

12/23/85 Staff Meeting - AG Conf Room - 8:30 - 9:00  
AG, Reynolds, Bolton, Wallace, Eastland,  
Mann, Alito, Gainer, Markman, Fried, SHG

1. Budget

Furry: As of Friday morning we had gotten  
167 of 340 million above the OMB passback.  
Later Friday we got an additional 10 million  
FBI and DEA enhancement will be 31 million  
instead of 60.  
We will have 10-20 million above 3%  
real growth

2. FARA case - Keene v. Meese

Charles: Dist. Ct. opinion applies only to  
three films, and we believe it has no  
precedential value

Normally ~~such~~ appeal would be virtually automatic,  
but the case is trivial

We could conscientiously decline to appeal.

We are litigating the same case in D.C. Circuit -

SHG set up meeting -

Steve Markman and Brad attend - also Terry E.

4-5 ~~not~~ no good

3. Birmingham case

Brad: We will appeal adverse decision by dist. Ct.

4. Texaco case

~~There~~ Brad will hold meeting at 4 p.m. to coordinate  
positions of government departments being

5. Legislative affairs

AG: John prepare list of matters of interest as  
next session of Congress begins.

Design a legislative program to keep AG, Fowell, and  
Furry on top of developments in the Appropriations  
Committees

6. <sup>AGs:</sup> Fred Graham wants to interview Friday -  
Terry coordinate time for interview.
  
7. Sentencing Commission  
Ron Gainer - Commission chose woman from  
Minnesota  
AGs: They should not be governed by political  
constraints or limits of prison  
<sup>capacity</sup>  
~~considerations~~  
those can be factored in later.
  
8. MacDonald case  
Charles: Stuart Taylor did article in Sunday NYT.  
Taylor initially thought we had done a total  
change of direction.  
Charles will brief Terry on the case.
  
9. Next staff meeting Mon. 6 Jan.