

MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: PAMELA
REF: CONGRESSIONAL INTERN SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT; FRIDAY JULY
21 2:00, SENATE AUDITORIUM, ~~SD 625~~ **SD 6-50**
DATE: JULY 19, 1989
CC: JOYCE, WALT

SUMMARY:

THE CONGRESSIONAL INTERN PROGRAM SPONSORS DAILY LECTURES WITH VARIOUS POLICY MAKERS. THEY HAVE BEEN INNUNDED WITH CALLS SINCE ANNOUNCING THAT YOU WOULD ADDRESS THE GROUP THIS FRIDAY. THEY EXPECT A CROWD OF 500 NOT ONLY FROM THE HILL, BUT FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AS WELL.

PROGRAM:

YOU WILL BE INTRODUCED BY WAYNE SCHLEY (SHLAY), MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR OF SENATE RULES. THE FORMAT IS YOURS TO SET. GENERALLY, THE SPEAKER GIVES HIS/HER SPEECH THEN OPENS THE FLOOR TO QUESTIONS. GIVEN THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY, THEY WILL UNDERSTAND IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO SO.

YOU MAY CHOOSE THE TOPIC OF YOUR ADDRESS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT A TIMELY TOPIC MIGHT BE DESECRATION OF THE FLAG.

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

CONGRESSIONAL INTERN PROGRAM

21 JULY 1989

THANK YOU WAYNE FOR THAT NICE INTRODUCTION.

IN A FEW WEEKS MOST OF YOU WILL BE RETURN

HOME OR RETURN TO SCHOOL. AND YOU WILL CARRY


BACK WITH YOU MANY MEMORIES OF YOUR

EXPERIENCES HERE THIS SUMMER.



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I IMAGINE YOU WILL RETURN FROM WASHINGTON
WITH A BROADER VIEW OF THE WORLD -- A REALIZATION
THAT EVENTS ATTACHED TO FAR AWAY DATELINES
REALLY ARE IMPORTANT, AND DO HAVE AN AFFECT ON
YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY.

THROUGH YOUR EXPERIENCES IN 
CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES -- YOU MAY ALSO TAKE WITH
YOU A SENSE OF THE PEOPLE WHO SERVE IN YOUR
GOVERNMENT.

THIS IS, AFTER ALL, A GOVERNMENT OF, BY, AND
FOR THE PEOPLE; AND THOUGH WE MAY NOT ACT IT AT
TIMES, THOSE OF US WITH TITLES LIKE PRESIDENT,
SENATOR, CONGRESSMAN OR SECRETARY REALLY ARE
MORTALS JUST LIKE YOU -- TRYING TO DO THE BEST WE
CAN.

WE'RE NOT PERFECT. WE DON'T KNOW ALL THE
ANSWERS. BUT I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT DESPITE
THE CYNICAL PERCEPTION THE PUBLIC HAS OF THE
CONGRESS AS AN INSTITUTION, MOST OF THE PEOPLE
WORKING UP HERE REALLY DO HAVE THE BEST
INTERESTS OF AMERICA AT HEART. WE CARE ABOUT
WHAT WE ARE DOING. WE LOVE OUR COUNTRY
ENOUGH TO ENGAGE OURSELVES IN ITS GOVERNANCE.

YOUR CHOICE TO SPEND SOME TIME AS AN INTERN
IN WASHINGTON IS DUE, NO DOUBT, TO YOUR INTEREST
IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND POLITICS.

IN THE FUTURE -- PERHAPS CLOSER THAN YOU
THINK -- THIS COUNTRY WILL BE TURNING TO MERE
MORTALS LIKE YOU TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS.

BUT OF ALL THE MEMORIES AND LESSONS YOU

CARRY AWAY FROM WASHINGTON -- I HOPE YOU GET

SOME SENSE OF CONGRESS AS AN INSTITUTION -- HOW

IT WORKS -- AND WHY IT WORKS THE WAY IT DOES.

IN THE YEARS FOLLOWING THE SECOND WORLD

WAR, THE GROWTH OF THE MEDIA AND AMERICA'S

EXPANDING ROLE AS A WORLD POWER HAVE DIRECTED

ATTENTION TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH -- THE WHITE

HOUSE.

BUT IT'S HERE IN THE CONGRESS WHERE WE DO SO

MUCH OF THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT STEERS THE

NATION.

WHERE DO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE GO WHEN THEY
HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THEIR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

SURE, THEY CAN WRITE A LETTER TO THE
PRESIDENT. IT MIGHT GET ANSWERED. BUT IF THEY
WRITE THEIR CONGRESSMAN IT WILL GET ANSWERED.
AND IF THEY WANT TO SEE THEIR CONGRESSMAN THAT
CAN BE ARRANGED TOO.

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THE CONGRESS IS A WONDERFUL NATIONAL TOWN
MEETING. IT'S A PLACE WHERE ALL THE DIVERGENT
VIEWS IN THIS NATION COME TOGETHER AT THE SAME
PLACE AT THE SAME TIME. WE TALK AND MEET AND
DEBATE AND DRAFT AND VOTE. AND OUT OF IT ALL
EMERGES ONE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT GOVERNMENTS
ON EARTH.

THAT'S THE PROCESS YOU SEE GOING ON AROUND
YOU EVERY DAY.

WHETHER IT'S LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE
CAPITOL LAWN OR BUNDLES OF MAIL ARRIVING AT YOUR
OFFICE DOOR -- THE CONGRESS IS THE PLACE WHERE
THE PEOPLE COME TO DO BUSINESS WITH THEIR
GOVERNMENT.

YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO GET A CLOSE LOOK AT
AN INSTITUTION THAT WAS A RADICAL IDEA WHEN IT WAS
CREATED 200 YEARS AGO.

AS HISTORIANS ARE FOND OF POINTING OUT --

WHEN CONGRESS WAS CREATED ENGLAND AND

FRANCE WERE RULED BY MONARCHS, A CZAR WAS IN

COMMAND OF RUSSIA, A SULTAN RULED ^{THE} TURKISH
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OTTOMAN EMPIRE. THERE WAS AN EMPEROR IN
(SHOW - GUNS)

CHARGE OF CHINA AND MILITARISTIC "SHOGUNS" RULED

JAPAN.

NOW WE SEE EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS --

HELD FOR SO LONG IN THE IRON GRIP OF TOTALITARIAN
COMMUNISM -- STARTING TO DABBLE WITH MULTI-PARTI
POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND NATIONAL LEGISLATURES,
WHERE VOTES ARE MORE THAN RUBBER STAMPS.

WHEN I GET BACK TO MY OFFICE THERE WILL BE A
TELEVISION CREW FROM HUNGARY WAITING TO
INTERVIEW ME. THE TOPIC OF THE INTERVIEW IS HOW
THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WORKS.

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AND NEXT WEEK - A CREW FROM SOVIET TELEVISION
WILL BE HERE TO DO THE SAME STORY. PRETTY
AMAZING WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

LET ME CONCLUDE BY SAYING I HOPE YOU FOUND
YOUR TIME HERE VALUABLE. THE PAY MAY BE LOW BUT
THE FRINGE BENEFITS ARE GREAT. YOU'VE HAD A TASTE
OF HOW OUR GOVERNMENT WORKS. AND I HOPE WE
SEE SOME OF YOU BACK HERE SOME DAY.

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Questions ?

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