

BOB UMPHREY

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Bob was calling a "bureaucrat" from Brock's office when I went in.

"We won." he said, "Deaver called Bill at home Saturday and told him the President was returning the Proclamation to the Trade Representatives Office with instructions to change it to provide for^a two year extension of the present quota. It's what we wanted. It will be tight for them but it means they will all go ahead with their investment programs. If we had gotten the phase out, at least one of the companies would have folded I think. It's a big victory. It's strange. The industry had the best case you can have. But we wouldn't have won if Bill hadn't gone to the hall with Deaver. That's sad."

"The Proclamation was sent back to the Trade Representative's Office and it's being written there. Then it will be returned to the White House for the president's signature--or whoever is "the president" in these cases. Then we will be allowed to announce it. We know that it's been settled, but we can't announce it till they tell us."

They were waiting for the word so they could announce it. Then, Bob Tyrer's preparations will go into action.

"When people hear how successful we've been the office will be deluged with calls for help. And I'm sure the potato farmers and fishermen will be expecting great things from us."

He thinks potatoes will be next, since they are having a 322 investigation done by ITC.

Bob thinks "we'll be known as protectionists now and that's not good in some circles." He mentioned the NYT - Washington Post media types especially.

Bob: "They are playing hardball with us and 'yanking us around.' "

Tom: They jerked us around."

At 5:45 Mike Hathaway in Deaver's office calls and gives OK. They call Mitchell 5 minutes later. "That's how you get fucked in this business.

They called Mitchell 5 minutes later and by now (6:10) everybody will have called around." Bob Tyrer puts radio calls through. Then he tells someone else our phone. "You know who did the work. (Then under his breath "A lot of good that will do.") "It's catch as catch can. If we had it at 3, we could have gotten release around.

They have missed most of radio. "The radio guys, the news department, have gone home by now. We'll have to get the radio out in the morning... Or else there's some guy up there holding the phone and eating a cheeseburger and he hears from Mitchell and Cohen and he doesn't know who did the work. Why should be?" Tom Daffron came in "Don't talk to me. I've gone home to be to Fantasy Island. "Ted is running releast around as our district

Bot T. calls Bill and asks him to call McLeary in Augusta and WGAN (which won't take tapes) "Stress your meeting with Brock and White House and how we turned it around." He comes back "Bill will call the two radio stations--grudgingly I might say."

Bob U. sticks his head in Tyrers stall and says "What would we have gotten if we hadn't voted for AWACS?" Then he said "The guy at the White House said, "Now I assume you'll vote for all our budget cuts. He was kidding--maybe."

I go home with Tom on Metro. He says "Bill called the three companies. Bob Haig was delighted; Penley wasn't too excited; was out somewhere. You don't win too much in these things. But the workers will know." But point is that Bill did call the 3 people that met with him in Maine.

Tom "We got a two year extension. So the issue comes up in 1984. I can see it now--clothespin industry shuts down in Maine, 500 jobs lost. Cohen to blame! The three year phase down had a certain appeal to it, because it would be a 1985 issue. We are all in favor of more 1985 issues."

The continuity of thought here - AWACS, 1984 all wrapped into this
small issue. Seamless web.