

happy about airing public unhappiness—

THE PRESIDENT. You've got my reaction.

Q. Well.

THE PRESIDENT. My reaction was that maybe some of you were trying to make the news instead of reporting it.

PRESS SECRETARY BRADY. Thank you, Mr. President.

NOTE: The exchange began at 1:40 p.m. at the South Portico of the White House as the President was leaving for several hours of horseback riding at Quantico Marine Base, Va.

United States-New Zealand Maritime Boundary Treaty

*Message to the Senate Transmitting
the Treaty. March 25, 1981*

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, the Treaty between the United States of America and New Zealand on the Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary between the United States of America and Tokelau. Also transmitted for the information of the Senate is the report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaty.

This Treaty is necessary to settle the overlapping claims of jurisdiction resulting from the establishment of a 200 nautical mile fishery conservation zone off the coasts of American Samoa in accordance with the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, and the establishment by the Government of New Zealand of a 200 nautical mile zone around Tokelau.

In this connection, the status of three Tokelauan islands has also been resolved and the sovereignty of the United States over Swains Island has been confirmed.

The Treaty satisfies the interest of the peoples of Tokelau and New Zealand that the Tokelauan claim to sovereignty over three of these islands, inhabited by natives of Tokelau and administered by New Zealand, will not be encumbered by a conflicting but inferior claim by the United States. The Treaty protects United States interests by confirming United States sovereignty over Swains Island, which had been claimed by Tokelau, and by securing a maritime boundary in accordance with equitable principles. It further serves United States foreign policy interests in the area by promoting friendly relations with New Zealand and with Tokelau.

I am transmitting for the information of the Senate a document from the Government of New Zealand vesting the Tokelauan signatories with authority to sign the Treaty on behalf of New Zealand and a separate exchange of letters between the United States and New Zealand, signed on December 2, 1980, setting forth the understanding of each side that New Zealand is willing to make arrangements for United States fishermen to have access to the Tokelauan 200 mile zone.

I recommend that the Senate give early consideration to the Treaty and give its advice and consent to ratification.

RONALD REAGAN

The White House,
March 25, 1981.

Integrity and Efficiency in Federal Programs

*Statement on Signing Executive Order 12301.
March 26, 1981*

Today, I am announcing two actions to respond to the demand of the American people for honesty in government.

While hundreds of thousands of Government employees are working honestly and competently to serve their Nation, there is also a very small minority of dishonest—and some frankly incompetent—individuals who are costing the taxpayers perhaps billions of dollars in fraud and waste.

This is not my money; it is not the Congress money—it is the people's money. Our failure to stop this fraud, waste, and mismanagement has led to growing public cynicism about the ability of Government to control itself. It raises fundamental questions about the integrity of government.

My first action is the issuance of an Executive order establishing the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency. This action signals everyone who works for or does business with the Government that we mean business.

This Executive order I have signed brings together in one body the Inspectors General of the various agencies of Government so that they can focus their total efforts in the places that will do the most good. This will also include the efforts of the Justice Department and its resources in the FBI.

Bringing together these efforts will permit all agencies to share knowledge of fraudulent and wasteful activities. They will exchange information on the kinds of investigations which will provide the most promising results. And they will be ready to move in quickly with tough and effective criminal prosecutions where such prosecutions are warranted.

I have asked Edwin Harper, Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, to chair the new Council. Mr. Harper will be reporting directly to me, and, Ed, I am confident that you will have a lot to report.

I am also announcing the appointments

of the first 6 of the 16 Inspectors General that are authorized by law. When I exercised my prerogative as a new President to terminate the appointments of the incumbent inspectors, I announced that we would seek the very best people we could find, including those who previously held these positions. Five of the six individuals I am announcing today were previously serving as Inspectors General, and I hope this puts to rest suspicions that have been voiced that politics has anything to do with these appointments. We sought the best people available—individuals with experience who have uncovered cases of fraud and waste in government and have saved or recovered millions of dollars.

I am also pleased to announce that the FBI has just concluded a major investigation in New York relating to fraud in the Summer Lunch program. FBI Director William Webster will be here later today to give you a complete briefing on this matter.

We will not rest with today's announcement. We will not simply tuck this event away and go on with business as usual. The American people are demanding action, and they are going to get it. Believe me, we are out to get control of our lives—and we are going to follow every lead, root out every incompetent, and prosecute any crook we find who's cheating the people of this Nation. This I promise.

NOTE: The President read the statement at a signing ceremony which began at approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House.

Integrity and Efficiency in Federal Programs

Executive Order 12301. March 26, 1981

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and statutes of

the United States of America, and in order to coordinate and implement Government policies with respect to integrity and efficiency in Federal programs, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. *Establishment of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency.*

(a) There is established as an interagency committee the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency.

(b) The Council shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) The Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget who shall be Chairman of the Council;
- (2) The Deputy Attorney General;
- (3) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management;
- (4) The Executive Assistant Director of Investigations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- (5) Inspector General, Department of Energy;
- (6) Inspector General, Department of Agriculture;
- (7) Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- (8) Inspector General, Department of Labor;
- (9) Inspector General, Department of Transportation;
- (10) Inspector General, Veterans Administration;
- (11) Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services;
- (12) Inspector General, Department of Education;
- (13) Inspector General of the Department of State and the Foreign Service;
- (14) Inspector General, Department of Commerce;
- (15) Inspector General, Department of the Interior;
- (16) Inspector General, Community Services Administration;

(17) Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency;

(18) Inspector General, General Services Administration;

(19) Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

(20) Inspector General, Small Business Administration;

(21) A designee of the Secretary of the Treasury;

(22) A designee of the Secretary of Defense, invite the following to participate

(23) A designee of the Director of the United States International Development Cooperation Agency.

(c) The Chairman shall, from time to time, invite the following to participate in meetings of the Council:

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, and

(2) The Postmaster General of the United States.

SEC. 2. *Functions of the Council.* (a) The Council shall develop plans for coordinated government-wide activities which attack fraud and waste in government programs and operations.

(b) In order to ensure coordinated relationships between Federal, State and local government agencies, and nongovernment entities with respect to all matters relating to the promotion of economy and efficiency, the Council shall develop standards for the management, operation, and conduct of inspector general-type activities.

(c) Policies shall be developed by the Council which will ensure the establishment of a corps of well-trained and highly skilled auditors and investigators.

(d) The Council shall develop interagency audit and investigation programs and projects to deal efficiently and effectively with those problems concerning fraud and waste which exceed the capability or jurisdiction of an individual

agency. The Council will recognize the pre-eminent role of the Department of Justice in matters involving law enforcement and litigation.

(e) The Council membership shall, to the extent of their own authority to do so, implement those coordinated plans, standards, policies, programs, and projects (1) in order to conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to programs and operations of the Government, and (2) in order to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of programs and operations of the Government, as well as to detect fraud and abuse in such programs and operations.

(f) The creation and operation of the Council shall not interfere with existing lines of authority and responsibility in the departments and agencies.

SEC. 3. Responsibilities of the Chairman. (a) The Chairman shall, in consultation with the members of the Council, establish procedures for the Council; and, he shall establish the agenda for Council activities.

(b) The Chairman shall, on behalf of the Council, report to the President on the activities of the Council. The Chairman shall advise the Council with respect to the reaction of the President on the Council's activities.

(c) The Chairman shall provide agency heads with summary reports of the activities of the Council.

(d) The Chairman shall establish such committees of the Council, including an executive committee, as he deems necessary or appropriate for the efficient conduct of Council functions. Committees of the Council may act for the Council in those areas that affect the membership of the committee.

(e) The Chairman shall be supported by the Associate Director for Management of the Office of Management and

Budget who shall advise and assist the Chairman in the execution of the entire range of responsibilities set forth above.

SEC. 4. Coordinating Conference. (a) There is established as an interagency committee the Coordinating Conference of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency.

(b) The Conference shall be composed of the Chairman of the Council and one representative of each Executive agency not represented on the Council. The head of each such agency shall designate as the agency's representative the official who is responsible for coordinating the agency's efforts to eliminate fraud and waste in the agency's programs and operations.

(c) The Chairman shall convene meetings of the Conference at least quarterly. The Chairman shall provide for the dissemination to the Conference of appropriate information on the activities of the Council, in order to enable the Conference membership, to the extent of their own authority to do so, to implement the coordinated plans, standards, policies, programs, and projects developed by the Council.

SEC. 5. Administrative Provisions. (a) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall provide the Council and the Conference with such administrative support as may be necessary for the performance of the functions of the Council and the Conference.

(b) The head of each agency represented on the Council or the Conference shall provide its representative with such administrative support as may be necessary, in accordance with law, to enable the agency representative to carry out his responsibilities.

RONALD REAGAN

The White House,

March 26, 1981.

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Government-Wide Anti-Fraud and Waste Efforts

Memorandum From the President.
March 26, 1981

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Education, the Director of Community Services Administration, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Administrator of General Services, the Director of the United States International Development Cooperation Agency, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, the Administrator of Veterans Affairs

Subject: Government-Wide Anti-Fraud and Waste Efforts

The reduction of fraud and waste in all Federal programs is a major commitment and priority of my Administration. Today, I am establishing, by Executive Order, the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency to focus and improve our efforts to deal with the problem. The Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget will chair this Council which will include all of the statutory Inspectors General and other key officials.

The commitment to reduce fraud and waste cannot be met simply by appointing Inspectors General and establishing a Presidential Council. Each of you is re-

sponsible for taking the initiative to reduce fraud and waste wherever they are found in the programs which you administer.

The establishment of this Council is an integral part of a broader plan to attack fraud, waste and inefficiency in Federal programs. This plan will involve a combination of key officials and organizations, coordinating mechanisms, and priority projects operating under active OMB leadership on my behalf.

I expect each of you to provide the necessary support and cooperation to assure that our objective is accomplished. One specific action I am asking you to take is to designate an individual at the Assistant Secretary level or higher who will have the responsibility for following up on the recommendations of your Inspector General and the General Accounting Office.

RONALD REAGAN

Government-Wide Anti-Fraud and Waste Efforts

Memorandum From the President.
March 26, 1981

Memorandum for the Heads of Departments and Agencies

Subject: Government-Wide Anti-Fraud and Waste Efforts

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