

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CABINET AND AGENCY HEADS

FROM : JACK WATSON *Jack*

This is to reiterate the information conveyed by telephone concerning the transition. Until the official transition unit heads are designated by the President-elect and you are so notified by this office, any informal requests of any persons representing themselves as officials of the President-elect should be courteously refused and this office notified.

We are cooperating fully to establish a planned and coordinated transition program with the official representatives of the President-elect. Consequently, all orientations and exchanges of information should be channeled through these official designees.

cc: White House Senior Staff

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WASHINGTON
November 10, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET AND AGENCY HEADS

FROM: JACK WATSON *JW*
SUBJECT: An Orderly Transition of the Presidency

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm and clarify the President's instructions given last week regarding the transition.

The Presidential Transition Act of 1963 is intended to facilitate "... the orderly transfer of the executive power in connection with the expiration of the term of office of a President and the inauguration of a new President...." The Act states:

"The national interest requires that such transitions in the office of the President be accomplished so as to assure continuity in the faithful execution of the laws and in the conduct of the affairs of the Federal Government, both domestic and foreign."

As you know, the President has asked me to serve as overall coordinator of the transition effort on his behalf. Al McDonald, White House Staff Director, will be working closely with me on the transition, as will Harrison Wellford, Executive Director of OMB. As soon as Governor Reagan officially designates his transition representative(s) for your agency, I will transmit those names to you. I am planning to meet with Governor Reagan's director of the transition, Ed Meese, on Wednesday, November 12th, and should receive the names at that time.

The transition briefing materials you are preparing should be concise and contain information that will be of immediate usefulness to the incoming officials. It would not be fruitful, in my opinion to inundate Governor Reagan's people with excessive detail or with unsolicited advice and recommendations. Our guideline is simply to be helpful and forthcoming in every way possible, without burying the new people under mountains of briefing books and paper.

Although the exact form and content of the transition briefing materials will be determined by each agency, those materials should cover the subjects set forth in the attachment to this memorandum.

The President and his Administration are, of course, fully responsible for the exercise of all governmental responsibilities until the President-elect assumes office on January 20, 1981. As the Presidential Transition Act states, one of our primary goals is to "minimize any disruption which could produce results detrimental to the safety and well-being of the United States and its people."

Please submit to my office a brief progress report on your transition efforts on November 15, 1980, and each two weeks thereafter.

Attachment

Subjects for Transition Materials

1. Agency missions, programs, and statutory authorities.
2. Basic organization and functions.
3. Budgetary and financial information.
4. Personnel policies and administration -- nature and tenure of appointment to major positions, conflict of interest, compensation and benefits, supporting services.
5. Key senior career personnel.
6. Significant interagency relationships.
7. Significant intergovernmental relationships.
8. Budget and appropriation processes.
9. Legislative processes, including legislative clearance requirements.
10. Issues and priorities, with emphasis on matters requiring immediate decision and those requiring action during the first quarter of 1981.

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November 12, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET AND AGENCY HEADS

FROM: JACK WATSON *Jack*

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of persons designated by the President and Governor Reagan as members of their respective transition teams. A description of the transition teams is attached.

This memorandum also establishes guidelines for the filling of SES positions during the transition period and the detailing of agency employees to the Reagan transition team.

Filling SES Vacancies

As part of the President's commitment to an effective transition, it is important that the new Administration be given appropriate latitude in filling key career Senior Executive Service (SES) positions when it assumes office. This is particularly true since involuntary reassignments of career SES employees may not be made within 120 days after the appointment of a new agency head.

Accordingly, the President expects all department and agency heads personally and carefully to review all recommendations for new SES appointments and transfers of career SES employees between now and January 20, 1981.

Use of Detailees

The Presidential Transition Act of 1963 (Sec. 2) provides that any employee of any agency of any branch of the government may be detailed to a Presidential transition team on a reimbursable basis with the consent of the head of the agency. An employee so detailed shall continue to receive compensation for regular employment and retain the rights and privileges of such employment without interruption. The detailee will be responsible only to the President-elect or Vice President-elect for the performance of such duties.

As stated in previous memoranda, it is the President's desire that all departments and agencies should cooperate fully with the transition team. This general policy extends to any requests for detailees. Requests should generally be granted, unless the person requested is necessary for the continued effective performance of agency functions and operations.

The agency head should personally approve the use of any detailees. In order for us to maintain a complete record of transition services, you are requested to include in your transition progress reports, a list of the detailees whom you have approved. Please report any decision to deny a request for detailees to Harrison Wellford, Executive Associate Director of OMB.

Request for detailees should be discussed by the respective transition officers for the agency. Formally, the request must be transmitted to the agency head in writing, and signed by Mr. Peter McPherson or Vernon Orr (or their designee) with a copy to the Comptroller of GSA (Mr. Raymond Fontaine).

William E. Timmons, Deputy Director of the Transition, is responsible for the Office of Executive Branch Management.

Frank A. Whetstone is the senior advisor to this office and Stanley Ebner is Coordinator.

The following is a listing of Executive Branch agencies and the Director responsible for teams to be assigned to them. The groupings are for the administrative convenience of the transition staff only and have no policy implications.

NATIONAL SECURITY GROUP

Dr. David M. Abshire
Department of State
Department of Defense
Central Intelligence Agency
International Development Cooperation Agency
Arms Control Disarmament Agency
International Communication Agency
Veterans Administration
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Overseas Private Investment Corporation
Foreign Claims Settlement Commission
Board for International Broadcasting

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Richard Fairbanks
Department of Agriculture
Department of Energy
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Department of the Interior
Environmental Protection Agency
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Farm Credit Administration
Tennessee Valley Authority
Syn-Fuels Corporation
Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

HUMAN SERVICES GROUP

Elizabeth Dole
Department of Education
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Housing and Urban Development
ACTION
Community Services Administration
Federal Council on Aging
National Credit Union Administration

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS GROUP

Stanton D. Anderson

Council on Wage and Price Stability
Office of Special Trade Representative
Department of Commerce
Department of Treasury
Department of Transportation
Comptroller of the Currency
Export-Import Bank
Federal Home Loan Bank Board
Small Business Administration
International Trade Commission
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Federal Reserve System
National Transportation Safety Board
Regional Development Commissions
National Labor Relations Board
Department of Labor
Federal Labor Relations Authority
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
National Mediation Board
Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission
Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES GROUP

Loren A. Smith

Department of Justice
General Services Administration
Office of Personnel Management
United States Railway Association
Civil Aeronautics Board
Federal Communications Commission
Federal Trade Commission
Interstate Commerce Commission
Securities Exchange Commission
Federal Maritime Commission
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Federal Emergency Management Agency
National Science Foundation
Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
United States Postal Service
Federal Election Commission
Merit System Protection Board
Smithsonian Institution
National Endowment for the Arts
National Endowment for the Humanities
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Postal Rate Commission
Civil Rights Commission
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Miscellaneous Boards and Commissions

Team leaders report to one of five Group Directors who manage issues clusters.

Department team leaders are:

Department of State: Robert E. Neumann
Department of Defense: William Van Cleave
Department of Treasury: Gerald L. Parsky
Department of Justice: Richard Wiley
Department of Interior: Richard Richards
Department of Agriculture: Richard Lyng
Department of Commerce: Calvin J. Collier
Department of Labor: Richard Shubert
Department of Health and Human Services: Robert Carleson
Department of Housing and Urban Development: Gerald Carmen
Department of Transportation: Arthur E. Teele
Department of Energy: Michael Halbouty
Department of Education: Loreli Kinder

Team leaders for agencies and independent commissions, as well as members of the departmental teams, will be announced later.

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