

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING:

DATE:

12/7/82  
2:05-2:15 p.m.  
Cabinet Room

SUBJECT:

MX

PARTICIPANTS:

President  
Vice President  
Admiral Daniel Murphy  
State:  
Acting Secretary Kenneth Dam  
Mr. Richard Fairbanks (Asst Secy for  
Treasury: Congressional Relations)  
Secretary Donald T. Regan  
Mr. Marc Leland  
OSD:  
Under Secretary Fred C. Ikle (Under Sec  
for Policy)  
Interior:  
Secretary James G. Watt  
Commerce:  
Dep Sec Guy Fiske  
Transportation:  
Dep Sec Darrell M. Trent  
Energy:  
Secretary Donald P. Hodel  
OMB:  
Mr. Fred Khedouri  
OPD:  
Mr. Ed Harper  
CIA:  
Mr. William J. Casey  
USTR:  
Amb William E. Brock  
JCS: No Representative  
White House:  
Mr. Edwin Meese III  
Mr. James A. Baker III  
Judge William P. Clark  
Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
Mr. Richard G. Darman  
Admiral John M. Poindexter  
Mr. Mr. Kenneth Duberstein  
NSC:  
Mr. Norman Bailey  
Mr. William Martin  
Col Michael Wheeler  
Mr. Robert Kimmitt  
Mr. Peter Sommers  
Col Robert Linhard  
Col Horace Russell

This meeting was originally scheduled to cover Alternative Energy but changed at the last minute to MX.

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997

By CS NARA, Date 1/18/05

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WPC: (explain delay - in lieu of NSC mtg, have telephone blitz on the ~~XXXX~~ MX)

President: we have a problem on the Hill - MX

- (1) if basing made's the problem, forget - not voting on that today  
- still time to discuss
- (2) have to send the message that we're producing the MX
- (3) unilateral cut, as we've done before
- (4) Khrushchev ... West (US) doesn't have the will to rearm

Jim Baker: believe 130 of 192 Republicans who will support  
70 Dems voted for MX before - now have 40-45  
... compile as good a vote as possible  
- get in Senate - save in Conference

Pres: undercuts all we're trying to do - use the symbolism argument - if you want a left,  
(1) met enlistment w/ 100%  
(2) 68% re-enlistment (highest ever)

Vice Pres: emphasize President's emphasis on arms reduction  
- now w/ succession, we can't send the wrong signal

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Baker Ken Duberstein will make assignments  
(Pres goes to Oval Office)  
(Duberstein makes assignments)

(break @ 2:35 to make calls)

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TALKING POINTS  
Telephone Calls on M-X

- The President asked me to call to seek your support when the Defense Appropriations bill reaches the House floor today. . . We need your across-the-board support against further cuts. In particular, I would like to make a special plug for M-X.
- The President's strategic modernization program, of which M-X -- now known as Peacekeeper -- is a critical component, redresses the most serious deficiencies created by years of U.S. restraint, and will allow the U.S. to negotiate reductions in nuclear armaments from a position of strength.
- The President's arms reduction approach is based on his strong conviction of what works and what does not work. Unilateral restraint has not proven successful with our prime adversary. For example, President Carter cancelled the B-1 and in the 1960's the U.S. unilaterally halted production of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs). The Soviets, however, kept on building.
- In contrast, when Congress approved funding for an anti-ballistic missile (ABM) program, we and the Soviets subsequently concluded an ABM Treaty that is still standing today.
- The President needs your vote when the House addresses the fiscal year 1983 Defense Appropriations bill today. The Appropriations Committee language permits us to continue work on M-X, while providing Congress additional time to conduct a thorough review of the President's Closely Spaced Basing plan. This strikes us as a reasonable approach. Please support the President.

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