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Trip Meeting: 9:30 a.m. Monday

- ✓ 1. Report on meeting with INS and DEA re briefing book
- ✓ 2. Airplane -- continuing to work on that and will report when something definitive known
- ✓ 3. OPA -- clipping to expand beyond narcotics and INS, and a separate clipping book for the countries, country by country, e.g. Japan piece,
- ✓ 4. John Roberts → meet w/ John Warner of DEA re protocol + speeches.
- ✓ 5. John Roberts → Sam Feldman



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Washington, D. C. 20530

August 27, 1982

Honorable George P. Shultz
Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear George:

I am writing to inform you personally about international travel I plan to undertake later this fall in connection with my responsibilities as Attorney General. I have enclosed a tentative itinerary for the proposed trip, which will take me to areas of great importance to the development of our policies and programs concerning such high-priority items on the Department of Justice agenda as narcotics trafficking and refugee matters. This foreign travel has been approved by the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs pursuant to the President's memorandum of February 22, 1982.

Members of my staff and officials of the Department of Justice have already contacted State Department representatives and are working with them in developing plans for the trip. I would naturally be pleased to meet with you to discuss our tentative plans and our objectives. I would be most gratified if you would be willing to give me the benefit of your expertise concerning the countries we propose to visit, and share any ideas you might have about how best to achieve our objectives. If there is anything that I can do during the planning process or the trip itself which would be of assistance to you and your Department, I would be happy to be of service. We are, of course, most anxious to avoid interfering in any way with the ongoing responsibilities of the State Department.

Thank you for the valuable cooperation and assistance which the State Department has already rendered. I am looking forward to working with you to make this trip a highly successful one for the Administration.

Sincerely,

William French Smith
Attorney General

Enclosure

September 22-23 Los Angeles to Tokyo.

September 24-25 Japan: Reassure Japanese that recent technology-theft indictments are a result of law enforcement policies, not foreign policy; meeting with MITI on trade-related lawsuits; request to increase Japanese participation in international narcotics control programs; spread of Japanese organized crime to Hawaii; and study how Japan has managed to reduce its drug problem.

September 26 Tokyo to Hong Kong.

September 27-29 Hong Kong: Visit to refugee camps and briefing by INS District Director on Southeast Asian refugee issues; meetings with Hong Kong officials on laundering of drug money and ethnic Chinese drug syndicates.

September 30 Hong Kong to Bangkok.

October 1-5 Thailand: DEA indicates a high-level visit to Thailand would be extremely valuable in the continuing effort to step up Thai efforts to stem the flow of narcotics to Europe and the U.S.; stop would include meetings with Thai officials and a visit to Chiang Mai area, where opium is produced; visit to Thai refugee camps because these represent primary launching site for INS program in Southeast Asia.

October 6 Bangkok to Islamabad.

October 7-8 Pakistan: Like Thailand, DEA considers a high-level visit to Pakistan extremely valuable to efforts to slow international narcotics trafficking; stop would include meetings with Pakistani officials and visit to the Northwest Frontier Province; also like Thailand, Pakistan is a key stopover point for refugees, especially those from Afghanistan and the stop would include a visit to the Khyber Pass and Afghan refugee camps.

October 9 Islamabad to Ankara:

October 10-12 Turkey: To accept the invitation of Interior Minister Selahattin Cetiner. The danger that Turkey may again become a primary source of opium and because Turkish Nationals have been involved in the movement of Southwest Asian opiates to Central Europe is of keen interest to international narcotic trafficking interdiction efforts. Also, counterterrorism enforcement is a subject of intense interest to Turkish officials. Americans have in the past been victims of terrorist attacks in Turkey. The Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia has claimed credit for attacks on Turkish officials around the world. Finally, Turkey is drafting a new constitution, which is a topic of considerable debate and interest.



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NOTE FOR THE AG:

We had a useful regular meeting of the Asian trip planners this morning at 9:30. As you are aware, we are meeting each morning at that time to touch base with DEA, the FBI and OPA, as well as your immediate staff, to frame action items and review actions taken to date.

One result of today's meeting is that John Roberts and I will be meeting with John Warner of DEA (their top international official) to discuss matters of protocol, which we need for planning and preparing remarks, toasts and the like. Incidentally, John Warner notes that in Turkey there will be enormous pressures to have one state dinner after another. They really

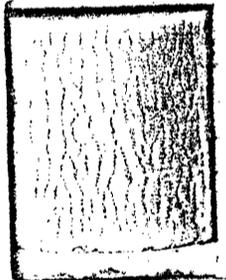


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roll out the red carpet, we are told.

Finally, John Roberts will be sending in today a status report on background briefing information. He will also attach to the memo a brief summary backgrounder on each country we will be visiting.



Memorandum



Subject

Purposes of Upcoming Trip

Date

October 4, 1982

To The Attorney General

From John Roberts *JR*

The upcoming trip to Tokyo, Hong Kong, Macao, Thailand, Pakistan, Rome and Paris is primarily concerned with narcotics trafficking and refugees. The Department is pursuing a wide range of initiatives in these areas domestically (new narcotics law enforcement initiative; immigration legislation) and the trip will permit you to develop and implement an international strategy to complement our domestic efforts in both areas.

The stop in Japan is actually focused on issues other than narcotics and refugees. The major purpose in Japan is to dispel Japanese concerns that the recent commercial theft prosecutions against Japanese companies represent a foreign policy tool directed against Japan. It is important that you indicate to Japanese government and commercial representatives that there is no concerted effort against Japan and that the cases arose in the normal course of law enforcement investigations. In the drug area we will be trying to convince the Japanese to undertake a larger role in assisting Asian countries more directly involved with the problem, such as Thailand and Pakistan. Japanese organized crime (the Yakuza) is a growing problem, and the trip will provide an opportunity to discuss joint Japanese-American efforts against organized crime. Finally, there are several thousand Southeast Asian refugees in Japanese camps, and it will be important to discuss resettlement obligations. The Japanese also want to discuss how the Simpson-Mazzoli legislation will affect Japanese tourists and business travellers to the United States.

In Hong Kong your purpose will be to encourage efforts to end the colony's role as a financial center for drug traffic. The colony is a leading area for money laundering. Asset seizure legislation is being considered that would cripple this activity, and your trip will provide an opportunity to promote such efforts and to discuss our own experience with asset seizure. On the refugee side, Hong Kong just recently adopted a new, deterrent policy toward refugees, and it will be important to assess the impact of this new approach.

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Thailand is the core of the trip. On the narcotics front, the Thai government has recently taken an aggressive stance against the warlords in the north who control opium cultivation and trafficking, and our purpose will be to applaud and encourage continuation of this new initiative. You will also visit a crop substitution project and promote that activity. Thailand has indicated reluctance to continue to accept and hold refugees from Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos as resettlement abroad becomes more difficult, and the trip will provide an opportunity to assess their somewhat dramatic threats and communicate our position.

Heroin trafficking and use have skyrocketed in Pakistan, and your trip will serve to focus the attention of the Pakistanis on these problems. You will also have an opportunity to observe the unique difficulties of controlling heroin traffic in the Northwest Frontier areas. Pakistan has taken in millions of Afghan refugees, and it is important to recognize their contributions and determine if problems now surfacing portend any change in their position.

Italy has become a major heroin distribution center with the demise of the French connection, so it is a logical last stop on the trip. The visit will also permit discussions with Italian officials on ways to combat organized crime, which accounts for much of the heroin traffic into the United States.

Paris has been added to the trip at the express request of the State Department. According to State, a visit by you at this time will help solidify an incipient French resolve to go after the growing number of terrorists who operate in France.

cc: ~~Ken~~ Starr
Tom DeCair
Hank Habicht