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To: Officer-in-charge  
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Please admit the following appointments on March 16, 19 84  
for The President of The White House :  
(Name of person to be visited) (Agency)

Treasury:

Secretary Donald T. Regan  
Dep Sec R. T. McNamar

Defense:

Dep Sec William Taft IV

CIA:

Mr. William J. Casey

White House:

Mr. Robert C. McFarlane

NSC:

Mr. Kenneth deGraffenreid  
Mr. Roger Robinson

*did not  
appear  
due to number  
of people*

**MEETING LOCATION**

Building West Wing White House Requested by Carol Cleveland  
Room No. Oval Office Room No. 372 Telephone 3044  
Time of Meeting 9:30 a.m. Date of request March 15, 1984

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

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 14, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

**SIGNED**

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SUBJECT: Oval Office Briefing for the President on  
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Roger Robinson concurs.

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Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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Tab I Briefing memorandum to the President for signature

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