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1) Subject: List of invitees for meeting with the following foreign ministers:

- A) EDGARDO PAZ BARNICA - Honduras
- B) CARLOS JOSE GUTIERREZ - COSTA RICA

2) Meeting to discuss the status of the House Republican deficit reduction efforts with Congressman BOB MICHEL and TRENT LOTT.

3) Visit to the Congress Heights Elementary School.

4) Luncheon with Republican Women Elected Officials

5) Meeting with several Republican Senators to discuss the FY 1985 budget and the deficit reduction package.

ROUTE TO:		ACTION		DISPOSITION		
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6) Subject: Interview with Southeastern  
Region newspaper journalists

7) Meeting with Congressman GUY MOLINARI  
and officials of the Children's Liver  
Foundation.  
MAXINE TURON and LOURDES AVILES

8) Meeting with Congressman DON SUNDQUIST  
and artist, Jim A. Anderson, SR.

9) Meeting with Congresswoman Marjorie  
Holt and Mr. Robert Baldwin.

0) Meeting with Senator Don Nickles and  
his family.

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1) Subject: Meeting with Senator Bill Armstrong and ~~Mrs~~ Nancy DeMoss regarding ~~the~~ her efforts for the year of the Bible observance.

2) Meeting with Senator Charles Mathias and Elsie Miller.

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THE SCHEDULE OF  
 PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN, ~~The President has seen~~



Monday, March 12, 1983

9:00 am (15 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> (Baker)	Oval Office
9:15 am (30 min)	<u>Congressional Meeting</u> (Oglesby) (TAB A)	Oval Office
9:45 am (15 min)	<u>Private Meeting</u> (Deaver) (distributed separately)	Oval Office
10:00 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (McFarlane)	Oval Office
10:20 am (1 hour 20 min)	<u>Depart for Congress</u> <u>Heights Elementary School</u> (TAB B) (Henkel/Coyne)	South Grounds
11:40 am	<u>Arrive Back at White House</u>	South Grounds
12:00 m (90 min)	<u>Lunch with Elected GOP</u> <u>Women Officials</u> (Verstandig/Tutwiler) (TAB C) (remarks distributed previously)	Residence
1:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
2:00 pm (60 min)	<u>Congressional Meeting</u> (Oglesby) (TAB D)	Cabinet Room
3:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Briefing for Interview</u> (McManus/Speakes) (TAB E) (additional briefing to be provided separately)	Oval Office
3:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Interview with Southeast Newspapers</u> (McManus/Speakes)	Oval Office
4:00 pm	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office


MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1984

TO: DICK DARMAN  
FROM: PAM TURNER   
SUBJECT: Attendance at Meeting

Senator Nickles brought his family in for a photo op with the President on Monday, March 12.



THE SCHEDULE OF  
PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

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Monday, March 12, 1983

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9:15 am (30 min)	<u>Congressional Meeting</u> <i>9:23 - 9:51</i> (Oglesby) (TAB A)	<del>CABINET</del> <del>Oval Office</del>
9:45 am <i>9:51 -</i> (15 min)	<u>Private Meeting</u> <i>ARAHN ROOSEVELT + DAVID ROCKEFELLER</i> ( <del>Deaver</del> ) <i>McFARLANE</i> (distributed separately)	Oval Office
10:00 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> <i>10:11 -</i> (McFarlane)	Oval Office
10:20 am (1 hour 20 min)	<u>Depart for Congress</u> <u>Heights Elementary School</u> (TAB B) (Henkel/Coyne)	South Grounds
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1:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u> <i>1:41 -</i>	Oval Office
2:00 pm (60 min)	<del><u>Congressional Meeting</u></del> ( <del>Oglesby</del> ) (TAB D)	<del>Cabinet Room</del>
3:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Briefing for Interview</u> <i>SPEAKS McFARLANE BAROBY DARMAN, SWANN</i> (McManus/Speakes) <i>FITZWATER, POWELL, McMANUS, SIMMS</i> (TAB E) (additional briefing to be provided separately)	Oval Office
3:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Interview with Southeast Newspapers</u> (McManus/Speakes) <i>3:36 - 4:20</i>	Oval Office
4:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
4:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Congressional Photo Time</u> <i>4:30 - 4:57</i> (Oglesby) (TAB F)	Oval Office

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Monday, March 12, 1983

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10:00 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (McFarlane)		Oval Office
10:20 am (1 hour 20 min)	Depart for Congress <u>Heights Elementary School</u> (Henkel/Coyne)	(TAB B)	South Grounds
11:40 am	<u>Arrive Back at White House</u>		South Grounds
12:00 m (90 min)	Lunch with Elected GOP Women Officials <u>(Verstandig/Tutwiler)</u>	(TAB C)	Residence (remarks distributed previously)
1:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>		Oval Office
2:00 pm (60 min)	<i>Cancelled</i> <u>Congressional Meeting</u> (Oglesby)	(TAB D)	Cabinet Room
3:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Briefing for Interview</u> (McManus/Speakes)	(TAB E)	Oval Office (additional briefing to be provided separately)
3:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Interview with Southeast Newspapers</u> (McManus/Speakes)		Oval Office
4:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>		Oval Office
4:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Congressional Photo Time</u> (Oglesby)	(TAB F)	Oval Office

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1984

TO: RICHARD DARMAN  
FROM: PAM TURNER *PT*  
SUBJECT: Attendance at Meeting with the President

The following individuals attended a photo opportunity with the President on March 12, 1984 at 4:55 p.m. (5 minutes):

Senator Charles Mathias (R-Maryland)  
Elsie Miller  
Sandra Peterson  
Stuart Peterson

Staff

Pamela J. Turner



**THE WHITE HOUSE**

**WASHINGTON**

March 12, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR DICK DARMAN

FROM: PAM TURNER 

SUBJECT: Attendees at Presidential meeting

The following attended the 4:50 p.m. Congressional Time photo opportunity held today in the Oval Office:

Senator Bill Armstrong (R-CO)

Mrs. Nancy DeMoss

Staff: Mike Hudson

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS



To: Officer-in-charge  
Appointments Center  
Room 060, OEOB

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Please admit the following appointments on March 12,  
for President of \_\_\_\_\_:  
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

Foreign Minister Edgardo Paz Barnica - Honduras

Foreign Minister Carlos Jose Gutierrez - Costa Rica

Secretary of State George P. Shultz

Assistant Secretary of State/ARA Langhorne A. Motley

OVP  
The Vice President

NSC  
Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
Mr. Constantine Menges

MEETING LOCATION

Building White House Requested by Menges  
Room No. Oval Office Room No. 348 Telephone 3552  
Time of Meeting 10:00 AM Date of request March 12, 1984

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to five (5) names or less.

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



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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

### MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN BOB MICHEL (R-ILLINOIS) AND CONGRESSMAN TRENT LOTT (R-MISSISSIPPI)

DATE: Monday, March 12, 1984  
LOCATION: The Oval Office  
TIME: 9:15 a.m. (30 Minutes)  
FROM: M. B. Oglesby, Jr. *bo*

#### I. PURPOSE

To permit the Republican Leader Bob Michel, and the Republican Whip, Trent Lott to brief the President on the status of House Republican deficit reduction efforts.

#### II. BACKGROUND

It is likely that the House Budget Committee will begin markup of the First Budget Resolution the week of March 19, 1984. In anticipation of this, the Republican Leadership of the House has been working with its Senate counterpart to develop a package of deficit reduction measures.

Though their package is not complete House Republicans are contemplating options that would achieve \$130-160 billion in savings over three years. The principal components at this time are:

- (1) Defense growth which results in a spending level of \$295 billion (Function 050) for FY 1985.
- (2) A tax proposal similar to that just reported by the Ways and Means Committee which provides \$45 billion in additional revenue over the next three years.
- (3) Freezing nondefense spending and some changes in COLA formulas providing at least \$45 billion in savings over the next three years.

The Leadership will meet Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 14 with all House Republicans to obtain their recommendations for the deficit reduction package. It is expected that the final drafting of the budget alternative will begin on Thursday, March 15.



(Background cont.)

The Leadership feels it is important to have Republican unity on a deficit reduction package so they can effectively counter a Democratic budget proposal.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See Attachment.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

President to greet Bob Michel and Trent Lott, followed by their briefing the President on the status of deficit reduction efforts.

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Attachment A: Participants List  
Attachment B: Talking Points

Attachment A

PARTICIPANTS

The President

The Vice President

Secretary of Treasury Donald Regan  
OMB Director Stockman

Congressman Bob Michel (R-IL), Republican Leader  
Congressman Trent Lott (R-MS), Republican Whip

Staff

James Baker, Richard Darman, Bud McFarlane, M. B. Oglesby, Jr.

Attachment B

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

- Greet Bob Michel and Trent Lott and thank them for coming today.
  
- Indicate that you are aware that they have been working on deficit reduction measures in coordination with their Senate counterparts and that you are interested in the status of their efforts.
  
- State your firm belief that a responsible package of deficit reduction measures must be put together this year.
  
- Stress the importance of Republican unity and seek their assessment of House Republicans' views on the composition of a possible deficit reduction package.
  
- Following the remarks, thank them and state your need for their continued help and support.



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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

### MEETING WITH STUDENTS OF CONGRESS HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DATE: March 12, 1984  
LOCATION: Congress Heights Elementary School  
6th & Alabama Streets. S.E.  
Washington, D. C.  
TIME: 10:35 - 11:25 A.M.  
FROM: JAMES K. COYNE, Special Assistant to the President  
Private Sector Initiatives

#### I. PURPOSE

To visit the school the White House "adopted" on October 13, 1983.

#### II. BACKGROUND

As part of a nationwide effort to promote private sector involvement in education, you announced that the White House would lead by example and "adopt" Congress Heights Elementary School in Southeast Washington.

Since your announcement on October 13, White House staff members have been tutoring students, addressing classes at the school, exchanging letters, sponsoring field trips, donating books and equipment, and many students have attended various White House functions.

Following your proclamation declaring school year 1983-84 as the Year of Partnerships in Education, 18 federal departments and agencies have adopted schools. Thus far, we have identified 27,479 educational partnerships across the country. This figure continues to increase as the Department of Education surveys all 111,000 schools.

You will see a demonstration of the IBM "Writing to Read" Program, an excellent private sector initiative example. IBM donates the computer equipment to the school system to teach kindergarten and 1st graders how to read using modern computer techniques.

The President of Togo and the Chairman of the Interim Council of Grenada have also visited the school.

#### III. PARTICIPANTS

William Dalton, Principal, Congress Heights Elementary School  
Floretta McKenzie, D. C. School Superintendent  
Rudolph Hines, 1st grade student who will become your "pen pal"  
Tammi Gardner, 6th grade student who will present you with a  
scroll  
Teachers and teacher-aides of the school

#### IV. PRESS PLAN

Full press availability

#### V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Motorcade arrives Congress Heights Elementary School
- President enters school and is met by Principal Bill Dalton.
- Proceed to Holding Room
- Proceed to IBM "Writing to Read" classroom
- President is met in classroom by Mrs. Peggy Woods, the teacher.
- Mrs. Woods explains the program to the President and invites him to participate. Mrs. Woods asks student to demonstrate the computer program.
- President sits down next to the student.
- Proceed to Library
- President greets Principal, Mrs. Floretta McKenzie, D.C. School Superintendent, various board members and teachers.
- Present books to school library (books will be on table in room)
- Proceed to auditorium to address students
- President acknowledges Rudolph Hines as his pen pal.
- Question/answer session with student body
- Principal concludes question/answer session
- Tammi Gardner, 6th grade student presents President with 'partner in education' scroll signed by the students.
- President departs.



**THE WHITE HOUSE**

**WASHINGTON**

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1984

EVENTS: Visit Congress Heights Elementary School  
-Participation in computer demonstration  
-Drop-by Library - present books to school  
-Brief Remarks  
-Question & Answer Session  
DRESS: Men's Business Suit  
WEATHER: Partly Cloudy; Upper 30's

10:15 a.m. Depart Oval Office en route motorcade for boarding.

10:20 a.m. Depart The White House en route Congress Heights School. Drive Time: 15 mins. In Limo: J. Baker.

10:35 a.m. Arrive Congress Heights School and proceed inside.  
-OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Met inside by:

Mr. William Dalton, Principal, Congress Heights School

Accompanied by Mr. Dalton, proceed to holding room, passing by students along the way.

-OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Accompanied by Mr. Dalton, arrive holding room.

10:40 a.m. Accompanied by Mr. Dalton, depart holding room en route Room 226.

10:45 a.m. Accompanied by Mr. Dalton, arrive Room 226, "Writing to Read" program center.

Met by:

Mrs. Peggy Woods, Teacher, "Writing to Read" Program.

Accompanied by Mrs. Woods, proceed through classroom viewing teaching methods.

03/09/84 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: First stop will be at the typewriter-learning table.

Second stop will be at the learning-through-games table.

At the third and final stop, the IBM terminals, take a seat at the middle IBM terminal to watch and participate with a student in the learning process.

-PRESS POOL

10:55 a.m. Accompanied by Mr. Dalton, depart Room 226 en route Library.

Accompanied by Mr. Dalton, arrive Library for presentation of White House books.

-OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Met by:

Reverend David Eaton, President, Board of Education

Mr. Eugene Kinlow, Member at large, Board of Education

Mr. Howard Miller, III, Student Representative, Board of Education

Mrs. Floretta McKenzie, D.C. School Superintendent

Dr. Thomas Harper, Region A School Superintendent

Mrs. Joyce Alexander, Librarian, Congress Heights School

Present Mr. Dalton with White House books.

11:00 a.m. Depart Library en route Auditorium, passing students along the way.

11:05 a.m. Arrive Auditorium off-stage announcement area.

Announcement/Introduction by:

Mr. William Dalton

Proceed to stool in center of room and be seated for brief remarks.

-OPEN PRESS

11:08 a.m. Conclude remarks and initiate question and answer session with students.

03/09/84 4:00 p.m.

Invite Rudolf Hines, student "Pen Pal", to join you in center of the room during the Q & A session.

At the conclusion of the Q & A session, Tammi Gardner, 6th grade student, presents a scroll to you.

- 11:20 a.m. Depart Auditorium en route motorcade for boarding.
- 11:25 a.m. Depart Congress Heights School en route The White House. Drive Time: 15 mins. In Limo: J. Baker.
- 11:40 a.m. Arrive The White House and proceed to Oval Office.



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# THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 9, 1984

## LUNCHEON WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN ELECTED OFFICIALS

DATE: Monday, March 12, 1984  
LOCATION: State Dining Room  
TIME: 12:00 noon  
FROM: Margaret Tutwiler/Lee Verstandig

### I. PURPOSE

To show support for Republican women elected officials from eleven Western states and to provide information on issues of concern to them.

### II. BACKGROUND

This luncheon, followed by a photo opportunity with the President and Vice President, is a part of the last in a series of five meetings designed by Maureen Reagan to bring together Republican women officeholders with members of the Administration. By the time the attendees meet with the President for lunch, they will have been briefed by the Vice President, Secretaries Bell and Regan and EPA Administrator Ruckelshaus as well as James A. Baker, III. After the luncheon, the briefing will continue and the attendees will hear from Secretaries Clark, Dole and Heckler.

These meetings are designed to offer attendees an opportunity to acquire additional knowledge and a better understanding of the Administration's policies and programs. They also offer an environment where attendees can express their opinion on national policy as it affects their states and areas of interest.

### III. PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 85 Republican women officeholders from among the following states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

### IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Press Pool for the President's remarks; White House photographers for individual photo opportunities.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

As outlined by the White House Social Secretary.

VI. TALKING POINTS

Remarks have been prepared by White House speechwriters.





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# THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

## MEETING WITH SEVERAL REPUBLICAN SENATORS

DATE: Monday, March 12, 1984

LOCATION: The Cabinet Room

TIME: 2:00 p.m. (one hour)

FROM: M.B. Oglesby, Jr. *MO*

### I. PURPOSE

To discuss the budget and our ongoing effort to achieve Republican unity in a deficit reduction package.

### II. BACKGROUND

You have met twice (March 8 and 9) with this key group of Republican Senators in an effort to devise a deficit reduction package. Thus far, there appears to be general agreement on the idea of a package embodying a "three legged stool" approach focusing on revenue, non-defense spending, and defense. While there appears to be general agreement on the revenue package and non-defense spending cuts, the defense numbers remain a sticking point.

During your second meeting with this group last Friday, Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker asked for one more opportunity to meet with you today. In the meantime, Baker will have met with the other Senators in another attempt to come to some agreement on the defense numbers.

It is important that we reach some agreement with Republicans in the Congress. We anticipate that the Democrats will present their own package some time this week--perhaps Wednesday. We need to demonstrate a unified Republican approach to deficit reduction before the Democrats act.

### III. PARTICIPANTS

List attached

### IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senators to arrive through the Northwest Gate, and be escorted from the West Lobby to the Cabinet Room for a one-hour meeting with the President.

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Attachments: Participants List  
Talking Points

PARTICIPANTS

The President  
The Vice President  
Secretary of the Treasury Donald Regan  
Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger  
OMB Director David Stockman

Senator Howard Baker (R-Tennessee)  
Senator John Tower (R-Texas)  
Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska)  
Senator Paul Laxalt (R-Nevada)  
Senator Pete Domenici (R-New Mexico)  
Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Oregon)  
Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas)  
Senator Jake Garn (R-Utah)

Staff

James A. Baker  
Michael Deaver  
Richard Darman  
Bud McFarlane  
M.B. Oglesby  
Pamela Turner  
Jack Svahn  
Al Keel



SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH  
SEVERAL REPUBLICAN SENATORS

- I hope everyone has had a productive weekend in terms of reaching some agreement on our deficit reduction package. I believe we made some real headway last week, and it is crucial that we work together and achieve a unified Republican approach to this problem.
  
- I know that the defense area has been a difficult issue for all of us, and I hope we can resolve that issue today. As I mentioned before, it is important that we have some agreement which will hold together all the way through the appropriation process, and that will require a strong effort from all of us.
  
- Howard, I will ask you to start off here and let us know how things progressed over the weekend. (Senator Baker to open general discussion.)



**THE WHITE HOUSE**

**WASHINGTON**

March 9, 1984

INTERVIEW WITH SOUTHEASTERN REGION NEWSPAPERS

DATE: Monday, March 12, 1984

PLACE: Oval Office

TIME: 3:30 pm (30 minutes)

FROM: Larry Speakes

I. PURPOSE

To give the President an opportunity to reach the readership in the Southeast prior to the Alabama, Florida, and Georgia primaries on March 13.

II. BACKGROUND

This interview is the first in a series of interviews coinciding with primaries in various sections of the country to focus attention on those primaries.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See Attached List

IV. PRESS PLAN

Photographers will come in briefly at the beginning of the interview

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

After introductions and pleasantries, the interview will proceed.

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Attachments:

1. Foreign policy talking points attached
2. Domestic policy talking points will be provided by Mike Baroody on Saturday

PARTICIPANTS IN  
INTERVIEW WITH SOUTHEAST NEWSPAPERS  
Monday, March 12, 1984

Carol Matlack	Arkansas Gazette
Greg McDonald	Atlanta Constitution/Journal
Olivia Barton	Birmingham News
Mary Glass	Charleston South Carolina News & Courier
David Greenfield	Charleston West Virginia Daily Mail
William E. Gibson	Fort Lauderdale News and Sun Sentinel
Tom Opell	Jackson Mississippi Clarion-Ledger



TALKING POINTS ON CENTRAL AMERICA LEGISLATION

- The Bipartisan Commission reported to me in mid-January that Central America is a vital national security interest.
- The Bipartisan Commission concluded that:
  - o Further Communist guerrilla warfare success there will mean that the U.S. would have to either substantially increase its defense capabilities along our southern border or sharply reduce our commitments in Europe, the Middle East and Asia.
  - o The level of U.S. effort must be increased substantially.
  - o Nicaragua violated its commitments to implement democracy and its cooperation with the Soviet bloc and Cuba in exporting subversion gives a preview of what other Communist regimes there would do.
  - o Further Communist success in Central America would mean potentially millions of refugees coming into the U.S.
- Based on the Bipartisan Commission's recommendations, I have asked Congress to fund a comprehensive program of economic aid and military assistance (\$8 million over five years with two-thirds economic and social aid).
- That request is now before the Congress and deserves support.
- We have an immediate emergency situation in El Salvador:
  - o Our military assistance funds ran out at the end of February; shortages are showing up.
  - o We expect the Communist guerrillas, as in 1982, to launch increased military attacks to disrupt the democratic election of March 25, 1984.
- In Nicaragua, the anti-Sandinista paramilitary forces have made Nicaraguan export of subversion more difficult and have exerted positive pressure for Nicaragua to negotiate with its neighbors -- that process must continue.
- My Administration could have acted under special emergency authorities, but instead, we sought to use the customary Congressional funding process.
- My Administration is proposing a balanced program with the funding considered necessary to accomplish our national security purposes; those in Congress who fail to support the Bipartisan Commission program, will be held accountable by the American people and by history.

TALKING POINTS ON LEBANON

- The U.S., in cooperation with MNF our allies, did the right thing by giving Lebanon a breathing spell to try and arrange the withdrawal of foreign forces and to bring about internal political reconciliation.
- However, Syria and other radical forces, through refusal to withdraw and its support of terrorist activities and subversion, was able to intimidate the Government of Lebanon and force it to renounce the May 17 agreement.
- No American should regret our efforts in Lebanon:
  - o Most of the PLO is out of Lebanon.
  - o Syrian-Israeli war has so far been avoided.
  - o The Lebanese may yet, when they meet again in Switzerland next week, agree to a broad-based government of national unity.
- Our MNF policy was broadly supported at the outset by a bipartisan resolution, but unfortunately that support waned.
- We stand ready to assist with diplomacy if the parties wish it.
- We see less need for a U.S. military role in and around Lebanon but will, as appropriate, continue to assist to the government's efforts to strengthen its military capabilities and try to achieve stability.



TALKING POINTS ON IRAN/IRAQ WAR

- As we have said before, the prospect of the Iranian regime achieving its objectives of overturning the Government of Iraq concerns us because this is not only aggressive behavior toward a neighbor, but would seriously threaten further the peace and stability of the Gulf region.
- We deeply regret the loss of lives on both sides.
- We believe this will have very negative long-range effects on the future stability in the region.

TALKING POINTS ON GREECE/TURKEY CONFLICT

- We are aware of reports of alleged shelling incidents.
- We have been in touch with the Greek and Turkish governments, both here in Washington and in Athens and Ankara, to urge restraint by both parties and to obtain further information.
- The U.S. has consistently urged restraint on all the parties to the Cyprus dispute.