

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

MEETING ON ALIEN SMUGGLING

DATE: JUNE 11, 1993
LOCATION: OVAL OFFICE
TIME: 3:30 P.M.
From: Carol Rasco
Samuel R. Berger

I. PURPOSE

You will meet with White House staff and members of the Border Security Working Group to discuss criminal alien smuggling.

II. BACKGROUND

A recent increase in criminal alien smuggling into the U.S., including the incident of last Sunday in New York, is an issue of concern to the country.

III. PARTICIPANTS

White House

Carol Rasco DPC
Sandy Berger NSC
George Stephanopoulos
David Gergen
Donsia Strong DPC
Randy Beers NSC
Eric Schwartz NSC

Departments/Agencies

Attorney General Reno - Justice
Phyllis Coven - Justice
Jim Puleo - INS
Chris Sale - INS
Secretary Pena - Transportation
Admiral J. William Kime - Coast Guard
Rear Admiral Richard Applebaum - Coast Guard

IV. PRESS PLAN

None

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V. AGENDA

The PRESIDENT -- "We will begin with a short DPC/NSC briefing on the issue, after which the departments and agencies will elaborate or explain in more detail issues for which they have responsibility."

INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW

Sandy Berger
Carol Rasco

DPC/NSC STAFF BRIEFING (15 minutes)

1. Alien smuggling: the problem
 - Increase in smuggling ships from China (Eric Schwartz)
 - Exploitation of asylum laws and procedures (Donsia Strong)
2. USG response thus far (Eric Schwartz)
3. Administration actions taken and/or proposed (Randy Beers)
 - Plan of Action submitted by CHR and AL which includes,
 - overseas intelligence activities;
 - approaches to source nations;
 - cooperation with flag states, including their cooperation in receiving interdicted vessels and processing aliens in cooperation with international agencies;
 - interdiction;
 - modifying laws and procedures relating to exclusion at ports of entry;
 - increasing penalties for alien smuggling and modifying other criminal statutes;
 - detention of smuggled aliens who do not have credible claims;
 - modifying Bush Administration policy regarding enhanced consideration of asylum claims based on one-child policy in China; and
 - identifying and providing resources, including the Immigration Emergency Fund (currently appropriated at \$30 million)
4. Department and agency comments. (15 minutes)
 - Justice
 - INS
 - Transportation
 - Coast Guard

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5. Issues for Decision

- the Plan of Action
- use of Immigration Emergency Fund
- legislation on expedited procedures at ports of entry

6. Politics of the Issue

- advocacy/human rights community concerns; litigation
- congressional and public concern about illegal immigration
- West coast views its border problems as much greater
- minorit, community perceptions

7. Further Tasks

VI. REMARKS

None Required

Attachments:

Tab I - Fact Sheet on Alien Smuggling

Tab II - Draft Presidential Decision Document (Provided Separately)