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PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO REYKJAVIK
October 9-12, 1986

ANNOTATED AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:30 a.m. President departs White House.
7:05 p.m. Arrive Iceland (Brief Arrival Ceremony).
(local time)
8:05 p.m. Arrive Ambassador's Residence.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Morning Briefing and private time.
Briefing to focus on general strategy for the meeting.
12:30 p.m. Briefing lunch at Residence
Afternoon Briefing and private time.
Briefing to focus on arms control issues.
4:30 - Meetings with Iceland President, Prime
5:00 p.m. Minister and Foreign Minister.
General discussion of U.S.-Icelandic relations.
Evening Private dinner at Residence.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:30 a.m.- First Session. Emphasis: Overview, concentrating
12:30 p.m. on human rights and regional issues; listen to
Gorbachev's arms control proposals. At Hofdi
House.

You will host this session, which means you will arrive first, greet Gorbachev and initiate the meeting.

1:00 - Briefing lunch. At Residence
2:00 p.m.

3:30 - Second Session. Emphasis: Arms control,
5:30 p.m. including comment on Gorbachev proposals. At Hofdi House.

Gorbachev will host this session, which means that he will arrive first to greet you and initiate the meeting.

Evening Private dinner at Residence.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

11:00 a.m. Third Session. Emphasis: Wrapup.
1:00 p.m. At Hofdi House

You host this meeting.

1:00 - Private Lunch. At Residence
2:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Drop-by event for U.S. military and Embassy
personnel and families.

This will be an opportunity to thank them for the
job they are doing, and particularly for their
assistance in helping with the meeting this
weekend. It will also provide a forum for any
post-meeting public remarks.

3:00 - Farewell ceremony at Keflavik.
3:20 p.m.

3:45 p.m. Depart Iceland

5:50 p.m. Arrive at Andrews

6:05 p.m. Arrive at White House

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ICELAND

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

MEETING WITH ICELANDIC PRESIDENT VIGDIS FINNBOGADOTTIR AND
PRIME MINISTER STEINGRIMUR HERMANNSSON

Setting

- You will meet for a brief courtesy call with President Finnbogadottir, Prime Minister Hermannsson and Foreign Minister Mathiesen. All Icelandic participants speak English.
- Mrs. Finnbogadottir was elected to the largely ceremonial post of President in 1980 and was re-elected in 1984 without opposition. Prime Minister Hermannsson, a member of the Progressive Party, is the head of a center-right coalition that came into office following elections in 1983. New elections are scheduled to be held no later than the spring of 1987. Foreign Minister Mathiesen is a member of the senior coalition partner, the Independence Party.
- The government has turned around a long period of poor economic performance. Inflation has been brought down to a projected 10% this year from a high three years ago of 80%. Unemployment is negligible and real economic growth for this year is projected at 3.5%.
- Although there is a strong tradition of isolationism and support for a neutralist foreign policy, Icelandic support for NATO has strengthened in recent years.
- You will want to thank the Icelandic government for its many efforts to make the meetings with Gorbachev a success. Other possible discussion topics include East-West relations and bilateral issues, such as the military cargo transport treaty and civil aviation. The Icelanders are not expected to pursue any substantive issues in detail during your courtesy call.

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BACKGROUND PAPER

ICELAND

Iceland is one of Europe's smallest and least populated nations, with only 240,000 people. Nearly one-half the population is found in the capital of Reykjavik. Iceland is a NATO member, but it has not joined the European Economic Community. However, due to its shared heritage, culture and similar language with other Nordic states, it is a member of the Nordic Council. Iceland has a very high standard of living, comparable to other Northern European states. Icelanders are very nationalistic and sensitive to any impression that they are being treated in a less than equal manner.

During World War II Iceland was occupied first by U.K. forces and later by the U.S. in order to prevent this strategically located island from falling into the hands of Nazi Germany. Icelanders are particularly proud of their sacrifices during the war and point out that they had one of the highest per capita mortality rates of any ally.

Following the war, Iceland became a charter member of NATO. In 1951, NATO requested that the U.S. and Iceland make arrangements for the defense of Iceland and the NATO area. The U.S.-Icelandic Defense Treaty was signed, providing a framework for the establishment of a base and the stationing of U.S. military forces. Today there are approximately 3,000 American military personnel in Iceland from all four services along with 2,000 dependents. The forces are under the command of a U.S. Navy Rear Admiral and are referred to as the Icelandic Defense Force (IDF). Iceland has no military forces of its own; however, there is a Coast Guard which is part of the Ministry of Justice.

Our largest defense facility is at Keflavik, headquarters of the IDF; it is co-located with the international airport. There are several communication and radar facilities at other locations. The United States does not pay any compensation for the use of Keflavik or other sites. Although the 1951 Defense Agreement is subject to review by either side at any time, there is no requirement for periodic renewal.

Iceland's political spectrum ranges from conservative to far-left, including a small but active Communist party. The present coalition (Independence Party and Progressive Party) is the most favorable to U.S. and NATO interests in recent years. As a result, several long-pending matters, such as defense upgrades to the base at Keflavik, have been successfully resolved after being long stalled. Nevertheless there remains important internal opposition to the U.S. activities in Iceland undertaken in support of NATO objectives. This makes it especially important to manage carefully our relationship with Iceland.

While the current coalition government is pro-U.S., there have been a number of contentious and complex bilateral issues over the last three years that strained overall relations. These issues include a 2-1/2 year-long dispute over the transport of military cargo to and from Keflavik, whaling, civil aviation and various base-related matters. Although none of these issues command widespread attention in Washington, they are central to Iceland's foreign policy and receive intensive attention from the public, media and Parliament. Progress has been slow and difficult on all these matters, although they now seem to be heading for resolution. The most persistent and politically dangerous of the disputes has been the military cargo transport issue.

In 1984, a newly formed American company availed itself of the monopoly rights under the 1904 Cargo Preference Act for the carriage of military cargo and largely displaced two Icelandic lines which had carried all cargo for the previous 14 years. Intensive efforts to resolve the matter between 1984 and 1986 were unsuccessful. Earlier this summer, the Icelanders threatened unilateral legislation that would have denied entry to Icelandic ports for U.S. military cargo ships if the transport had not been subject to competitive bidding. This was averted by the negotiation and subsequent September 24 signing of a Treaty providing a unique exemption to the 1904 Cargo Preference Act for the Keflavik route so that competitive bidding can occur between U.S. flag vessels and Icelandic lines. The Treaty has been submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent.

The other major bilateral issue was a dispute over Iceland's whaling program. The U.S. position was a result of legislation (the Pelly Amendment) that calls for sanctions against nations which undermine international fisheries agreements. Although a compromise was reached, the issue left a strong impression among Icelanders of U.S. insensitivity and interference in their domestic affairs. The matter will almost certainly be reopened at the 1987 International Whaling Convention meeting. The importance of the dispute is made clear by Iceland's heavy dependence on its fisheries sector for exports -- nearly 80% in 1985. The U.S. is Iceland's largest market for fish, with approximately \$200 million worth of imports last year.

Like most other Western European nations, Iceland's economy went through a very difficult period in the late 1970s and early 80s. However, the present government has made remarkable strides in bringing inflation under control -- down from 80% three years ago to an expected 10% this year. Unemployment remains negligible, while real economic growth is expected to reach 3.5% for 1986. This good news will help strengthen the position of the Independence Party in elections, which are scheduled to take place no later than next spring.

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Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon session will focus on arms control. The setting and goals are outlined above in the introduction.

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PUBLIC DIPLOMACY THEMES

Themes

- Reykjavik meeting is not a signing ceremony or media event but a pre-summit planning session.
 - o no signed agreements expected or necessary;
 - o objective is to identify areas where progress is possible by accelerating negotiating efforts;
 - o Iceland meeting is to lay groundwork for Gorbachev's visit to the US, not a substitute for it.

- We will not sacrifice US interests in order to have a summit, or, to obtain agreements.

- Focus is to be on broad agenda essential to true peace and a more productive relationship, including human rights, arms reductions, regional issues and bilateral matters.

- US has positive proposals in each of these areas:
 - o Human Rights: to encourage respect for human rights and fulfillment of international commitments;
 - o Achieving Arms Reductions: to reduce , as a priority, offensive nuclear weapons and eventually eliminate them; to move toward a more secure world in which strategic defenses strengthen peace; to reduce the imbalance in conventional weapons and limit the risk of war by accident or miscalculation; and to ban chemical and biological weapons from the face of the earth;
 - o Ending Regional Conflicts: a three-pronged proposal (first made at UN in October '85) to end regional conflicts by negotiated settlements among the parties, withdrawal of foreign military intervention, and international economic and political support. Until Soviet policies change, our efforts to counter them must continue.
 - o Expanding Bilateral Contacts: to broaden and deepen contacts and cooperation between our peoples, especially young people.

- These are the objectives of all the American people;

- Unity at home, as well as allied unity and strength are essential to achievement of our objectives.

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Yuriy Vladimirovich DUBININ
(Phonetic: dooBEEenin)

USSR

Ambassador to the United States
(since May 1986)

Before his arrival in Washington, Yuriy Dubinin had no direct experience with US affairs, although he dealt with US officials frequently in Geneva as deputy head of the delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) during 1973-75 and as a representative to the 1980 CSCE review, held in Madrid. A West European specialist, he was Ambassador to Spain from 1978 until his appointment as Permanent Representative to the UN in March 1986. Dubinin was elected to the Central Auditing Commission of the Communist Party (CPSU) at the 27th Party Congress in March 1986—a largely honorary distinction a step below candidate membership in the Central Committee (CC). His selection as Ambassador to the United States probably means that he will be elected a CC member at the next party congress, likely to be held in 1991.1



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Dubinin has career ties to First Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoliy Kovalev, to whom he reported in three consecutive jobs from 1965 until 1986. Kovalev, in turn, is a protege of former Foreign Minister Andrey Gromyko



the Soviet Union wanted to understand Spanish views. Under his stewardship, top government leaders on both sides exchanged visits. Dubinin generally avoided political controversy—except when he lodged a futile protest decrying Spain's intention to join NATO. He enjoyed good relations with the Spanish Communist Party,




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Career


Dubinin holds a candidate's degree in history from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, and he apparently was active in Komsomol (youth) and party activities there. Entering the foreign service in 1955, he worked first on France, serving twice in Paris: during 1955-60 he was a foreign service trainee and then a translator for UNESCO; and during 1963-68 he was a first secretary and then a counselor of embassy. Between these tours he served on the French desk at Foreign Ministry headquarters. 



In 1968 Dubinin became deputy chief of the First European Department, which has responsibility for France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, and the Benelux countries. Three years later he was appointed department chief, succeeding Kovalev, and from 1972 until his departure for Spain he was a member of the Ministry's collegium (governing board). As department chief he headed the Foreign Ministry group responsible for negotiating the reestablishment of relations with Spain in 1977. 


During his CSCE service in Geneva, Dubinin was responsible for Basket Three issues (cooperation in humanitarian matters). 

Personal Data

Dubinin, who will be 56 on 7 October, likes fine food and drink. He speaks Spanish and French. He can converse comfortably in English but occasionally needs an interpreter. 

Dubinin and his wife, Lyana Zevinovna, 

The couple has three children. A daughter, Nataliya, is believed to be married to Aleksandr Yakovenko, an attache at the Soviet Mission to the UN in New York. 

Most ambassadors to countries politically significant to the USSR—such as West Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, India, and the USSR's client states—are full or candidate members of the CC. However, not all of them had CC status at the time of their appointments. For example, Anatoliy Dobrynin was named Ambassador to the United States in 1961 but was not elected to the CC (as a candidate member) until the next party congress, in 1966. The current Ambassador to Italy, Nikolay Lun'kov, was appointed in 1980 but was not elected to the CC until the 1981 congress. 

25 August 1986

Eduard Amvrosiyevich SHEVARDNADZE

USSR

(Phonetic: shehvardNAHDzeh)

*Minister of Foreign Affairs;
Member, Politburo, Central
Committee, Communist Party
of the Soviet Union
(since July 1985)*



Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze executes Soviet foreign policy but does not formulate it. Policy formulation is the province of the ruling CPSU Politburo. We believe Shevardnadze's appointment gives CPSU General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev greater freedom to impart a more subtle and persuasive tone to diplomacy than was the case under the [redacted]

[redacted] Andrey Gromyko, who had been Foreign Minister for almost three decades. Shevardnadze was also probably chosen to preside over a reorganization and housecleaning of the Foreign Ministry. [redacted]

[redacted]
Shevardnadze rose to national political prominence as leader of the Georgian party organization during the reign of Leonid Brezhnev, and after Brezhnev's death he was in the forefront of those praising Brezhnev's ally Konstantin Chernenko. At the same time, his policies and activities as Georgian party leader probably commended him to Gorbachev and accounted for his promotion in July 1985 to full membership in the Politburo. In Georgia Shevardnadze fostered economic and social innovations that matched the spirit of what Gorbachev had been advocating, and his forceful campaign against corruption in the republic probably boosted his stock even further in Gorbachev's eyes. Since becoming General Secretary, he has publicly praised Shevardnadze's accomplishments. [redacted]

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As first secretary of the Georgian party organization during 1972 - July 1985, Shevardnadze made no public effort to build any international affairs reputation and had little exposure to the West. He periodically played host to diplomats and government officials from Eastern Europe and Soviet Third World client states. He received Senator Edward Kennedy in Georgia in 1974. In his speech accepting nomination to the RSFSR Supreme Soviet (to which all Politburo members belong) in February 1985, he ignored foreign policy issues entirely save for a few boilerplate sentences that are stock themes in Gorbachev's public remarks.

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Career and Personal Data

Shevardnadze holds degrees from the Higher Party School of the Georgian Central Committee and from a pedagogical institute. He became first secretary of the republic's Komsomol in 1957. The following year he became a full member of the Central Committee in Georgia. In 1961 he was elected to the bureau of the All-Union Komsomol. [REDACTED] he was then relegated to low-level party posts in Georgia. In 1964, however, he was appointed first deputy minister of what is now the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs, and from 1965 until 1972 he was minister. His return to prominence may have resulted from his Komsomol association with then Politburo member Aleksandr Shelepin. As minister, Shevardnadze worked to expose corruption among Georgian party officials. His campaign eventually led to the political demise of the republic party chief. His promotion to the CPSU Politburo as a candidate member in 1978 appeared to have been a vote of confidence in his handling of persistent religious and nationalist issues in Georgia.

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Shevardnadze is married. His wife, Nanuli, has been studying English on her own. The couple has two children. Their son, Pata, is a physicist who has studied in London. As of 1974, their daughter, Monana, was married and had a daughter. [REDACTED]

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