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### TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR VLADIMIR SHCHERBITSKIY

Sunday, March 3:

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- 3:20 p.m. Special Aeroflot flight arrives at Andrews AFB; delegation met by Congressmen Foley and Cheney Counselor Derwinski and Protocol
- 3:30 p.m. Proceed to Madison Hotel (Shcherbitskiy to Embassy)
- 7:00 p.m. Informal Welcome Buffet Supper at Madison to be Hosted by Congressmen Foley and Cheney

Monday, March 4:

- 10 12 a.m. Meeting with House Foreign Affairs Committee Room 2168 Rayburn House Office Building
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon hosted by House Foreign Affairs Committee Room 2172 Rayburn House Office Building

p.m. Free

- 5-7:00 p.m. Reception in Capitol (Statuary Hall) Hosted by Congressman Foley and Host Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Symphony at Kennedy Center (Matlock to Host for White House Box)
- 9:00 p.m. Post concert dinner at Kennedy Center

Tuesday, March 5:

- 10-12:00 p.m. Meeting with Host Committee Location to be Determined Agenda to follow 1983 visit to Soviet Union: Defense/Arms Control, Human Rights, Regional Issues, Economics/Trade
- 1::00 Luncheon Hosted by Senate Leadership Senator Dole and nine official members in S-128 Secretary of the Senate for rest of delegation in S-205
- 2:30 p.m. Tour of Capitol
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee with SFRC?
- 5:00 6:30 Reception hosted by Senate leadership.
- 6:30 p.m. Depart for Hockey Game at Capitol Center (Washington Caps-New Jersey Devils) Buffet Supper at Capitol Center

### Wednesday, March 6:

- 10-12:00 a.m. Substantive Discussion with Host Committee Location to be Determined
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon hosted by the Speaker of the House And Host Delegation Cannon Caucus Room
- p.m. Press Conference?
- p.m. Free
- 7:30 Reception and Dinner at Smithsonian Castle Hosted by Kennan Institute
- Thursday, March 7:
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon hosted by Secretary of State in Madison Room
- -- Meeting with the President?
- 5-7:00 p.m. Reception Hosted by Soviet Embassy
- 7:30 p.m. Home Dinners for Delegation Members Hosted by 3 or 4 different Members of Congress; Foley to host Shcherbitskiy
- Friday, March 8:
- 9:30 a.m. Depart for Texas via Air Force planes
- 11:45 a.m. Arrive in Mueller Airport, Austin;
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, campus of the University of Texas at Austin
- 2:30 p.m. Meeting with Governor MArk White for Principals and Member of Congress, tour of Capitol for remainder of party
- 3:30 p.m. Depart Mueller Airport
- 4:10 p.m. Arrive Dallas Love Field

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- 5:00 p.m. Tour modern Frito-Lay fast food processing plant
- 6:30 p.m. Arrive at Hotel Mandalay-Four Seasons
- 7:00 p.m. Reception at Hotel
- 8:00 p.m. Dinner at Hotel with Dallas business, financial and social leaders

Saturday, March 9:

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast with business and political leaders at home of Richard Fisher of Brown Brothers Harriman, Vice President of the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce
- 10:30 a.m. Visit to Nieman Marcus hosted by Stanley Marcus
- 11:30 a.m Visit to Western Wear Fashion Center
- 1:00 p.m. Barbeque, Las Colinas Equestrian Center 125 business leaders in Dallas-Ft. Worth Area
- 3:30 p.m. Tour of R.E.I. Inc., producer of optical scanners
- 4:00 p.m. Return to Hotel, free time
- 5:00 p.m. Depart Hotel for Ft. Worth
- 5:45 p.m. Tour of Amon Carter Museum of Western Art in Ft. Worth arranged by Majority Leader Wright
- 6:30 p.m. Tour Omni Theater, view film arranged by Majority Leader Wright
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner
- 9:30 p.m. Visit to Billy Bob's Texas

Sunday, March 10: 9:00 a.m. Depart Hotel for Dallas Love Field 10:00 a.m. Depart Dallas for San Franciso 11:00 a.m. Arrive San Francisco International Airport 11:30 a.m. Sightseeing Tour of City, including Berkeley University

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- 4:30 p.m. Delegation to Fairmont Hotel, Shcherbitskiy to stay with Consulate
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner with local business and political figures at Bank of America

Monday, March 11:

- 8:00 a.m. Light Breakfast at Hotel
- 9:15 a.m. Meeting with Mayor Diane Feinstein
- 10:30 a.m. Tour of Varian Associates (Manufactures medical equipment used in treating cancer
- 1:30 p.m. Tour of FMC Inc. (Manufactures farm equipment)

4:00 p.m. Depart Moffit Air Force Base for New York To be Arranged by Rep. Burton: Visit to GM-Toyota

Assembly plant and to University of California at Berkeley under consideration

4:00 p.m. Depart San Francisco for New York

11:50 p.m. Arrive New York, La Guardia Airport, Proceed to Hotel Inter-Continental (Shcherbitskiy to stay with SMUN)

#### Tuesday, March 12:

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Free for shopping, call on U.N. Secretary General, to be arranged by Soviets (Note: Congressman Thomas Downey may arrange for a visit to his district)

### Wednesday, March 13

a.m.

Free, to be arranged by Soviets

7:00 p.m. Depart JFK for Moscow via Special Aeroflot flight (Currently there are no plans for a Congressional host to see plane off at departure, although Downey or other New York Congressman may do so.)

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The Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Official House Host Delegation

Representative Thomas S. Foley, Chairman Representative Dick Cheney, Vice Chairman

Representative Anthony C. Beilenson Representative Cardiss Collins Representative Norman D. Dicks Representative Thomas J. Downey Representative Wyche Fowler, Jr. Representative Martin Frost Representative Richard A. Gephardt Representative Dan Glickman Representative Larry J. Hopkins Representative Jack F. Kemp Representative Jim Leach Representative Matthew F. McHugh Representative Sid Morrison Representative David R. Obey Representative Thomas E. Petri Representative Henry A. Waxman Representative Timothy E. Wirth

request the pleasure of your company at a reception in honor of

The U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet Delegation

on Monday, the fourth of March from five to seven o'clock

Informal R.S.V.P. 225-4604

Statuary Hall U.S. Capitol V

### **REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS**

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Please admit the following appointments on\_\_\_\_\_

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for THE PRESIDENT

(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED)

(AGENCY)

U.S. The President Secretary Shultz Robert C. McFarlane Jack F. Matlock Dimitri Zarechnak, Interpreter Kichana Burgi USSR

Vladimir Shcherbitsky, Member of Soviet Politburo Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin Boris I. Stukalin, Department Head, Central Committee Aleksandr A. Bessmertnykh, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Oleg A. Krokhalev, Interpreter

#### **MEETING LOCATION**

| Building_West_Wing           | Requested by Jack F. Matlock/Stella Brackman |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Room No. Oval Office/Cab.Rm. | Room No. 368 Telephone 395-5112              |
| Time of Meeting 3:00         | Date of request March 6, 1985                |

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to three (3) names or less.

APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742

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SOVIETS

BY E. MICHAEL MYERS

WASHINGTON (UP1) -- THE SOUIET UNION WILL BEPLOY MORE NUCLEAR MISSILES TO COUNTER THE "STAR WARS" BEFENSIVE SYSTEM, A POLITBURO MEMBER SAID WEDNESDAY ON THE EVE OF HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN.

ULADIMIR SHCHERBITSKY, THE LEADER OF A VISITING SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION, SAID HIS COUNTRYMEN WANT TO JOIN WITH THE UNITED STATES IN PREVENTING A NUCLEAR WAR AND STOPPING THE ARMS RACE.

BUT HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY THE SOVIET DELEGATION AND THE HOST CONGRESSIONAL GROUP THAT REAGAN'S STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE, AS "STAR WARS" IS PROPERLY CALLED, WILL ONLY PROMPT AN OFFENSIVE COUNTERSTROKE.

"WE'LL BE FORCED TO TAKE ADEQUATE MEASURES AND, FIRST OF ALL, TO STRENGTHEN OUR STRATEGIC SYSTEM," SHCHERBITSKY SAID, SPEAKING THROUGH AN INTERPRETER.

SHCHERBITSKY, THE LEADER OF THE UKRANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, SAID THE THREE DAYS OF TALKS WITH HOUSE AND SENATE MEMBERS EMPHASIZED THE THREAT OF A NUCLEAR WAR.

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MEETING WITH SOVIET POLITBURO MEMBER SHCHERBITSKY Thursday, March 7 -- 3:00 p.m.

- I. SCENARIO
- II. PARTICIPANTS
- III. INTERPRETATION
- IV. PRESS
- V. MEETING PARTICIPANTS

| Sam Castleman 63   | 82-1676 |
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| Susan Lysyshyn 63  | 82-8671 |
| Jack Matlock 39    | 5-5111  |
| Bill Martin 39     | 5-3440  |
| Mark Palmer 63     | 82-8671 |
| Bob Pearson 39     | 5-4794  |
| Jim Schumaker 63   | 82-8671 |
| Bob Sims 45        | 6-2947  |
| Karna Small 39     | 5-6965  |
| Woody Sutton 45    | 6-2153  |
| Tim Towell 63      | 32-4120 |
| Mary Wengrzynek 39 | 95-3440 |

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MOSCON SET TO CONTINUE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SPACE ARMS BY CHARLES BRENNER

NOSCOW, MARCH 7; REUTER - THE SOVIET UNION RPPEARS SET TO INTENSIFY A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN AGAINST U.S. SPACE MEAPONS PLANS BUT MAY BE LESS STRIDENT ON THE ISSUE AT NEW ARMS TALKS STARTING IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK, MESTERN DIPLOMATS SAID TODAY. THEY SAID MOSCOW MOULD TRY TO AVOID LOCKING ITSELF EARLY ON INTO AN INTRANSIGENT POSITION ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH ON SPACE-BASED ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSES. "THEY KNOW THEY WON'T GET REAGAN TO DROP SPACE MEAPONS AND

<u>IT 'S PRETTY CLEAR THEY ARE NOT PLANNING TO WALK OUT AGAIN, " A</u> UEST EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT SPECIALIST SAID.

THE NEGOTIATIONS OPENING ON TUESDAY, ON MEDIUM-RANGE AND INTERCONTINENTAL NUCLEAR MISSILES AS WELL AS SPACE WEAPONS, MARK A FRESH START IN SUPERPOWER EFFORTS TO LIMIT NUCLEAR ARSENALS. MOSCOW BROKE OFF PREVIOUS U.S.-SOVIET TALKS IN LATE 1983 TO PROTEST U.S. MISSILE DEPLOYMENTS IN EUROPE.

SOVIET OFFICIALS AND WESTERN ENBASSY EXPERTS SAID THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES AND WIDE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES MEANT PROGRESS AT GENEVA WOULD BE SLOW.

THE KREMLIN'S TOP EXPERT ON THE UNITED STATES, GEORGI ARBATOV, SAYS RECENT U.S. STATEMENTS "GIVE SERIOUS REASON FOR WONDERING IF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION WANTS AGREEMENT ON LIMITING AND CURBING THE ARMS RACE."

SINCE SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO AGREED IN JANUARY ON THE NEW TALKS, SOVIET LEADERS AND THE STATE MEDIA HAVE FOCUSED ON REAGAN'S "STAR WARS" SPACE DEFENSE PROGRAM.

MOSCOW SEES THE PLAN, OFFICIALLY CALLED THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE (SDI), AS A STEP IN WHAT IT SAYS ARE U.S. EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE FIRST-STRIKE NUCLEAR SUPERIORITY.

IN SPEECHES AND TALKS WITH WEST EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, GROMYKO HAS STRESSED SOUIET DEMANDS THAT WASHINGTON DROP SDI, WHICH MOSCON SAYS VIOLATES & 1972 TREATY ON ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS.

"IF THE PLANS OF "STAR WARS" ARE GIVEN UP, AN OPPORTUNITY WILL OPEN TO AGREE ON REDUCTION, EVEN A DRASTIC ONE, OF STRATEGIC ARMS AND INTERMEDIATE-RANGE NUCLEAR SYSTEMS." HE SAID LAST WEEK.

DIPLOMATS SAID THE SOVIET OFFENSIVE INVOLVES MORE THAN JUST CONCERN OVER ESCALATION OF THE ARMS RACE INTO SPACE AND U.S. TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY IN THAT FIELD.

NOSCON ALSO SEES THE ""STAR WARS"" ISSUE AS ANOTHER CHANCE TO WEAKEN NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION COHESION BY SWAYING WEST EUROPEAN OPINION.

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AM-WALESA (SCHEDULED) Walesa Gets New Summons from Prosecutor in Wake of Protests WI

WARSAW, MARCH 7, REUTER - <u>SOLIDARITY LEADER LECH WALESA SAID</u> TODAY HE AND OTHER UNION ACTIVISTS HAD BEEN SUMMONED FOR AUESTIONING BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IN GDANSK ABOUT ILLEGAL TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES AGAINST FOOD PRICE RISES.

THE SUMMONS FOR SATURDAY IS HIS SECOND IN LESS THAN A MONTH IN THE WAKE OF EFFORTS BY THE BANNED TRADE UNION TO STIR WORKER OPPOSITION TO THE PRICE INCREASES INTRODUCED THIS WEEK.

WALESA REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS WHEN HE WAS INTERVIEWED FEBRUARY 16 AFTER SOLIDARITY URGED A 15-MINUTE GENERAL STRIKE AND LATER REPEATED THE CALL FOR STOPPAGES.

THE STRIKE WAS CALLED OFF AFTER THE COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES AGREED TO RECONSIDER THE RISES IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION ALSO FROM OFFICIALLY-RECOGNIZED UNIONS.

LIMITED INCREASES WERE LATER ANNOUNCED INSTEAD OF THE ACROSS-THE-BOARD HIKES THE AUTHORITIES HAD PLANNED.

WALESA SAID A NUMBER OF OTHER SOLIDARITY ACTIVISTS HAD ALSO BEEN SUMMONED TO APPEAR AT PROSECUTORS" OFFICES EITHER TOMORROW OR ON SATURDAY.

THEY INCLUDED GDANSK MILITANTS JACEK MERKEL AND BOGDAN OLSZEWSKI AND FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER JANUSZ PALUBICKI FROM THE WESTERN INDUSTRIAL CITY OF POZNAN.

MERKEL AND PALUBICKI HAVE ALREADY BEEN CHARGED WITH FOMENTING UNREST AFTER BEING DETAINED AT A STRIKE-PLANNING MEETING IN GDANSK WHICH WAS BROKEN UP BY SECURITY POLICE.

WALESA WAS ALSO AT THE MEETING BUT WAS NOT CHARGED ALTHOUGH THREE OTHER PARTICIPANTS, ADAM MICHNIK, BOGDAN LIS AND WLADYSLAW FRASYNIUK ARE STILL IN CUSTODY.

AN APPEAL AGAINST A TWO-MONTH PRISON SENTENCE BY ANDRZEJ GWIAZDA, WALESA'S FORMER DEPUTY, WAS REJECTED TODAY BY A COURT AT WODZISLAW SLASKIIN SOUTHWEST POLAND, HIS WIFE SAID.

GWIAZDA RECEIVED THE SENTENCE LAST MONTH FOR ALLEGEBLY DISTURBING THE PEACE LAST DECEMBER.

HE WILL BEGIN SERVING IT ON MARCH 16 WHEN HE COMPLETES A THREE MONTH JAIL TERN IMPOSED AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED DURING A -DEMONSTRATION BY SOLIDARITY SUPPORTERS IN GDANSK. MR154R W1111)LZQTWYDUIU

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REAGAN AND SOVIET OFFICIAL HOLD ""FRANK, LIVELY"" TALKS BY PATRICIA WILSON

WASHINGTON, MARCH 7, REUTER - PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SOVIET POLITBURO MEMBER VLADIMIR SHCHERBITSKY TODAY HELD A ""FRANK AND LIVELY" DISCUSSION, AFTER WHICH SHCHERBITSKY SAID MOSCOW WAS READY TO MAKE COMPROMISES AT NEXT WEEK"S ARMS CONTROL TALKS. UA

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN LARRY SPEAKES SAID THE MEETING LASTED ABOUT 50 MINUTES AND DEALT MOSTLY WITH REAGAN'S STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE (SDI) ANTI-MISSILE RESEARCH PROGRAM, POPULARLY KNOWN AS "STAR WARS," AND THE OPENING OF NEW U.S.-SOVIET ARMS TALKS IN GENEVA ON MARCH 12.

APART FROM FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO, SHCHERBITSKY IS THE HIGHEST RANKING SOVIET OFFICIAL TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN 12 YEARS.

SPEAKES DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS ""FRANK AND USEFUL ... A LIVELY GIVE AND TAKE."

AFTER THE MEETING IN THE OUAL OFFICE, SHCHERBITSKY TOLD REPORTERS THROUGH AN INTERPRETER: "WE ARE READY TO AGREE TO A NUMBER OF COMPROMISES AND IF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD GO ALONG THAT LINE THEN A COMPROMISE DECISION COULD BE REACHED (AT GENEVA) AND THE PEOPLE COULD BREATHE FREELY."

REAGAN SAID BEFORE THE SESSION BEGAN THAT HE WAS "PLEASED WE'RE NEETING IN GENEVA" AND CALLED IT "A FORWARD STEP."

SHCHERBITSKY, ASKED ABOUT HIS NOOD GOING INTO THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS, REPLIED "MEDIUM," WHICH SOVIET OFFICIALS SAID LATER MEANT "SO-SO."

SPEAKES SAID REAGAN TOLD THE OFFICIAL, WHO IS HEADING A DELEGATION FROM THE SUPREME SOVIET OR PARLIAMENT, THAT HE HOPED THE TALKS WOULD GO WELL.

REAGAN UNDERSCORED HIS COMMITMENT TO MAKE THEM WORK, AND SHCHERBITSKY EXPRESSED SIMILAR SENTIMENTS, SPEAKES SAID.

THE PRESIDENT SET FORTH HIS POSITION THAT SDI WAS ONLY A RESEARCH PROGRAM AND CONSISTENT WITH THE 1972 U.S.-SOVIET ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE (ABM) TREATY AND REASSURED SHCHERBITSKY THAT THE UNITED STATES MEANT NO THREAT TO ANY OTHER NATION.

"IF IT PRODUCES DEFENSIVE MEAPONS WE WOULD DISCUSS WAYS TO DEPLOY IT IN A STABILIZING MANNER. OUR TASK IN GENEVA IS TO GET THE NUMBER OF THESE DESTABILIZING MEAPONS DOWN. WE BOTH HAVE THE SAME GOAL;" REAGAN SAID.