

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: William E. Timmons

Subject: Breakfast Meeting with Senator Mike Mansfield
September 18, 1970
8:00 a.m. (one hour)
The Residence

I. PURPOSE:

- A. To discuss the current international situation, and,
- B. Senator Mansfield's plans for winding up this session of Congress.

II. PARTICIPANTS AND BACKGROUND:

- A. Participants: The President and Senator Mansfield.
- B. Background: You requested this meeting as another in a continuing series of private sessions with him.

III. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS:

- A. Reported visit to U. S. by NGUYEN CAO KY. Senator Mansfield has expressed considerable concern about the Reverend Carl McIntire's invitation to Ky to visit the United States. On Tuesday, September 15, he specifically asked that the President be informed of his concern saying, "McIntire is no friend of the President. His visit can only embarrass us all. The President is doing a fine job of getting us out of Vietnam -- not as fast as I would like to see, but he is the one who has to make the decision. I hope the President can keep Ky from coming here."

RECOMMENDATION: Tell Mike you appreciated his message because you share his concern -- and the actions which have been taken to dissuade Ky.

III. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS (cont'd)

- B. Letters between Mansfield, Prince Sihanouk, and the President of North Vietnam. While you were at San Clemente, Mansfield forwarded for your information, copies of his correspondence between the above-listed gentlemen. Henry Kissinger's background memo of September 14 to you outlines their contents. Your letter of thanks to Mike (attached to Henry's memo) was hand delivered to Mike - (Tab A).

RECOMMENDATION: Remind Mike that you are appreciative of his efforts.

- C. Joint Meeting, House and Senate, in House chambers on POWs. Mansfield, Scott, McCormack and Arends met yesterday (Wednesday, September 16) to plan a session in the House with Frank Borman speaking to Members on his world-wide trip and reception. POW wives and mothers to witness from gallery. It was agreed that the meeting would take place next Tuesday, September 22, at 12:30 p. m. Invitations will be handled from Hill with no Executive Branch participation planned.

RECOMMENDATION: Let Mike know you realize the difficulty of achieving any tangible results, but the wives and relatives are entitled to our continued effort -- any civilized nation would report at least on whether the POWs were alive.

- D. Foreign Assistance Program: Mike could not attend Henry Kissinger's briefing to selected leaders in the Capitol on Monday, September 14, on your new AID program.

RECOMMENDATION: You may wish to arrange a special briefing for Mike by Henry.

- E. Hijacking Legislation: Last Friday, you briefed Mansfield, Scott, McCormack and Ford on emergency legislation needed to provide armed guards on U. S. flights abroad and certain domestic flights. Mansfield privately and publicly expressed full support for your actions. The legislative package consists of:

1. Authority to create a guard service within the Department of Transportation - (Commerce Committees).

III. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS (cont'd)

E. Hijacking Legislation: (cont'd)

2. A Supplemental Appropriation of \$28 million for the remainder of this fiscal year - (Appropriations Committee).
3. Taxes -- increase from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per head on international flights and increase of 1/2% on domestic flights to go to Airways Trust Fund - (Ways and Means and Finance Committees).

We anticipate trouble with the Commerce Committees on the authorizing legislation. Some express the view that protection is a normal function of government and that airline passengers should not be assessed "extra" for a legitimate public service.

RECOMMENDATION: That you ask Mike if he can get the hijacking package through the Congress this session.

- F. Presidential Campaign Trips. There is Congressional speculation over the degree of your personal campaigning for Republican candidates this fall.

RECOMMENDATION: That you tell Mike you plan to do some limited campaigning for selected candidates in late October and early November. However, you will take a positive approach, praising the Republicans rather than tearing down Democrats. You feel the great institutions of our country, especially the Congress, must be protected from the nihilists and your addresses will emphasize the good in America.

G. Domestic Programs:

1. In your recent message to Congress, "A Call for Cooperation", Mike was somewhat chagrined at the charges of slow Congressional enactment of anti-crime legislation. In his recent statement on the floor, Mike said: "...on the matter of crime, I need only reiterate what I have stated so often in the past -- the Senate has passed all but one major administration crime, drug and obscenity bills, plus several that it originated itself."

III. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS (cont'd)

G. Domestic Programs (cont'd)

RECOMMENDATION: That you consider saying to Mike:
"While it may have sounded as though I was criticizing the Senate for inaction on crime legislation, I want you to know that I am well aware of the fact that the Senate, under your leadership, has been more than fully cooperative - the blame on this issue rests with the House, not the Senate."

2. Legislative Schedule: Mike has put the Senate on a two-shift daily session and now it looks possible that there may be no return after elections. Adjournment could be in late October, if the schedule holds. While Mike is seriously trying to avoid a post election session -- older staff members are predicting that Congress will come back, especially if Family Assistance Plan is brought up. The current programmed schedule is attached at Tab B.

RECOMMENDATION: You may wish to ask Mike how well he thinks he can adhere to schedule.

- H. Vietnam and Middle East: If time permits, a status report on both areas would be appropriate.

Note: Henry Kissinger will be available to join with you later if you desire.

I. Items of Personal Interest to Mike:

1. Montana School of Mineral Science and Technology. You will remember when Mike met with you on August 13, he was interested in his old school receiving a \$25,000 grant -- lest it close down. Since that meeting, HEW has found and allocated the \$25,000.
2. Glasgow Air Force Base. This base was closed under President Johnson, but not disposed of. Mansfield has been trying to get non defense activities established there, basically through HEW.

Elliott Richardson's latest letter to Mike is at Tab C indicating HEW is pursuing the subject.

III. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS (cont'd)

I. Items of Personal Interest to Mike:

2. Glasgow Air Force Base. (cont'd)

RECOMMENDATION: Mike may bring this up. If he does, suggest you indicate your awareness of it and that you know Elliott has been in touch with him.

3. Director of Montana SBA Office: The Small Business Administration had planned on removing Mike's long-time friend, George B. Schotte. At Mike's intercession, George Schotte has been retained as Director of the Montana SBA office.

RECOMMENDATION: No harm in letting Mike know you were glad to be of help in this case.

4. Designation of Glacier Park International Airport as an International Port of Entry. Mike continues to have correspondence with Bureau of Customs asking that this airport be given a temporary designation as an international port of entry. The Commissioner of Customs has written Mike (Tab D) as of September 15, saying in effect that current traffic does not merit such a designation, but if there is an increase in traffic, the matter will be recommended.

RECOMMENDATION: If subject comes up - be aware of it. We could always go for a trial period to see if traffic requires it.

NOTE: Mike has been high in his praise of your coming trip to Europe and has told several colleagues that he thinks your initiative is splendid.