY ON THE POOR. /
11. BEYOND THAT WE MUST ATTACK THE FUNDAMENTAL CAUSES OF INFLATION.
12. THAT MEANS MORE SAVINGS,
MORE INVESTMENT,
MORE COMPETITION,
MORE BASIC RESEARCH,
AND MORE TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION
FOR A MORE PRODUCTIVE AMERICA.

1. IT MEANS BUDGET-RESTRAINT --
2. ALWAYS WITH SENSITIVITY TO HUMAN NEEDS.
3. IT MEANS THAT WE CANNOT DO EVERYTHING WE WOULD LIKE TO DO.
4. IT MEANS HARD CHOICES --
5. AND THOSE WHO SEEK TO LEAD MUST HAVE THE COURAGE TO MAKE THOSE CHOICES. //
6. IF WE ARE TO CONTROL INFLATION,
7. WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD WANTON-WASTE-OF-THE-TAXPAYERS'-MONEY.
8. THE WATER PROJECTS BILL JUST PASSED BY THE HOUSE ↗
9. IS SHOT THROUGH WITH TEXTBOOK EXAMPLES OF THAT KIND OF WASTE. /
10. I WANT TO QUOTE FOR YOU SOMETHING A GREAT AMERICAN ONCE SAID:
11. "THE DAYS OF 'PORK-BARREL' LEGISLATION ARE OVER.
12. "EVERY DOLLAR OF OUR EXPENDITURES FOR PORT FACILITIES,
13. "FOR INLAND WATERWAYS, FOR FLOOD CONTROL,
14. "FOR THE RECLAMATION OF SWAMP & ARID LANDS,
15. "FOR HIGHWAYS, FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
16. "SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY BY TRAINED MEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CONTINUING PLAN."
17. THE AUTHOR OF THAT STATEMENT WAS FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT.
18. HE SAID IT IN 1920,
19. WHEN HE ACCEPTED THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION AS VICE PRESIDENT. /

*I AM SURE HE WAS DISAPPOINTED WHEN HE MOVED TO
THE WHITE HOUSE!*

BEC.AUSE

1. ~~YET~~, HERE WE ARE TODAY, 60 YEARS LATER,
2. AND THE PORK-BARREL EXPRESS IS STILL ROLLING ALONG.
3. UNLESS WE DERAIL IT, IT WILL ROLL RIGHT OVER THE BUDGET ✓
4. AND WILL FLATTEN OUR ANTI-INFLATION EFFORTS. /
5. I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THIS BATTLE FOR 3 YEARS,
6. AND HAVE ALREADY VETOED ONE SUCH BILL.
7. I BELIEVE IN A SOUND WATER PROJECTS PROGRAM --
8. AND I HAVE SUBMITTED SUCH A PROGRAM TO THE CONGRESS.
9. ~~THAT PROGRAM~~ ^{IT} WOULD SPEND PRECIOUS TAX DOLLARS,
10. IN "FDR's" WORDS, AS PART OF "A CONTINUING PLAN". /
11. BUT THE HOUSE BILL IS PART OF NO RATIONAL PLAN.
12. SOME \$2.5 BILLION WOULD BE ALMOST PURE WASTE --
13. PROJECTS THAT ARE STILL BEING STUDIED,
14. PROJECTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN STUDIED,
15. PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN STUDIED & FOUND TO BE UNSOUND.

1. IN ADDITION, THE BILL WOULD COMMIT US TO NEW FEDERAL SPENDING
2. OF TENS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FUTURE YEARS. /
3. WASTE CREATES INFLATION.
4. THE WATER RESOURCES BILL AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE IS A BAD BILL,
5. A WASTEFUL BILL & AN INFLATIONARY BILL --
6. AND WITH YOUR HELP & SUPPORT
7. I DO NOT INTEND TO ALLOW THAT BILL TO BECOME LAW! //
8. YOU & I SHARE THE GOAL OF MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK --
9. COMPETENTLY & COMPASSIONATELY --
10. FOR CONSUMERS, FOR WORKERS,
11. FOR A COMPETITIVE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM,
12. FOR THE ENVIRONMENT -- *EVEN*
13. IN A TIME OF ECONOMIC & POLITICAL ADVERSITY. /
14. PART OF OUR SUCCESS HAS BEEN A DIRECT RESULT ↗
15. OF THE PEOPLE WE HAVE BROUGHT INTO GOVERNMENT.

1. YOU IN THE CONSUMER MOVEMENT HAVE LENT ME SOME OF YOUR BEST ADVOCATES
2. TO SERVE AMERICAN CONSUMERS FROM TOP POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT.

3. I AM PROUD OF PEOPLE LIKE JOAN CLAYBROOK,
SUSAN KING,
MIKE PERTSCHUK,
GINO BARONI,
SAM BROWN,
GRACIELA OLIVAREZ,

KATHLEEN

AND OF COURSE YOUR FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
CAROL FOREMAN.

4. I WANT TO SAY A SPECIAL WORD ABOUT ESTHER PETERSON,
5. MY SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS.
6. I LOVE HER. I GUESS WE ALL DO.
7. BUT SHE IS MORE THAN LOVABLE --
8. SHE IS EFFECTIVE.
9. SHE HAS MORE COURAGE & UNDERSTANDING & EXPERIENCE
10. IN FIGHTING FOR CONSUMERS
11. THAN ANYONE I KNOW.
12. I AM VERY PROUD TO BE HER FRIEND & CO-WORKER.

1. A SECOND KEY TO MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK IS DIRECT CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT.
2. I RECENTLY SIGNED A CONSUMERS EXECUTIVE ORDER (DRAFTED BY ESTHER PETERSON)
3. TO ENSURE THAT CONSUMER VOICES WILL HELP TO SHAPE FEDERAL POLICY. ~~---~~
IN ALL MAJOR AGENCIES.
4. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL SEEK NEW WAYS ▽
5. TO INVOLVE CITIZENS IN THEIR DECISIONS. /
6. MY REGULATORY REFORM BILL WILL EXTEND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FUNDING
7. THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. //
8. TOGETHER WE ARE OPENING THE DOORS --
9. AND IT IS UP TO YOU TO ^{*BRING AMERICANS*} ~~WALK~~ THROUGH THEM. //
10. I HAVE PROMISED TO REFORM GOVERNMENT REGULATION EVERYWHERE I COULD.
11. MY GOALS FOR REGULATORY REFORM ARE CLEAR.
12. WHERE REGULATION IS UNNECESSARY -- WHERE IT STIFLES COMPETITION --
13. REGULATION SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. /

1. OFTEN TRADITIONAL REGULATION OF INDUSTRIES SUCH AS AIRLINES & TRUCKING
2. JUST PROTECTS CARTELS -- LITTLE "OPECs" --
3. THAT KEEP PRICES HIGH BY KEEPING COMPETITION OUT.

4. AIRLINE DEREGULATION REVOLUTIONIZED AIR TRANSPORTATION
5. AND PRODUCED \$2.5 BILLION IN SAVINGS FOR CONSUMERS.
6. TRUCKING DEREGULATION WILL SAVE BILLIONS MORE.

7. THIS IS A GOAL THAT WAS PURSUED BY A HERO OF YOURS AND MINE --

SENATOR PHIL HART.

8. OUR COMMITMENT TO COMPETITION ✓
9. IS A TRIBUTE TO HIM & TO HIS IDEALS. //

← THANK KENNEDY

10. WHERE REGULATION IS NECESSARY,
11. WE SHOULD MAKE SURE IT DOES THE JOB -- EFFICIENTLY.
12. WHEN "OSHA" ELIMINATES 1,000 NITPICKING REGULATIONS ✓
13. AND TURNS ITS ATTENTION TO SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARDS IN, WORKPLACE, ^{THE}
14. EVERY AMERICAN IS THE GAINER.

1. THESE ARE COMMON SENSE GOALS, AND WE WILL ACHIEVE THEM.
2. BUT I WILL VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE THOSE SPECIAL INTERESTS
3. WHICH NOW SEEK, UNDER THE GUISE OF REGULATORY REFORM,
4. TO TURN ASIDE PROTECTION FOR THE CONSUMER,
5. TO TURN ASIDE PROTECTION IN THE WORKPLACE,
6. TO TURN ASIDE PROTECTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT.
7. WE WILL REFORM REGULATION -- NOT WRECK IT! //
8. I SALUTE YOU FOR THE MEASURES ✓
9. WHICH HAVE HELPED TO MAKE AMERICA A MORE DECENT SOCIETY.
10. EVERY CHILD SAVED BY BURN SAFETY RULES --
11. EVERY PERSON ALIVE TODAY BECAUSE CARS & HIGHWAYS ARE SAFER --
12. EVERY PERSON WHO BREATHES CLEAN AIR & DRINKS PURE WATER --
13. EVERY WORKER SAVED A PAINFUL DEATH FROM OCCUPATIONALLY RELATED DISEASE --
14. EVERY SUCH HUMAN BEING OWES YOU A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.
15. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT THESE GAINS. //

1. AS YOU KNOW, AN EXTRAORDINARY ARRAY OF SPECIAL INTERESTS
2. { HAS NOW PUT THE ANTITRUST & CONSUMER PROTECTION EFFORTS ✓
3. { OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ✓
4. AT THE TOP OF THEIR HIT LIST. /
5. OBVIOUSLY NO AGENCY SHOULD BE IMMUNE FROM SCRUTINY,
CORRECTION,
OR CLARIFICATION.
6. BUT A FINE-TUNING OPERATION
7. MUST NOT BE TURNED INTO A WRECKING CREW.
8. THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ACT
9. IS ONE OF THE OLDEST & MOST FUNDAMENTAL SAFEGUARDS WE HAVE
10. FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE MARKETPLACE.
11. { IT HAS BEEN THERE SINCE ^{AN EARLY} ~~A~~ GREAT CONSUMER ADVOCATE IN THE WHITE HOUSE,
12. { WOODROW WILSON,
13. SIGNED THE LAW IN 1914. /
14. IT IS SO BASIC TO THE FABRIC OF TRUST & FAIRNESS IN OUR FREE ECONOMY ✓
15. THAT WE HAVE TAKEN IT FOR GRANTED.
16. WE CAN NO LONGER DO THAT.
17. WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR IT.
18. AND WE WILL. //

1. LOOK AT THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE "FTC"!
2. IT IS NOT WRONG
3. TO TELL BEREAVED & VULNERABLE CONSUMERS
4. HOW MUCH A FUNERAL WILL COST. /
5. IT IS NOT BAD
6. TO ALLOW PROFESSIONALS TO GIVE INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS. /
7. IT DOES NO HARM
8. TO RESTORE COMPETITION TO OVERPROTECTED INDUSTRIES
9. AND TO SAVE CONSUMERS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS A YEAR. /
10. YET PROVISIONS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY CONGRESS ↘
11. WOULD STOP ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THESE ↘
12. DEAD IN THEIR TRACKS. //
13. ONE ESPECIALLY HARMFUL IDEA ↘
14. WOULD ALLOW LEGISLATIVE VETO OF "FTC" REGULATIONS.
15. THIS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.
16. IT IS BAD GOVERNMENT.
17. IT WOULD CREATE A WHOLE NEW FORM OF RED TAPE.
18. IT WOULD TURN REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT INTO AN ENDLESS-PROCESS ↘
19. OF CAPRICIOUS-NEGOTIATION WITH SPECIAL-INTERESTS. //

I AM GLAD THAT YESTERDAY THE SENATE REJECTED
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1. THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ↗
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4. I WILL NOT LET IT BE PICKED TO PIECES. //
5. I ~~WANT TO~~ PLEDGE TO YOU TODAY ↗
6. THAT IF THE CONGRESS SENDS ME A BILL ↗
7. { THAT CRIPPLES THE ABILITY OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ↗
8. { TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN CONSUMER,
9. I-WILL-VETO-THAT-BILL! //
10. I WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO COUNTER SPECIAL INTERESTS.
11. BUT I CANNOT DO IT ALONE.
12. PRESIDENT TRUMAN EXPRESSED THE PROBLEM WELL WHEN HE SAID:
13. "YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE LOBBIES DOWN THERE --
14. "THE POWER TRUST, & THEY HAVE THE REAL ESTATE LOBBY,
15. "AND THEY HAVE THE OIL LOBBIES
16. "AND THEY HAVE LOBBIES FOR THIS, THAT & THE OTHER THING.
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18. "IS THE MAN WHO SITS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.
19. "HE REPRESENTS 150 MILLION PEOPLE
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1. OF COURSE, I HAVE YOU AS ALLIES,
2. BUT THE PRESIDENT STILL REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD A LOBBY.
3. PRESIDENT TRUMAN COULD NOT HAVE PREDICTED ✓
4. THE CHANGES THAT NOW MAKE IT SO HARD ✓
5. FOR THE PRESIDENT-ALONE-TO-BALANCE-THE-SCALES. /
6. OURS IS A TIME ✓
7. WHEN A LOBBYIST PUSHING ONE BUTTON ON A COMPUTER ✓
8. CAN GENERATE TENS-OF-THOUSANDS OF LETTERS ON ANY ISSUE.
9. BUT CONSUMERS HAVE SOME THINGS SPECIAL INTERESTS DON'T HAVE.
10. WE HAVE THE POWER OF NUMBERS.
11. AND WE HAVE RIGHT & JUSTICE ON OUR SIDE. /
12. BUT THIS POWER MUST BE EFFECTIVELY MARSHALLED & USED.
13. CITIZEN GROUPS CANNOT AFFORD THE LUXURY ✓
14. OF SINGLE-ISSUE ORIENTATION. /

1. WE MUST JOIN FORCES ✓
2. WHEN ANY ONE OF THE GOALS WE SUPPORT IS THREATENED.
3. WE NEED THE HELP OF EACH OTHER. /
4. AND NOW ESPECIALLY I NEED YOUR HELP ON A ^{GOOD} CONSUMER AGENDA --
5. A STRONG WINDFALL PROFITS TAX,
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12. AND SOUND CLASS ACTION LEGISLATION. //

1. BUT CONGRESS WILL NOT RESPOND TO CONSUMERS >
2. IF IT DOES NOT HEAR FROM CONSUMERS.
3. THAT MEANS WE MUST SPREAD-THE-MESSAGE >
4. THAT WHEN SPECIAL INTERESTS FIGHT AGAINST CONSUMERS,
5. IT IS AN ASSAULT ON THE POCKETBOOKS --
6. AND THE HEALTH & SAFETY --
7. OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. /

8. I AM SPEAKING OUT AS PRESIDENT. /
9. YOU NEED TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS,
10. IN YOUR CHURCHES,
11. IN YOUR UNION LOCALS, IN YOUR CO-OPS,
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13. AND ON CAPITOL HILL. /

14. IF -- TOGETHER -- WE CAN LET THE TRUTH BE KNOWN,
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(ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONSUMER FEDERATION OF AMERICA)

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Once again, I am pleased to meet with you.

This Federation has a proud history -- as a voice
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 is about to open for business. That is just the most recent
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Mutual trust -- based on fairness -- is never more needed than at a time of crisis, when national solidarity is so important.

As you know, we are facing extremely difficult and complex problems around the world. Our domestic and our foreign concerns are more closely interrelated than ever before in our history. And the hard truth is that there are no easy or simple answers to any of those problems -- but there are answers.

The Soviet military aggression in Afghanistan is a serious threat to peace, and has drawn the condemnation of the entire world.

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I have described the consequences of a threat to our
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I will not issue permits to Soviet fishermen in U.S. waters,
and neither the American people nor I will support Olympic games
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In Iran, in Asia and elsewhere, the United States is
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and ~~[in support of these concerted actions]~~ Americans have
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We must defend our interests at home as well as abroad.

Above all, that means cutting our excessive dependence on foreign oil. There are two things we can do: conserve energy and increase American production of energy. The two are closely interrelated.

We must face facts. We have no choice but to make the painful adjustment to the worldwide reality of higher energy prices. Subsidizing oil prices to keep them artificially low can only harm our efforts for conservation and ~~for~~ *impede the development* developing new energy sources *in America.*

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We will then have an energy program that will help us cut down waste, produce American coal, crude oil, natural gas and synthetics, shift to solar and other replenishable sources of energy, and protect the quality of our environment.

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Inflation cannot be vanquished without effort and sacrifice. It cannot be abolished by decree or by creating a gigantic new federal bureaucracy. There are no simple solutions, no magic wands to wave inflation away.

In the short term, our most urgent task is to prevent OPEC price increases from spilling over into the basic wage-price structure of our economy. We ^{also} have a deep moral obligation to see that the burdens of inflation do not rest disproportionately on the poor.

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You and I share the goal of making government work -- competently and compassionately -- for consumers, for workers, for a competitive free enterprise system, for the environment -- in a time of economic and political adversity.

Part of our success has been a direct result of the people we have brought into government.

You in the consumer movement have lent me some of your best advocates to serve American consumers from top positions in government. I am proud of people like Joan Claybrook -- Susan King -- Mike Pertschuk -- Gino Baroni -- Sam Brown --

Graciela Olivarez --/and of course your former executive
director, Carol Foreman. /

I want to say a special word about Esther Peterson, /
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She has more courage and understanding and experience /
in fighting for consumers / than anyone I know. / I am very proud
to be her friend and co-worker. /

A second key to making government work is direct
citizen involvement. / I recently signed a Consumers Executive
Order (drafted by Esther Peterson) / to ensure that consumer
voices will help to shape federal policy. / Government agencies
will seek new ways / to involve citizens in their decisions. /
My regulatory reform bill will extend public participation funding /
throughout the entire federal government. / Together, we are
opening the doors --/ and it is up to you to walk through them. /

When I ran for President in 1976, I ^{have} promised ~~the~~
~~American people~~ to reform government regulation everywhere
I could.

My goals for regulatory reform are clear.

Where regulation is unnecessary -- where it stifles
competition -- regulation should be eliminated. Often
traditional regulation of industries such as airlines and
trucking just protects cartels -- little OPECs -- that keep
prices high by keeping competition out. Airline deregulation
revolutionized air transportation and produced \$2.5 billion
in savings for consumers. Trucking deregulation will save
billions more. This is a goal that was pursued by a hero
of yours and mine -- Senator Phil Hart. Our commitment to
competition is a tribute to him and to his ideals.

Where regulation is necessary, ~~to protect consumers,~~
~~workers, or the environment,~~ we should make sure it does
the job -- efficiently. When OSHA eliminates 1000 nitpicking
regulations and turns its attention to serious health hazards
in the workplace, every American is the gainer.

These are common sense goals, and we will achieve them.
But I will vigorously oppose those special interests which
now seek, under the guise of regulatory reform, to turn aside
protection for the consumer, to turn aside protection in the
workplace, to turn aside protection of our environment.
We will reform regulation -- not wreck it. ~~You can depend on that.~~

I salute you for the measures ^{which have helped} ~~you have fought~~ for
to ~~help~~ make America a more decent society. Every child saved
by burn safety rules -- every person alive today because cars
and highways are safer -- every person who breathes clean air

and drinks pure water -- every worker saved a painful death from occupationally related disease -- every such human being ~~alive and healthy today~~ owes you a debt of gratitude. We must work together to protect these gains.

As you know, an extraordinary array of special interests has now put the antitrust and consumer protection efforts of the Federal Trade Commission at the top of their hit list.

Obviously, no agency should be immune from scrutiny, correction or clarification. But a fine-tuning operation must not be turned into a wrecking crew.

The Federal Trade Commission Act is one of the oldest and most fundamental safeguards we have for the integrity of the marketplace. It has been there since a great consumer advocate in the White House, Woodrow Wilson, signed the law in 1914. It is so basic to the fabric of trust and fairness in

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The Federal Trade Commission is one of the greatest weapons the American public has to guarantee truth and integrity and competition in the marketplace. I will not let it be ^{picked} ~~pieced~~ to pieces.

I want to pledge to you today that if the Congress sends me a bill that cripples the ability of the Federal Trade Commission to protect the American consumer, ~~as~~ ~~President~~ I will veto that bill!

I will continue to do everything in my power to counter special interests. But I cannot do it alone. President Truman expressed the problem well when he said:

"You know, they have lobbies down there --/the power trust, and they have the real estate lobby,/and they have the oil lobbies/and they have lobbies for this, that and the other thing./ And the only lobby that the people have/is the man who sits in the White House./ He represents 150 million people/who can't afford a lobby."/

Of course I have you as allies,/but the President still represents the people who cannot afford a lobby./ President Truman could not have predicted/the changes that now make it so hard /for the President alone to balance the scales./ Ours is a time/when a lobbyist pushing one button on a computer/can generate tens of thousands of letters on any issue./

But consumers have some things special interests don't have./ We have the power of numbers. /And we have right and justice on our side./

But this power must be effectively marshalled and used./ Citizen groups cannot afford the luxury/of single-issue orientation.

We must join forces when any one of the goals we support is threatened. We need the help of each other. And now especially I need your help on a consumer agenda -- a strong windfall profits tax, a national health plan, hospital cost containment, enhancing personal privacy, trucking deregulation, helping small savers get a better return on their money, protecting the FTC, and sound class action legislation.

But Congress will not respond to consumers if it does not hear from consumers. That means we must spread the message that when special interests fight against consumers, it is an assault on the pocketbooks -- and the health and safety -- of the American people. I am speaking out as President. You need to spread the message in your neighborhoods, in your churches, in your union locals, in your co-ops, in the news media -- and on Capitol Hill.

If -- together -- we can let the truth be known, then we will prevail.

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The Federal Trade Commission is, ^{one of} the greatest weapons the American public has to guarantee truth and integrity and competition in the marketplace. I will not let it be picked to pieces.

I want to pledge to you today that if the Congress sends me a bill that cripples the ability of the Federal Trade Commission to protect the American consumer, as President I will veto that bill! ~~And you can depend on that, too~~

I will continue to do everything in my power to counter special interests. But I cannot do it alone. President Truman expressed the problem well when he said:

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We must join forces when any one of the goals we support is threatened. We need the help of each other. And now, I need your help especially on a consumer agenda -- on a strong windfall profits tax, *a national health plan,* on hospital cost containment, on enhancing personal privacy, on trucking deregulation, on helping small savers get a better return on their money, on protecting the FTC, and on sound class action legislation.

But Congress will not respond to consumers if it does not hear from consumers. That means we must spread the message that when special interests fight against consumers, it is an assault on the pocketbooks -- and the health and safety -- of the American people. I am speaking out as President. You need to spread the message in your neighborhoods, in your churches, in your union locals, in your co-ops, in the news media -- and on Capitol Hill.

If -- together -- we can let the truth be known, then we will prevail.

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[No names in salutation]

Hertzberg
~~Draft A-2~~ 2/5/80

2/6/80

President's 1st draft

For delivery:
Thurs., 2/7, 11 a.m.
Capital Hilton

Consumer Federation
Assembly

Consumer Federation

Members of the ~~CFA~~ Board, distinguished consumer leaders

from all over the nation:

Once again, I am pleased to be part of the Consumer Assembly. ~~[I told you in 1976 that I would come back as President. I accepted your invitation a month ago today.~~
~~So here I am -- and I even brought in another Democrat on my coattails.]*~~

I don't understand

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This Assembly has a proud history -- as a voice for consumers and as an incubator of ideas. The idea of a Co-op Bank was first presented here, and now the Co-op Bank is about to open for business. But that is just the most recent

*If there is an advance press release text, this would be omitted from it.

example. From the beginning, the Consumer Federation of America has fought for the common interest of our people. That is what your work is all about. And within our system of government, that is also the responsibility of the President. I take that responsibility very seriously. ^{Mutual trust based on} Equity--is never more needed than at a time of crisis, when national solidarity is so important.

^{As you know,} ^{extremely} We are facing an extraordinarily difficult and complex set of problems around the world. Our domestic and our ^{concerns} foreign problems are more closely interrelated than ever before in our history. And the hard truth is that there are ^{or simple} no easy answers to any of those problems. ^{We must have honesty,} Solving them will ^{sound judgment, courage,} require patience, perseverance, and a willingness to deal with fundamental causes. ^{issues.}

The Soviet military aggression in Afghanistan has drawn the condemnation of the entire world -- not only ourselves

and our allies, but also the overwhelming majority of Third World nations and Islamic nations. ~~They see their own futures menaced by what Soviet armies are doing to the independent and deeply religious people of Afghanistan.~~

The Soviet Union must understand the depth of ^{world} our outrage and our concern, ~~and~~ it must pay the price of choosing the path of aggression, *and must be induced to end their military action in Afghanistan, and avoid similar aggression in the future.*

~~Because the United States has taken strong action, we have made it far less likely that the Soviet Union will misread our Nation's determination.~~ Because we have acted *boldly but* firmly ^{and}, because we have spoken clearly, we have reduced the risk of war.

The United States is meeting its international challenges ~~in Southwest Asia and in Iran as well, ^{as} with firmness,~~ *and with a remarkable degree of national unity!* restraint and resolve, ~~and~~ I am convinced that the American people will continue to support the steps we must take to

defend our interests and to advance the cause of peace in the world.

In our nation we

necessary

~~We~~ have both the strength and the will that are required.

~~Both are growing and both will continue to grow.~~

~~We~~ ~~also~~

We must defend our interests at home as well as abroad.

excessive.

Above all, that means cutting our dependence on foreign oil.

There are two interrelated things we can do: Conserve energy and increase

~~The crises in Iran and Afghanistan --- coming on the heels of a new series of OPEC price increases --- again dramatize the dangers of our dependence on Middle East oil.~~
Increase American production of energy and conserve energy. The two are closely interrelated,

This is not a pleasant reality. But we must confront it.

~~As President, I have concluded that~~ Our Nation simply must make the painful adjustment to the worldwide reality of higher energy prices. *Subsidizing oil to keep them* ~~Keeping prices~~ artificially low

can only harm our efforts for conservation and for developing new energy sources. ~~[Those who hold out the fantasy of permanent~~

~~low energy prices mislead our people -- and mislead our~~
adversaries into thinking that we will shrink from the challenge
of reclaiming our energy security. We must meet that challenge,
~~and we will.]*~~

After three years of some of the toughest legislative
battles Washington has ever seen, we are on the verge of
enacting a comprehensive energy program that will change the
way our Nation produces and uses energy.

Congressional

House and Senate leaders acted responsibly in getting
the House and the Senate, but
this program through both Houses of Congress. But the conference
committees are another story. We initially expected them to
act by last October -- then by November -- then by December.
Now it is February, and the conferees are still bogged down

*Stu thinks "mislead" is too strong. He suggests replacing
this with: "Controls subsidize consumption, discourage
production, and encourage importation. They are a symbol to
the world of our unwillingness to bite the energy bullet."
Rick and Esther prefer the original language, but would have
you simply omit the bracketed language rather than use Stu's,
which seems repetitive.

Apparently
in bickering and delay. They do not ~~seem~~ to share the sense
of urgency that the American people feel in this matter.

It is time for
Our national security demands action on energy. ~~I call on~~
the conferees to act swiftly -- and I call on you and on all
Americans to help me make sure they do.

help us to act
We will then have an energy program that will [~~call on~~
~~donor waste,~~ *produce* ~~the~~ *fuel* ~~American energy,~~ *shift to solar*
the bounty of our farms -- the vast wealth of our coal and
and, of the ~~replenishable~~ *sources of energy,* and protect the
oil shale reserves -- and the creativity of our scientists.]*
quality of our environment.

~~We will make solar power an ever-growing part of our energy~~
~~mix. And we will conserve.~~

We sometimes forget that

and
Conservation is the cheapest, cleanest source of energy

we have. It is available to every family in America, right
now. And it need not ~~always~~ *we* involve sacrifice. When ~~you~~
a *or share a ride with fellow workers, we*
insulate ~~your~~ house, you spend less for fuel, you breathe

*Stu would substitute: "stimulate production of coal, oil and natural gas, and we will call on the vast wealth of our coal and oil shale reserves for synthetic energy." Again, Rick thinks this is repetitive. Also, Esther points out that synthetics are an unnecessary red flag for this audience.

cleaner air, and you do something concrete for the future of your country, ~~and it is still warm inside.~~ That is not sacrifice. That is simply a better way to live.

throughout the world
But there will be sacrifices, and *in our country* they must be shared fairly. That is why *you and I have* I fought to get more than \$10 billion in the next five years to help low-income consumers pay their energy bills and weatherize their homes. That is why I am

fighting for passage of a standby gasoline rationing plan. *to be used if we have a severe fuel shortage.*

And that is why I have fought so hard for a strong windfall

profits tax, so that big oil companies carry their share of

the burdens. Some of that profit must go *for public transportation and* to help those

whose needs are not for profits but for keeping warm.

You also know that the worldwide skyrocketing
of Energy *prices* is the biggest contributor to inflation. And

inflation continues to be the number one enemy of consumers.

As President, I have the responsibility to tell the American people the truth about inflation. The inflation we

face took fifteen years to build up. The battle to reduce it will be long and hard, and there will be no easy victories.

Inflation cannot be vanquished without effort and sacrifice. It cannot be abolished by decree, *or by a gigantic federal bureaucracy.* [~~It cannot be solved by creating a gigantic new bureaucracy that would try to dictate millions of price and wage decisions, could only fail in the attempt, and could do nothing about the underlying causes of inflation.~~]* There are no simple solutions, no magic wands to wave inflation away.

In the short term, our most urgent task is to prevent OPEC price increases from spilling over into the basic wage-price structure of our economy. We must also recognize that inflation hurts the most in areas of basic human need --

*Stu would like you to consider some such language as this. Others, including Hamilton, feel it would be a mistake at this time for you personally to attack the major point in Kennedy's Georgetown speech. A direct attack like this would dominate the news and achieve at least part of Kennedy's goal of turning the consumer meeting into a debate. Hamilton would therefore omit this. Also, if you are to make a convincing case against controls you would be better off doing so in detail -- and with a more receptive audience.

food, housing, health care, and energy itself. In each of these areas, we have a deep moral obligation to see to it that the burdens do not rest disproportionately on the poor. Our strengthening of the food stamp program and the Women-Infants-Children feeding program are just two examples of how we meet this obligation.

Beyond that, we must attack the fundamental causes of inflation. That means more savings -- more investment -- more basic research and more technological innovation for a more productive America. It means budget restraint -- always with sensitivity to human needs.* It means ~~recognizing the~~ reality that we cannot do everything we would like to do. It means hard choices -- and those who seek to lead must

*Stu would insert: "It means reducing the onerous burden of regulation on our economy. It means deregulating major sectors of our economy -- such as trucking -- to permit free competition to work. It means working with business and labor for mutual restraint on prices and wages." Rick thinks this list repeats material that is in the speech later on and that it is illogical here, since we are talking basically about productivity.

have the courage to make those choices, ~~and make them stick.~~

If we are to control inflation, we simply cannot afford wanton waste of the taxpayers' money. The water projects bill just passed by the House is shot through with textbook examples of that kind of waste.

I want to quote for you something a great American once said:

"The days of 'pork-barrel' legislation are over. Every dollar of our expenditures for port facilities, for inland waterways, for flood control, for the reclamation of swamp and arid lands, for highways, for public buildings, shall be expended only by trained men in accordance with a continuing plan."

The author of that statement was Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He said it in 1920, when he was a candidate for Vice President.

Yet here we are today, sixty years later, and the pork-barrel express is still rolling along. Unless we derail it, it will

roll right over the budget and will flatten our anti-inflation efforts. *I have been fighting this battle for three years.*

I believe in a sound water projects program -- and I have submitted such a program to the Congress. That program would spend precious tax dollars, in FDR's words, as part of "a continuing plan." But the House bill is part of no rational plan. Some \$2.5 billion of its \$4.3 billion total would be almost pure waste -- projects that are still being studied, projects that have not been studied, projects that have been studied and found to be unsound. In addition, the bill would commit us to tens of billions of dollars in useless spending in future years. *Waste creates inflation.* The Water Resources Bill as passed by the House is a bad bill, a wasteful bill and an inflationary bill -- and with your help and support I do not intend to allow it to become law!

~~We cannot solve the problem of inflation overnight. But~~

~~if we do the things I believe we must do, it will pay off for us, in this decade, in stable prices and secure jobs.~~

You and I share

~~As President, I have been guided by the goal of making government work -- competently and compassionately -- for the people. Our challenge has been to take the landmark programs of the last decade -- for consumers, for workers, for a competitive free enterprise system, for the environment -- and make them work effectively in a time of economic and political adversity.~~

Part of our success in ~~doing that~~ has been a direct result of the kind of people we have brought into government.

You in the consumer movement have lent me some of your most articulate advocates to serve in top positions. I want to take this occasion to thank you ~~for that~~ -- and to thank ~~publicly~~ those who are serving American consumers from inside government. I am proud of people like Joan Claybrook -- Susan King -- Mike Pertschuk -- Gino Baroni -- Sam Brown --

Graciela Olivierez -- and of course your former executive director, Carol Foreman.

I want to say a special word about Esther Peterson, my Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs. I love her. I guess we all do. But she is more than lovable -- she is effective. She has more courage and understanding and experience when it comes to standing up for consumers than anyone I know. I am very proud to be her friend and co-worker.

A second key to making government work is direct citizen involvement. This is essential to the fundamental goal of restoring the trust of the people in our democracy. After we lost the vote on the consumer^{protection} agency bill~~---~~ temporarily, I might add ~~---~~* I signed a Consumers Executive Order, to ^(drafted by Esther Peterson) ensure that the consumer voice, ^{will help to shape} ~~is heard~~ in federal policy.

*Stu and Anne Wexler would omit this. Stu feels very strongly that you should not mention reviving the consumer protection agency. Esther feels just as strongly that you should. Sarah Weddington would have you mention the agency only if you make it clear that you do not plan to revive it until after a new Congress is elected

Government *will seek*
I ~~am~~ encouraging agencies to experiment with new ways for ~~to~~
involving citizens in their decisions. My regulatory reform
bill will extend public participation reimbursement funding
throughout the entire federal government. *Together,* We are opening
the doors -- and it is up to you to walk through them.

When I ran for President in 1976, I promised the American
people to cut ~~out~~ *reform* excessive government regulation everywhere
I could.

My goals for regulatory reform are clear.

Where regulation is unnecessary -- where it stifles the
competition [~~that makes our free enterprise system function~~]
-- regulation should be eliminated. Often, traditional
regulation of industries such as airlines and trucking just
protects cartels -- little OPECs -- that keep prices high by
keeping competition out. Airline deregulation revolutionized
air transportation and produced \$2.5 billion in savings for

consumers. Trucking deregulation will save billions more.

This is a goal that was pursued by a hero of yours and mine --
Senator Phil Hart. Our commitment to competition is a tribute
to him and to his ideals.

Where regulation is necessary to protect consumers,
workers, or the environment, we should make sure it does the
job -- ^{efficiently.} ~~but in the least costly, least intrusive way.~~ Everyone
who supports necessary regulation has a stake in eliminating
practices that give regulation a bad name. When OSHA eliminates
1000 nitpicking regulations and turns its attention to serious
health hazards in the workplace, every American is the gainer.

These are common sense goals, and we will achieve them.
But I will vigorously oppose those special interests which
now seek, under the guise of regulatory reform, to turn aside
protection for the consumer, to turn aside protection in the
workplace, to turn aside protection of our environment. We

will reform regulation -- not wreck it. You can depend on that.

I salute you for the measures you have fought for to help
make America a more decent society. Every child saved by
burn safety rules -- every person alive today because cars
and highways are safer, -- every worker saved a painful death
from occupationally related ^{disease} cancer -- every such human
being alive and healthy today ^{owes you a debt of gratitude,} ~~honors and consecrates your~~
^{We must work together.} ~~efforts.~~ And I need your help to protect these gains.

As you know, an extraordinary array of special interests
has now put the antitrust and consumer protection efforts of
the Federal Trade Commission at the top of their hit list.

Obviously, no agency should be immune from scrutiny,
correction or clarification. But a fine-tuning operation
must not be turned into a wrecking crew.

The Federal Trade Commission Act is one of the oldest

and most fundamental safeguards we have ^{for} of the integrity of the marketplace. It has been there since a great consumer advocate in the White House, Woodrow Wilson, signed ^{The Law} it, in 1914. It is so basic to the fabric of trust and fairness in our free economy that we have taken it for granted. We can no longer do that. We have to fight for it. And we will.

are the accusations against the FTC? *It is not*
What ^{is} does the FTC stand accused of? ~~What is so~~ wrong with

to telling vulnerable, bereaved consumers how much a funeral will ^{is not} cost. ~~Why is~~ *It* bad to allow professionals to provide information consumers need? *It does no harm to restore* ~~What on earth is wrong with restoring~~ competition to ^{overprotected industries} ~~the eyeglass industry~~ and ^{to save} saving consumers hundreds of millions of dollars a year? Yet provisions now being considered by Congress would stop activities such as these dead in their tracks.

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Speech copy only

*To prevent leaks, this language appears only on your copy of this speech. It would be the big news of the speech and would probably bring a big hand. Everyone who has been consulted on this speech strongly recommends it.

I will continue to do everything in my power to counter special interests. But I cannot do it alone. President Truman expressed the problem well when he said:

"You know, they have lobbies down there -- the power trust, and they have the real estate lobby, and they have the oil lobbies and they have lobbies for this, that and the other thing. And the only lobby that the people have is the man who sits in the White House. He represents 150 million people who can't afford a lobby."

of course I have you as allies, but
~~the~~ President still represents the people who cannot

afford a lobby. ~~But~~ President Truman could not have predicted the changes that now make it so hard for the President alone to balance the scales. Ours is a time when ^{a lobbyist} pushing one button on a computer can generate ^{hundreds of} thousands of letters on any issue.

But consumers have some things special interests don't have. *We* ~~you~~ have the power of ~~your~~ numbers. And ~~you~~ ^{we} have right, ^{and justice} on ~~your~~ ^{our} side.

this power marshalled and used.

But these ^{one} must be effectively ~~harnessed~~ ^{we} Citizen groups ^{is} cannot afford the luxury of single-issue orientation. ~~You~~ ^{We} must join forces when any of the goals you support is threatened. ~~You~~ ^{We} need the help of each other. And ^{now} I need your help, ^{especially} on a consumer agenda -- on a strong windfall profits ^{tax} bill, on hospital cost containment, on ^{enhancing} protecting personal privacy, on trucking deregulation, on helping small savers get a better return on their money, ^{on protecting the FTC} and on sound class action legislation.

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If -- together -- we can get ~~that message across~~, then

~~I know~~ we will prevail.

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Meeting with Representatives of
Faculties in Islamic STUDIES 2/7/80

- ① Diversity
- ② Non-crisis policy Is/US
- ③ All understand others
- ④ Brotherhood - peace - law
- ⑤ Deprivation → scapegoat
- ⑥ Arab/Israeli/Palestinian
- ⑦ US encourage liberal friends
- ⑧ US public learn more
- ⑨ US/Iran Eg/SA

1. GOOD AFTERNOON & WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
2. { I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THE IRANIAN CRISIS
3. { AND THE BRUTAL SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN,
4. { BUT MORE BROADLY ABOUT THE FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS
5. { BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES & THE FOLLOWERS OF ISLAM.
6. I WILL WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS & QUESTIONS.
7. { I WOULD LIKE FIRST TO READ YOU A STATEMENT
8. { THAT THE WHITE HOUSE INTENDS TO RELEASE LATER IN THE DAY,
9. { AND I HOPE YOU AGREE THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE
10. { FOR THE PRESIDENT TO REAFFIRM THESE PRINCIPLES AT THIS TIME.

(=OVER=) (THE HISTORY OF ISLAM.....)

1. THE HISTORY OF ISLAM IS VERY LONG COMPARED TO THAT OF THE UNITED STATES.
2. ISLAM IS CELEBRATING THE 1ST YEAR OF ITS 15TH CENTURY.
3. AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION, WE HAVE ONLY JUST ENTERED OUR 3RD.
4. { BUT FROM THE BEGINNING,
5. { THE UNITED STATES HAS ENJOYED CLOSE & VALUED TIES
6. { WITH THE MUSLIM WORLD.
7. A MUSLIM STATE, MOROCCO, WAS THE 1ST TO RECOGNIZE OUR INDEPENDENCE.
8. OUR KALEIDOSCOPIC POPULATION INCLUDES A VIGOROUS ISLAMIC COMMUNITY.
9. MANY SCHOLARS FROM THE MUSLIM WORLD PURSUE THEIR STUDIES HERE.
10. { CENTERS FOR ISLAMIC & MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES, MANY OF WHICH YOU REPRESENT,
11. { HAVE GROWN UP IN UNIVERSITIES ALL OVER AMERICA.

(=NEW CARD=) (I HAVE BEEN STRUCK,.....)

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for Preservation Purposes

1. { I HAVE BEEN STRUCK, PERSONALLY & IN MY EXPERIENCE AS PRESIDENT,
2. { BY THE HUMAN & MORAL VALUES WHICH AMERICANS AS A PEOPLE SHARE WITH ISLAM.
3. --WE SHARE, 1st & FOREMOST, A DEEP FAITH IN THE ONE SUPREME BEING;
4. --WE ARE ALL COMMANDED BY HIM TO FAITH, COMPASSION & JUSTICE;
5. --WE HAVE A COMMON RESPECT & REVERENCE FOR LAW;
6. --DESPITE THE STRAINS OF MODERN AGE,
7. WE CONTINUE TO PLACE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ON THE FAMILY & THE HOME;
8. --AND WE SHARE A BELIEF THAT HOSPITALITY IS A VIRTUE,
9. AND THAT THE HOST, WHETHER A NATION OR AN INDIVIDUAL,
10. SHOULD BEHAVE WITH GENEROSITY & HONOR TOWARD GUESTS.

(=OVER=) (ON THE BASIS OF.....)

1. { ON THE BASIS OF BOTH VALUES & INTERESTS,
2. { THE NATURAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISLAM & THE UNITED STATES
3. { IS ONE OF FRIENDSHIP.
4. I AFFIRM THAT FRIENDSHIP, BOTH AS A REALITY & AS A GOAL --
5. { JUST AS I TOTALLY REJECT
6. { ANY ATTEMPT TO MAKE MORAL & SPIRITUAL BELIEFS A BARRIER TO UNDERSTANDING,
7. { RATHER THAN THE BRIDGE THEY CAN & SHOULD BE.
8. I AM DETERMINED TO STRENGTHEN, NOT WEAKEN,
9. THE LONGSTANDING & VALUED BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP & COOPERATION
10. BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES & MANY MUSLIM NATIONS.

(=NEW CARD=) (WE WILL LEND OUR SUPPORT...)

1. WE WILL LEND OUR SUPPORT TO ANY NATION WORKING FOR PEACE & JUSTICE
2. AND TO RESIST EXTERNAL DOMINATION.
3. { WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO HELP RESOLVE PEACEABLY, AND WITH JUSTICE,
4. { THE INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES, INCLUDING THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT,
5. { WHICH AFFECT THE MUSLIM WORLD.
6. { IT IS WITH PROFOUND REVULSION THAT THE WORLD NOW WITNESSES THE REJECTION
7. { OF THESE PRINCIPLES OF UNDERSTANDING & RESPECT
8. { ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION.
9. TODAY, IN A MUSLIM COUNTRY, RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE MAKING WAR AGAINST A PEOPLE
10. WHOSE DEDICATION TO INDEPENDENCE IS AS FIERCE AS THEIR FAITH.

(=OVER=) (IN A TIME OF GRAVE DANGER &.....)

1. { IN A TIME OF GRAVE DANGER & UPHEAVAL,
2. { I WANT TO REAFFIRM WHAT I SAID A FEW WEEKS AGO:
3. { WE HAVE THE DEEPEST RESPECT & REVERENCE
4. { FOR ISLAM & ALL WHO SHARE THE FAITH OF ISLAM.
5. { OF COURSE THERE IS INDIGNATION AMONG AMERICANS TODAY
6. { OVER EVENTS IN ONE ISLAMIC COUNTRY.
7. I SHARE THAT INDIGNATION.
8. BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THIS JUST ANGER WILL NOT BE TWISTED
9. INTO A FALSE RESENTMENT AGAINST ISLAM OR ITS FAITHFUL.
10. { I SAY THAT WITH CONFIDENCE,
11. { BECAUSE A RESPECT FOR RELIGIOUS FAITH IS SO DEEPLY INGRAINED
12. { IN THE CHARACTER OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

(=NEW CARD=) (WE CONTINUE TO SEEK.....)

1. { WE CONTINUE TO SEEK
2. { THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC & CULTURAL TIES
3. { WITH THE ISLAMIC NATIONS & WITH MUSLIMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

4. THAT HAS NOT CHANGED,
5. AND IT WILL NOT CHANGE.

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1:15 PM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
February 6, 1980

MEETING WITH ISLAMIC SCHOLARS

Thursday, February 7, 1980
1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
The Cabinet Room

From: Hedley Donovan 

I. PURPOSE

To reaffirm that the United States has no quarrel with the peoples of Islam, has long-standing ties with Islam, and has great respect for the principles of that faith.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: On December 5, 1979, you met in the Cabinet Room with Moslem religious, business, and professional leaders. This meeting generated substantial goodwill among American Moslems for your decisions regarding Iran.

In a memorandum dated January 4, 1980, I suggested that you meet with university scholars who specialize in Islamic studies, and that you read a statement regarding U.S. ties with and respect for Islam.

B. Participants: A list of expected attendees is attached. All of those attending are prominent scholars with ties to the Middle East; several of them are not Moslem.

C. Press Plan: White House Photographer only (no press). After you read the attached statement, it will be released by the Press Office.

III. AGENDA

Dr. Brzezinski will open the meeting at 12:45 P.M. He will be concluding a half-hour briefing and question-and-answer period when you arrive.

IV. TALKING POINTS

Statement attached. After you read the statement, I recommend that you engage in a dialogue with the group for the remainder of your time with them.

MEETING WITH ISLAMIC SCHOLARS, 2/7/80 -- Expected Attendees

Fazlur Rahman (Pakistani)
Center for Middle Eastern Studies
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Estin Atil (female) (Turkish)
Islamic Curator
Freer Gallery of Art
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, DC

Dr. Isma'il al Faruqi
Department of Religion
Temple University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Muhsin Mahdi
Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Professor Majid Khadduri (Koranic Law; Islamic History)
Center for Middle East Studies
School of Advanced International Studies
Johns Hopkins University
Washington, DC

Dr. Abdul Aziz Said (Diplomacy and International Politics)
School of International Service
American University
Washington, DC

Amal Rassam (female) (Iraqi)
Department of Anthropology
Queens College of CUNY
Flushing, New York

George Atiyeh (Lebanese Christian)
Head of Near East Section
Library of Congress
Washington, DC

George Hourani (Lebanese Christian)
Department of Philosophy
State University of New York
Buffalo, New York

Ali Banuazizi
Department of Psychology
Boston College
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Farhad Kazemi
Department of Political Science
New York University
New York, New York

Gamil Hussein (Egyptian)
National Law Center
George Washington University
Washington, DC

Shahrough Akhavi (Iranian)
Department of Political Science
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

Nur Yalman (Turkish)
Department of Anthropology
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Kemal Karpat (Turkish)
Middle East Studies Program
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Professor Firuz Kazemzadeh (Iranian) (Bahai) (Soviet-Iranian History)
Department of History
Master's Office
Davenport College
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

Ehsan Yarshater (Iranian)
Department of Middle East Languages and Cultures
Columbia University
New York, New York

Zalmay Khalil Zad (Afghan)
Department of Political Science
Columbia University
New York, New York

Abdul Hamid Sabra (Egyptian) (Islamic Science)
Department of History of Science
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

Good afternoon and welcome to the White House. I want to talk with you about the Iranian crisis, and the brutal Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, but more broadly, about the fundamental relationships between the United States and the followers of Islam. I will welcome your comments and questions. I would like first to read you a statement that the White House intends to release later in the day, and I hope you agree that it is appropriate for the President to reaffirm these principles at this time.

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The history of Islam is very long compared to that of the United States. Islam is celebrating the first year of its fifteenth century. As an independent nation, we have only just entered our third.

But from the beginning, the United States has enjoyed close and valued ties with the Muslim world. A Muslim state, Morocco, was the first to recognize our Independence. Our kaleidoscopic population includes a vigorous Islamic community. Many, scholars from the Muslim world pursue their studies here. Centers for Islamic and Middle Eastern studies -- many of which you represent -- have grown up in universities all over America.

I have been struck, personally and in my experience as President, by the human and moral values which Americans as a people share with Islam.

- o We share, first and foremost, a deep faith in the one Supreme Being;
- o We are all commanded by Him to faith, compassion and justice;
- o We have a common respect and reverence for law;
- o Despite the strains of the modern age, we continue to place special importance on the family and the home;
- o And we share a belief that hospitality is a virtue, and that the host, whether a nation or an individual, should behave with generosity and honor toward guests.

On the basis of both values and interests, the natural relationship between Islam and the United States is one of friendship. I affirm that friendship, both as a reality and as a goal -- just as I totally reject any attempt to make moral and spiritual beliefs a barrier to understanding, rather than the bridge they can and should be.

I am determined to strengthen, not weaken, the long-standing and valued bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and many Muslim nations.

We will lend our support to any nation working for peace and justice and to resist external domination. We will continue our efforts to help resolve peaceably -- and with justice -- the international disputes, including the Arab-Israeli conflict, which affect the Muslim world.

It is with profound revulsion that the world now witnesses the rejection of these principles of understanding and respect on the part of the Soviet Union. Today, in a Muslim country, Russian troops are making war against a people whose dedication to independence is as fierce as their faith.

In a time of grave danger and upheaval, I want to reaffirm what I said a few weeks ago: We have the deepest respect and reverence for Islam and all who share the faith of Islam.

Of course there is indignation among Americans today over events in one Islamic country. I share that indignation. But I can assure you that this just anger will not be twisted into a false resentment against Islam or its faithful. I say that with confidence, because a respect for religious faith is so deeply ingrained in the character of the American people.

We continue to seek the closest possible political, economic and cultural ties with the Islamic nations and

with Muslims throughout the world. That has not changed,
and it will not change.

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