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WHITE HOUSE
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1) Subject: Meeting with ^{the} Director of OMB to discuss the budget and the debt/deficit.

2) Meeting with Congressman Trent Lott, the House Republican Whip and members of the Whip Organization.

3) Meeting with the National Alliance of Senior Citizens.

4) Ceremony to promote from Major to Lieutenant Colonel:

A) William M. Brennan, Air Force Aide to the President

B) Charles F. Brower, Army Aide to the President.

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5) Subject: Reception for the 1984 U.S.
Winter Olympic Team

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THE SCHEDULE OF
PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

Wednesday, February 29, 1984



9:00 am (30 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> (Baker/Meese/Deaver)	Oval Office
9:30 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (McFarlane)	Oval Office
9:45 am (15 min)	<u>Senior Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
10:00 am (60 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
11:00 am (15 min)	<u>Budget Meeting</u> (Darman) (TAB A)	Oval Office
11:30 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with House Republican Whip Organization</u> (Oglesby) (TAB B)	Cabinet Room
12:00 m (60 min)	<u>Lunch</u>	Oval Office
1:00 pm (15 min)	<u>Drop by Briefing of Representatives of National Alliance of Senior Citizens</u> (Whittlesey) (TAB C)	450 EOB
1:15 pm (5 min)	<u>Private Meeting</u> (Hickey) (TAB D)	Oval Office
1:40 pm (5 min)	<u>Photo with Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek</u> (McFarlane) (available later)	Oval Office
1:45 pm (15 min)	<u>Meeting with Secretary Shultz</u>	Oval Office
2:00 pm	N Attend Reception for U.S.	Residence

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THE SCHEDULE OF
PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN



Wednesday, February 29, 1984

9:00 am (30 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> <i>9:02</i> (Baker/Meese/Deaver)	Oval Office
9:30 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> <i>9:30 -</i> (McFarlane) <i>BUSH, JB</i>	Oval Office
9:45 am (15 min)	Senior Staff Time <i>9:56-10:09 ROELMAN, KAPLAN, GRANT, LEHMAN</i> <i>PREMER</i>	Oval Office
10:00 am (60 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u> <i>10:09 -</i>	Oval Office
<i>10:57-11:02</i> 11:00 am (15 min)	<u>Budget Meeting</u> <i>MCD, OO</i> (Darman) <i>DEAN, JB, STOCKMAN</i> (TAB A)	Oval Office
11:30 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with House Republican Whip Organization</u> <i>11:32 - 11:55</i> (Oglesby) (TAB B)	Cabinet Room
12:00 m (60 min)	<u>Lunch</u> <i>11:55 -</i>	Oval Office
1:00 pm (15 min)	<u>Drop by Briefing of Representatives of National Alliance of Senior Citizens</u> (Whittlesey) (TAB C)	450 EOB
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1:45 pm (15 min)	<u>Meeting with Secretary Shultz</u> <i>1:50-2:05</i>	Oval Office
2:00 pm (15 min)	N <u>Attend Reception for U.S. Winter Olympic Team</u> <i>2:08 -</i> (Sittmann/Rosebush) (TAB E) (draft remarks attached)	Residence
2:15 pm	<u>Personal Staff Time</u> <i>2:35 RESIDENCE</i> <u>Remainder of the Day</u>	Oval Office/ Residence

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10:00 am (60 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
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4:00 pm

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVE FISCHER

FROM: W. DENNIS THOMAS

SUBJECT: Attendance for Whip Organization Photo
Opportunity

The following individuals attended the 11:30 a.m. photo opportunity for the House Republican Whip Organization with the President today:

The Vice President

Congressman Trent Lott (R-Mississippi), Republican Whip
Congressman Tom Loeffler (R-Texas), Chief Deputy Whip
Congresswoman Olympia Snowe (R-Maine), Deputy Whip

Regional Whips

Congressman Mickey Edwards (R-Oklahoma)
Congressman Bob Livingston (R-Louisiana)
Congressman Jim Courter (R-New Jersey)
Congressman Arlan Stangeland (R-Minnesota)

Assistant Regional Whips

Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-California)
Congressman Manuel Lujan (R-New Mexico)
Congressman Hank Brown (R-Colorado)
Congressman Tom Bliley (R-Virginia)
Congressman William Dickinson (R-Alabama)
Congressman Carroll Campbell (R-South Carolina)
Congressman Tom Coleman (R-Missouri)
Congressman Richard Schulze (R-Pennsylvania)
Congressman Gerald Solomon (R-New York)
Congressman Dave Martin (R-New York)
Congressman Judd Gregg (R-New Hampshire)
Congressman Carl Pursell (R-Michigan)
Congresswoman Lynn Martin (R-Illinois)
Congressman Chalmers Wylie (R-Ohio)

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Freshman Whips

Congressman Dan Burton (R-Indiana)
Congressman Webb Franklin (R-Mississippi)
Congressman Dan Schaefer (R-Colorado)

Congressional Staff

David Hoppe (Administrative Assistant to the Republican Whip)
Henry Gandy (Administrative Assistant to the Republican Whip)

White House Staff

James Baker, Larry Speakes, M. B. Oglesby, Jr., Nancy Risque,
Dennis Thomas, Thomas Donnelly, Richard Prendergast, Randall
Davis, David Wright

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

RECEPTION

U.S. Winter Olympic Team
Wednesday, February 29, 1984

TIME:

1:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

State Dining Room

FROM:

Gahl L. Hodges *gh*

1:15 p.m. Guests arrive via buses at the Diplomatic Reception Room via the Southeast Gate and proceed to the State Dining Room via the Grand Staircase and Cross Hall.

Refreshments are served in the State Dining Room.

Guests may walk through Color Rooms.

1:50 p.m. All guests gather in the State Dining Room for the arrival of THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN.

2:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN arrive the State Floor via elevator and proceed to the Red Room.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN enter the State Dining Room via the south door of the Red Room.

Announcement.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN proceed to the dais to join Scott Hamilton.

Remarks by THE PRESIDENT.

Remarks by Scott Hamilton.

2:15 p.m. At the conclusion of the remarks, THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN depart the State Dining Room (shaking hands along the way) via the Cross Hall door enroute the elevator.

2:20 p.m. All guests depart.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1984

2:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN arrive the State Floor via elevator and proceed to the Red Room.

NOTE: Individual photos will be taken with those assembled in the Red Room.

At the conclusion of the photo opportunity, Red Room participants will be escorted out the south door of the Red Room to the front of the Audience.

Mr. Hamilton will be escorted to his place on the platform.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN enter the State Dining Room via the south door of the Red Room.

Announcement.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN proceed to the dais to join Scott Hamilton.

Remarks by THE PRESIDENT.

Remarks by Scott Hamilton.

2:15 p.m. At the conclusion of the remarks, THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN depart the State Dining Room (shaking hands along the way) via the north door of the Red Room enroute the elevator.

2:20 p.m. All guests depart.

WORLD WAR II
NOVEMBER

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Wednesday, February 29, 1984

11:00 a.m. (15 minutes)

The Oval Office

FROM: RICHARD G. DARMAN 

SUBJECT: BUDGET NUMBERS

I. PURPOSE

This meeting is to review and discuss certain budget numbers Dave Stockman left with you Tuesday morning. They involve, among other issues, the question: How much lower would the debt/deficit be if Congress had given us all that we asked for?

II. PARTICIPANTS

James A. Baker, III
Michael K. Deaver
David A. Stockman
Richard G. Darman

III. AGENDA

I believe Dave Stockman left a paper on this subject with you. He will explain it. Discussion will follow.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 27, 1984

MEETING WITH HOUSE REPUBLICAN WHIP TRENT LOTT (R-MS) AND MEMBERS OF THE WHIP ORGANIZATION

DATE: Wednesday, February 29, 1984
LOCATION: Cabinet Room
TIME: 11:30 a.m. (30 minutes)
FROM: M. B. Oglesby, Jr. *h*

I. PURPOSE

To provide an informal meeting giving the President an opportunity to remind these members that they are an important part of his team and to encourage them in the months ahead.

II. BACKGROUND

The Whip Organization, led by Republican Whip Trent Lott (R-Mississippi), is the principal Republican vote-getting team in the House. Regional Whips and Assistant Regional Whips are assigned specific Members to contact on any key vote.

The President met with the Republican Whip Organization of the 97th Congress on two occasions. This is the first such meeting during the 98th Congress and some of the participants have changed.

The members of the Republican Whip Organization have characteristically been among the President's most loyal supporters, especially during the tough battles on the budget, defense authorizations, appropriations, and foreign policy.

They will be a major factor in upcoming tests regarding Central America, school prayer, crime, the Peacekeeper missile, and deficit reductions.

A continued good working relationship with the Whip Organization is, therefore, essential. This informal meeting will provide the President an opportunity to thank these Members for their diligent efforts, encourage them for the difficult job ahead, and thereby assure their continued support.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See attached list.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only -- including formal photo on Rose Garden steps.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

President to welcome group and make brief remarks.
President calls on Republican Whip Trent Lott (R-Mississippi) for response. Group proceeds to Rose Garden steps (weather permitting) or to the Oval Office (weather not permitting) for formal picture.

Attachments: Talking Points
Participants List

PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President

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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS
FOR REPUBLICAN WHIP MEETING

- Thank you all for your past support and your hard work as Members of the House Republican Whip Organization. Trent, I appreciate your good work. I know how important your Whip Organization has been during the tough battles of last year.

- You will be even more crucial this year in the struggles that have just begun. Your continued support and hard work will be absolutely necessary to hold the line on federal spending and to craft responsible appropriation bills.

- Your efforts will be essential in keeping the pressure on the Democrats to act on our crime package and our school prayer amendment, and to seriously work to reduce the deficit.

- It is also critical that House Republicans support our foreign policy initiatives. The Central America legislation we have proposed is vital to the implementation of our foreign policy in that area. If we are going to strike the right balance between economic assistance and security assistance without the imposition of unworkable conditions, we must have Republican support.

- I will also need your help when the House considers the Defense Authorization and Appropriation bills. We need to assure full funding for vital programs such as the MX and the B-1 bomber, and we need to defeat simplistic efforts to cut defense across the board.

- Thank you all again. (Ask Republican Whip Trent Lott to comment)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 29, 1984

**MEETING WITH
THE
NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF SENIOR CITIZENS**

DATE: February 29, 1984
LOCATION: Room 450 QEOB
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
FROM: Faith Whittlesey *FRW*

I. PURPOSE

To demonstrate support for this very important senior citizen group and acknowledge the important contributions older Americans make to the country.

II. BACKGROUND

The NASC has over 700,000 members nationwide. They were the only senior citizen group to actively support the President in 1980. There will be 220 representatives at the briefing which will address such issues as social security, health care, the economy and foreign affairs.

This will be the first time in 2 years that a major senior citizen's organization will be attending a White House event. NASC is very active politically and it's conservative views are representative of most elderly Americans.

III. PARTICIPANTS

220 representatives of NASC, Secretary Regan, Secretary Heckler, Ambassador Otto Reich and Martha McSteen.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographers

V. REMARKS REQUIRED

Coordinate with speechwriting.

VI. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1:00 p.m. President enters room 450 in the OEOB and makes remarks.

1:15 p.m. President departs.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1984

MEETING WITH MAJOR DRENNAN AND MAJOR BROWER

Wednesday, February 29, 1984

The Oval Office

1:15 p.m.

FROM: EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR. *E.V.H.*

I. PURPOSE

To promote Major William M. Drennan, USAF to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and "frock" Major Charles F. Brower, USA to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

II. BACKGROUND

Major Bill Drennan has served as the Air Force Aide to the President since July 1981 and Major Casey Brower has served as the Army Aide to the President since August 1982.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Major William M. Drennan
Mrs. Shiu Ying Drennan (wife)
Mrs. Jane Drennan (mother)
Master Stephen Drennan (9 year old son)
Master David Drennan (7 year old son)

Major Charles F. Brower, IV
Mrs. Eileen Brower (wife)
Master John Brower (6 year old son)
Master Christopher Brower (1½ year old son)

Mr. Edward V. Hickey, Jr., Assistant to the President
Colonel M. P. Caulfield, Deputy Director, WH Military Office
Commander William G. Sutton, Naval Aide to the President
Major Peter T. Metzger, Marine Corps Aide to the President

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer only

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Remarks by Mr. Hickey followed by the President pinning on one silver oak leaf on each officer's shoulder (Drennan, Brower respectively) while wives pin the other. Photographs of each family with the President.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1984

RECEPTION FOR THE 1984 US WINTER OLYMPIC TEAM

DATE: Wednesday, February 29, 1984
LOCATION: State Dining Room
TIME: 2:00 PM
FROM: William F. Sittmann *ws*

I. PURPOSE

A brief reception to congratulate the US Winter Olympic team for their performance in Sarajevo and to recognize Mike May, a blind skier and his guide, Ron Salviolo for taking third place at the World Championship in Innsbruck.

II. BACKGROUND

The US Olympic Team won four Gold medals and four Silver medals in the winter Olympics in February 1984 in Sarajevo. They are a relatively young team that represented the United States extremely well.

Mike May, a blind skier, and his guide, Ron Salviolo are both thirty-year-olds, who have been competing in blind skiing events for several years. They successfully won a Bronze medal at the World Championship for Disabled Athletes held at Innsbruck.

III. PARTICIPANTS

U.S. Winter Olympic Team Members
U.S. Olympic Committee Members
Mr. Mike May
Mr. Ron Salviolo

IV. PRESS PLAN

Official White House Photographers
Open Press Coverage

V. ATTACHMENTS

Guest List
Scenario of Event

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1:50 p.m. All guests gather in the State Dining Room for the arrival of THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN.

1:55 p.m. The following guests are assembled in the Red Room:

- Debbie Armstrong
(Gold Medal-Giant Slalom Skiing)
- Peter and Caitlin (Kitty) Carruthers
(Silver-Figure Skating-Pairs)
- Scott Hamilton
(Gold Medal-Figure Skating)
- Rosalyn Summers
(Silver Medal-Figure Skating)

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- Mike May
(Blind skier-Innsbruck)
- Ron Salviolo
(Mr. May's Guide)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1984

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At the conclusion of the photo opportunity, Red Room participants will be escorted out the south door of the Red Room to the front of the Audience.

Mr. Hamilton will be escorted to his place on the platform.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN enter the State Dining Room via the south door of the Red Room.

Announcement.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN proceed to the dais to join Scott Hamilton.

Remarks by THE PRESIDENT.

Remarks by Scott Hamilton.

2:15 p.m. At the conclusion of the remarks, THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN depart the State Dining Room (shaking hands along the way) via the north door of the Red Room enroute the elevator.

2:20 p.m. All guests depart.

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February 28, 1984
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR U.S. WINTER OLYMPIC TEAM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1984

Good afternoon and welcome to the White House. Nancy and I just want you to know how proud all of us -- your families, friends, and countrymen -- are at the job you did representing us in Sarajevo. We were all watching and we were by your side during the entire competition.

We are aware of the enormous commitment of time and effort your participation in the Winter Olympics represents. It's said that in sports it's not just the will to win, but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference. It took enormous preparation for you to compete and we're grateful for your dedication.

Whether you won or lost, you are now part of that elite group of citizens who've represented our country in the Olympic Games. It is a distinction that will be yours for the rest of your lives.

For those of you who won medals, we have a special word of thanks. The competition was fierce and your achievement was well deserved. You've proven that a free country like ours, where support for the Olympics is totally voluntary, can hold its own against societies which subsidize their athletes.

Debbie Armstrong, you not only won our first gold medal at the Games, you're also the first American woman to win a gold medal in Olympic skiing competition since 1972. Your victory was

especially sweet. So congratulations to you, and many thanks for giving us all a big lift in spirits.

And Scott Hamilton, the image of you skating a victory lap, waving the red-white-and-blue, is now fixed in the memory of our Nation. Your battle against a childhood illness, and your commitment to the years of practice and training needed to excel on the ice are indeed an inspiration. Today, you hold three world championships and now a fresh Olympic gold medal. You've got much to be proud of.

Kitty and Peter Carruthers, you've taken another step up from your showing in Lake Placid 4 years ago. Your silver medal in the pairs competition adds another accomplishment to a great career that has included many national titles and World Team appearances for our country.

Rosalyn Summers, at the young age of 19, took home a silver medal for figure skating. Add that to the world and national championships you've been winning, no wonder you're the honorary mayor of your hometown, Edmonds, Washington. I'm sure they're all so proud of you. Rosalyn, with you, Scott Hamilton, and the rest of the fine skaters, America is well represented on the ice.

All of you here who competed -- and those who couldn't be with us -- you gave your country thrills beyond description. But most important, you reminded us that the qualities of personal commitment -- courage, character, and heart -- are the mark of greatness in sport. You have your country's thanks and best wishes. And believe me, all Americans -- Republicans, Democrats,

Independents, from whatever race, religion, or creed -- we were all on the same team cheering you on.

This year's winter contests were in the finest traditions of the Olympics. I've read of the warmth and enthusiasm with which the citizens of Sarajevo greeted athletes and visitors from around the world. I am sure the people of our country will be equally as friendly and hospitable, particularly those in southern California who will actively host the Summer Olympic Games.

I was out in California not too long ago and they're leaving no stone unturned in preparation for the Games. The city of Los Angeles has rolled out the welcome mat. I'm certain the teams and visitors from around the world are going to feel as welcome as all of you did in Sarajevo.

In closing, I'd like to offer a special note of congratulation to two other American medal winners in Winter Olympic sports, Mike May and Ron Salviolo. Mike skis better blind than most sighted skiers. Your skill and your spirit are doing much to encourage others who otherwise might needlessly limit their own expectations.

Mike, you and the other competitors here, are testimony to all young people that they should never be afraid to dream big dreams; and they should never hesitate to try to make those dreams a reality.

I participated in sports in my younger days -- today, I'm relegated to lifting weights and equestrian pursuits -- but my experience in high school and college athletics made me a better

person. I know in the years ahead, all of you will feel the same way about your experience in the Olympics.

So thank you for being such fine representatives of our country and for being here today. Now let's get behind our team in the next round at the Summer Games in Los Angeles. God bless you all.