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SUBJECT:

Senior Ad Hoc Group on International Economic Policy

The agenda for the Ad Hoc Group meeting scheduled for Friday, March 22, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the White House Situation Room has been amended. The discussion will be restricted to the Status of U.S.-Japan Trade Negotiations. Attached is a status report from the Japan IG which will guide the discussion.

Edward J. Stucky

Acting Executive Secretary

cc: Staff Secretary and Deputy Assistant to the President Deputy Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs

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## DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT** 

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March 21, 1985

## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Secretary James A. Baker, III

Chairman, SIG-IEP

FROM:

Ambassador Michael B. Smith

Chairman, Japan IG

SUBJECT: Status Report on MOSS Negotiations

A series of meetings was held in Tokyo March 11 through 18, including the MOSS groups on Telecommunications, Medical Equipment and Pharmaceuticals, and Electronics, the Economic Sub-Cabinet consultations, the Trade Committee, and a MOSS plenary session. Following is a status report on the MOSS negotiations.

Telecommunications: The full MOSS Telecommunications group has met four times. In addition, experts from USTR and DOC remained in Tokyo from February 22 through March 15 analyzing the ordinances as they were written and translated, and meeting daily with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to resolve technical problems. On March 13 we gave the GOJ in writing the four principles and nine specific issues which the SIG-IEP had approved as USG objectives. The GOJ responded orally on March 15 and in writing March 17. In my view none of the four principles has been met. There have been varying degrees of progress on the nine specific issues on which you may wish to ask Lionel Olmer to report orally. Under the ordinances as currently drafted, the GOJ retains sufficient authority to restrict foreign access to the telecommunications equipment and VANs markets.

<u>Electronics</u>: The Electronics MOSS group has met twice. Exhibiting a generally positive approach, MITI has proposed three specific issues for short-term progress:

- 1. <u>Software</u>: MITI has abandoned its attempts of last year to remove copyright protection for software. Japan's Copyright Law will be amended explicitly to cover software. Ambassador Brock has publicly commended the GOJ for this change in policy.
- 2. Chip Protection Bill: While some issues remain unresolved, the GOJ appears to be moving in the right direction.
- 3. Tariffs: MITI is proposing a mutual elimination of tariffs in a broad range of electronics products. We are translating the specific proposal and will be reviewing it with concerned industry associations in the next few weeks to determine private sector interest.

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SUBJECT:

Senior Ad Hoc Group on International Economic Policy

There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc. Group on Friday, March 22, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the White House Situation Room.

The agenda items are:

- 1. Status of U.S.-Japan Trade Negotiations
- 2. Blended Credit Program: Cargo Preference

There will be no papers circulated prior to this meeting.

James A. Baker, All

cc: Staff Secretary and Deputy Assignant to the President Deputy Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs

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