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esp on Senator Helms' attitude.*

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And

REAGAN ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENTS.

1. THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY:

DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE:	WILLIAM CLARK
DEPUTY TREASURY SECRETARY:	R T MCNAMAR (NOTE SPELLING)
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL:	EDWARD SCHMULTS
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:	JOHN MARSH
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY:	JOHN LEHMAN
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:	VERNE ORR
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS:	MURRAY WEIDENBAUM

2. BIOGRAPHIES WILL FOLLOW SEPARATELY.

3. THE NOMINATION OF CLARK, A REAGAN APPOINTEE TO THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT WITH NO FOREIGN POLICY BACKGROUND (MY TELNO 40) WILL BE CONTROVERSIAL. HE WAS REAGAN'S FIRST CHOICE AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, BUT IT HAS BEEN WIDELY RUMOURED THAT HIS APPOINTMENT WAS RESISTED BY HAIG. A STORY TO THAT EFFECT IN TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST HAS BEEN STRONGLY DENIED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND HAIG HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT PRAISING CLARK'S "EXTRAORDINARY REPUTATION OF EXCELLENCE BOTH IN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND IN JURISPRUDENCE" AND DESCRIBING HIS NOMINATION AS A SUPERB CHOICE WHICH WOULD HAVE HIS ENTHUSIASTIC ENDORSEMENT.

4. THERE IS AN AIR OF PROTESTING TOO MUCH ABOUT HAIG'S STATEMENT. IT MAY BE THAT ACCEPTANCE OF CLARK AS HIS DEPUTY IS THE PRICE HAIG HAS HAD TO PAY TO COUNTER A THREAT BY A GROUP MAINLY COMPOSED OF RIGHT WING REPUBLICAN SENATORS LED BY SENATOR HELMS TO BLOCK HAIG'S CHOICES FOR OTHER SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT POSTS, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE "FAILED" FOREIGN POLICIES OF FORMER ADMINISTRATIONS AND ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY COMMITTED IDEOLOGICALLY TO THE SWEEPING CHANGES IN US FOREIGN POLICY DEMANDED BY THE CONSERVATIVES. THE PRINCIPAL TARGET OF HELMS AND HIS ASSOCIATES IS SAID TO BE LAURENCE EAGLEBURGER, THE PRESUMPTIVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, WHOM THEY REGARD AS A TROJAN HORSE FOR KISSINGER. BUT THEY ARE ALSO SAID TO OBJECT TO JOHN HOLDRIDGE (ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FAR EAST AFFAIRS), CHESTER CROCKER (ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS) AND PAUL WOLFOWITZ (HEAD OF THE POLICY PLANNING STAFF). NONE OF THESE APPOINTMENTS HAS YET BEEN ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY. A MEMBER OF HELMS'S STAFF HAS TOLD US THAT THE GROUP OF RIGHT WING REPUBLICANS OBJECT NOT SO MUCH TO ANY ONE OF THESE OR OTHER NAMES, AS TO THE GENERAL COMPLEXION OF THE SLATE OF PROSPECTIVE APPOINTEES, DOWN TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AS A WHOLE.

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5. HELMS, WHO VOTED AGAINST WEINBERGER'S CONFIRMATION AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND HAS VOICED STRONG OBJECTIONS TO CARLUCCI'S NOMINATION AS DEPUTY SECRETARY, IS REFLECTING WIDESPREAD DISGRUNTLEMENT AMONG REAGAN'S LONG-STANDING SUPPORTERS ON THE FAR RIGHT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, WHO ARE ANGRY AND DISMAYED AT THE EXTENT TO WHICH, SO FAR, REAGAN'S APPOINTMENTS BOTH TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND TO THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF HAVE BEEN DOMINATED BY MANAGERIAL FIGURES AND OFFICIALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NIXON AND FORD ADMINISTRATIONS.

6. THREE CABINET MEMBERS REMAIN TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE: DAVID STOCKMAN (DIRECTOR OF OMB), JEANE KIRKPATRICK (AMBASSADOR TO THE UN) AND WILLIAM CASEY (DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE). THE SENATE WILL VOTE ON THESE THREE ON 27 JANUARY.

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