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MEMO

TO: Ed MEESE

FROM: ANTHONY R. DOLAN

RE: THIS WEEK

1. RR should pledge at American Legion tomorrow that his Secretary of Defense and State will not be politicized. This plays to our credibility and cronyism theme.

He should say "I will not expect nor permit my Secretary of defense or state to become involved in partisan politics,"

2. Why oh why are we breaking new ground like Vietnam is a "noble cause"? Let's say that after the lecture, Reagan's strongest negatives are those who believe he is a war monger. In my view, the whole tone and substance of the speech delivered yesterday was off way off. The fact this president went before Congress and threatened war in the Persian Gulf as the quintessential example of how weakness leads to war brinkmanship and possibly war was not even mentioned.

3. Shouldn't we set up a mechanism ~~xxxx~~ as a grouping of senior people who read the speeches before they go out,

*Mundy*