

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR C. BOYDEN GRAY

FROM: JANET REHNQUIST *JR*

RE: Don Gregg/October Surprise

At your direction, I have looked into whether Don Gregg should return to Washington to testify before the Senate Subcommittee hearings next week. Based on my discussions with Jud Best, Gregg's counsel, and Gardner Peckham, from State Legislative Affairs, I believe we should **NOT** request that Gregg testify next week.

The investigators have apparently accepted the fact that, contrary to press reports, they did not effect service of a subpoena on Gregg. Instead, they have submitted written questions to Gregg, through counsel, in lieu of an appearance (copy attached). This development provides an opportunity to manage Gregg's participation in October Surprise long distance.

According to his counsel, Gregg has nothing to hide and little, if anything, to say about October Surprise. By the end of September we will have a much larger body of knowledge concerning the October Surprise investigations. The issue may, by that time, even be dead for all practical purposes.

Gregg is something of a lightning rod for Iran Contra. He is still a subject of that criminal investigation. If we can avoid it, I think it prudent not to put him on the stand before a Senate panel, even though this panel is dealing with October Surprise.

In sum, I think the issue of whether Gregg should testify next week is mooted by the Senate agreeing to have him respond to interrogatories in lieu of appearing here to testify. After he responds to the Subcommittee's interrogatories, we can make a determination as to what, if any, further steps should be taken. I have not discussed this with Ed Williamson, but would be happy to do so if you would like me to.

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