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INFORMATION

November 20, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: STEPHEN I. DANZANSKY

SUBJECT: Gorbachev Meetings with Business Leaders During  
The Summit

Yesterday's Wall Street Journal cited U.S. officials indicating Gorbachev's desire to meet privately with U.S. business leaders on the edges of the Summit. Although we will have little control over these types of events, they will have implications for how the Summit will play in the business press and how we structure Presidential statements or joint communiques.

My concern is that the business community (and possibly Commerce) wants an expression of support from the President at the Summit (through a statement or communique) for increased economic ties with the Soviet Union, primarily through more joint ventures between Soviet and US firms. It is a bad idea to get the President involved in broadly endorsing these enterprises because:

- o The primary Soviet interest in joint ventures is to increase their access to technology and managerial expertise in support of both their defense and economic base. Joint ventures in strategic or gray areas have the potential for complicating export control enforcement. And while we should not discourage non-strategic trade and economic cooperation, we must recognize that increased efficiencies in the Soviet consumer sector will free up resources that can be applied to defense.
- o At this early stage (the Soviets only changed the rules in January), the President should not be endorsing what could turn out to be dubious ventures from a commercial standpoint. The Soviet rules are very restrictive and the non-convertibility of the ruble remain a stumbling block to profit repatriation. Caveat emptor should be our counsel to U.S. business.
- o Any increased economic cooperation must be accompanied by movement toward a more open market-oriented system, improvements in human rights and emigration, and demonstrated progress on other bilateral political issues. This has been and should remain our policy toward joint ventures, Soviet "market" opportunities, and Soviet initiatives to join multilateral economic institutions (GATT, World Bank, IMF, etc.).

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Thus, it will be important to avoid communique language or statements that are overly supportive of the Soviets efforts with the U.S. business community. This will require attention to the timing as well as substance of any statements to the business press covering the Summit.

We will be closely tracking any proposed independent business events so that they can be factored into Summit schedule planning and the crafting of relevant statements or communiques.

Prepared by:  
David Tarbell

<sup>FE</sup>  
Fritz Ermarth and Bob <sup>ED</sup>Dean concur.

A large handwritten checkmark is positioned above a stylized signature or set of initials.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Tom G.

Ken asked me to  
"triple check" our  
files on joint meetings  
with Casper. There is  
nothing we can find in  
1987 but there is a  
Schultz response to Byrd's  
letter to the President in  
January 1986.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Date March 17, 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

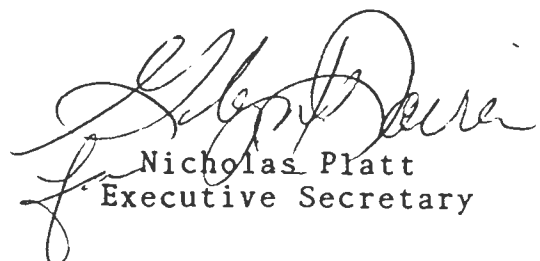
To: President Reagan From: Robert C. Byrd, US Senate  
Date: January 23, 1986 Subject: Mr. Gorbachev address  
a joint meeting of Congress during his upcoming visit to U.S.  
Referral Dated: February 26, 1986 ID# 379677  
(if any)

       The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.  
       A draft reply will be forwarded.  
       A translation is attached.  
  X   An information copy of a direct reply is attached.  
       We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.  
       The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.  
       Other.

Remarks:

  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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Dear Bob,

The White House has forwarded to me your January 23 letter to the President, following up on your suggestion that General Secretary Gorbachev be invited to address a joint session of Congress when he visits the United States later this year.

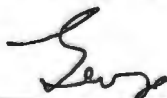
A joint session of Congress could be a way for both leaders to communicate to the American and Soviet people their thoughts and hopes about the relationship between their countries. I appreciate the safeguards on reciprocity you have suggested.

However, there are some difficulties with such an appearance. As you know, the date for the summit has not been set, so we do not know if the visit will occur while Congress is in session. In addition, the Soviets might try to exploit such a prominent and unique event. A Gorbachev appearance would be bound to stir considerable controversy, particularly about the appropriateness of an appearance by the leader of a totalitarian state in one of the central institutions of Western democracy.

Therefore, it is important that we look carefully and quietly at all the implications of this idea before making any commitment. I also believe that this or other events intended to give Gorbachev a better appreciation of Congress should enjoy the broadest possible bipartisan support. In this connection, I would be interested whether you have discussed your idea with Bob Dole, Bob Michel or other Republican leaders.

I suggest that senior Administration and Congressional staff members get together as soon as we have dates for a meeting-- Bill Henkel and Will Ball from the White House, Mark Palmer from State's Bureau of European Affairs, and representatives from your office, Tip O'Neill's, Bob Dole's and Bob Michel's. There are a variety of ways in which the Congress could receive Gorbachev and we would like to explore each of them with you.

Sincerely yours,



George P. Shultz

The Honorable  
Robert C. Byrd,  
United States Senate.

February 20, 1986

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from ORM

Dear Senator Byrd:

President Reagan has asked me to thank you for your letter outlining in further detail your proposal regarding Mr. Gorbachev's upcoming visit and possible address to a joint session of Congress.

Please know that your recommendation was brought to the President's attention, and has also been shared with his key advisers here at the White House. You may be assured that your letter is receiving our close attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

N. B. Oglesby, Jr.  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

MBO:KRJ:MDB

cc: w/copy of inc to Will Ball, Legis  
Affairs, Dept of State - for  
DIRECT response

cc: w/copy of inc to NSC - FYI ✓  
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January 23, 1986

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I was very pleased to learn that during your meetings last November with Mr. Gorbachev in Geneva, Mr. Gorbachev accepted your invitation to visit the United States this year. The development of a more positive relationship with the Soviet Union will, of course, take time, but it is clear that the dialogue which you began with Mr. Gorbachev in Geneva has led to a better overall atmosphere in which to try to resolve our outstanding differences with the Soviet Union. In addition, the schedule for future meetings which was established at the Summit will permit the U.S. and the Soviet Union to explore their relationship regularly.

~~have~~  
~~with you about this morning, that is,~~  
that he consider inviting Mr. Gorbachev to address a joint meeting of the Congress during his upcoming visit to the United States. It is my hope that this would help to enhance the positive atmosphere within which progress is possible with the new Soviet leadership.

As I discussed with you, I also indicated to the Speaker that if he decided to extend such an invitation to Mr. Gorbachev, you should have the opportunity to address the same ~~meeting~~. In addition, it is my feeling that the Soviets should agree to televise your address, live and in its entirety, to the Soviet people. Since any address Mr. Gorbachev made would be televised to the American people, I believe reciprocity would be in order.

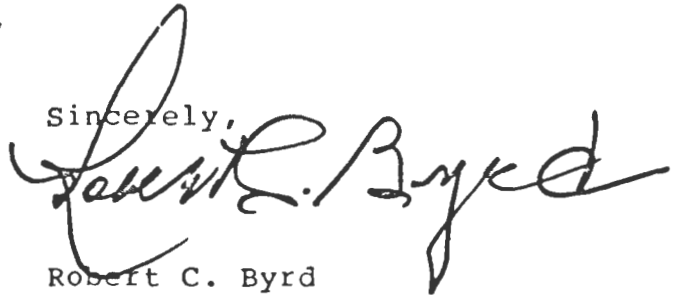


The President  
January 20, 1986  
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I appreciated very much your expression of support for  
this proposal in our conversation this morning.

With highest personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert C. Byrd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Robert C. Byrd

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 11/30/81

FOR: *Jack Contemance*

FROM: TOM GRISCOM

- Action
- Your Comment
- Let's Talk
- FYI

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

PROPOSED SUMMARY SCHEDULE

FOR THE VISIT OF

GENERAL SECRETARY AND MRS. GORBACHEV

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1987

4:25 p.m.# General Secretary and Mrs. Mikhail Gorbachev arrive Andrews Air Force Base. Met by: Secretary of State and Mrs. George Shultz; Brief arrival ceremony TBD.  
5:05 p.m. General Secretary and Mrs. Gorbachev arrive at residence/hotel.  
Evening NO FURTHER EVENTS PLANNED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1987

10:00 a.m.# Arrival ceremony with President and Mrs. Reagan at The White House -- South Lawn. Brief remarks with interpretation.  
10:30 a.m. General Secretary Gorbachev has meeting with President Reagan in the Oval Office.  
NOTE: Mrs. Reagan hosts coffee on State Floor for Mrs. Gorbachev; Attended by spouses of U.S. and Soviets officials. Mrs. Gorbachev departs on separate schedule at 11:00 a.m.  
11:45 a.m. Meeting concludes. General Secretary Gorbachev departs The White House en route residence/hotel.  
12:00 Noon LUNCH -- President Reagan has lunch at The White House; General Secretary Gorbachev has lunch at the Soviet Embassy  
1:00 p.m. Lunches conclude.  
1:30 p.m. General Secretary Gorbachev arrives The White House and proceeds to Blue Room.  
1:45 p.m.# The President and General Secretary Gorbachev arrive East Room for INF signing ceremony.  
2:15 p.m. Treaty signing ceremony concludes. The President and General Secretary Gorbachev proceed to State Dining Room. Arrive State Dining Room and be seated for televised messages.  
2:25 p.m.# Broadcast messages to the American and Soviet people.  
3:00 p.m. Conclude broadcast. The President and General Secretary Gorbachev return to the Oval Office for meeting.

- 8:20 a.m. General Secretary Gorbachev has brief meeting with Vice President Bush (Soviet Embassy).
- 8:30 a.m. General Secretary Gorbachev has breakfast meeting with Vice President Bush and intellectual and academic community.
- 9:45 a.m. General Secretary Gorbachev has meeting with President Reagan in the Oval Office.  
NOTE: Working lunch in The White House.
- 2:00 p.m. Meeting concludes.  
# Departure activities TBD  
General Secretary Gorbachev departs The White House en route residence/hotel.

OFFICIAL VISIT ENDS

- 3:00 p.m.# General Secretary Gorbachev holds press conference.
- 4:30 p.m. General Secretary Gorbachev hosts meeting with industry and business community; Cocktails.
- 7:00 p.m.# Departure from Andrews Air Force Base.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 23, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN POWELL

FROM: TOM GRISCOM *TJ*

SUBJECT: MEDIA EVENTS FOR SUMMIT

I have received your message concerning media events related to the upcoming Reagan-Gorbachev Summit. I reviewed the information with Marlin and want to get a reply to you to pass on to the other members of your party.

The suggested ways of dealing with the news media during the summit are okay. However, there should not be any reference to a news blackout. It is true there is some disagreement over the effectiveness of a news blackout in the past. Why not refer to the press coverage on an availability basis and drop any reference to "blackout."

On the Secretary of State's press conference on Thursday, December 10. There are closing statements on the afternoon the summit concludes. That is the chance for President Reagan to lay-out the agenda, etc. That evening, the President will address the nation. We have bookend on each side of the Gorbachev press conference. In the past it has been the practice when the President is doing a major event (press conference, major speech), another media event is not scheduled. I recommend that be the case here as well. If there is something that needs clarification, expansion, it would be good to have the Secretary of State in a position to deal with such a situation (on background). I would suggest that the Secretary of State be in a position to expand on the Summit on Friday, December 11.

send this message to colin powell:

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Tom Griscom

→ ~~there is not~~ another media event scheduled. ☉  
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

23 Nov 87

Tom,

Colin dictated the attached note to you, which was proffed to us last evening.

We'll be happy to prof back to Colin anything you would like.

Bill Courtney

Dear Tom

23 Nov 0200 EST

On the plane going over I had a long talk with Secretary Shultz, Chuck Redman and Roz Ridgway concerning press coverage during the period of the Summit. My State associates pressed the view that we should consider having a news blackout during the period of the Summit. They felt that such a blackout had worked well at previous Summits notwithstanding some White House claims that that was not the case. I countered with the position that this is more than just a negotiating Summit. It is a very public State Visit and it also involves the General Secretary making a number of important statements to the American people. For that reason alone it was not going to be possible to simply blackout or muzzle all of our senior officials. After considerable discussion the model we came up with which I pass to you for your consideration is as follows:

- a. Twice a day record press briefings at the combined press center.
- b. Administration officials prepare to go on television and give backgrounders to the press as appropriate in accordance with the plan you and Marlin laid out. However, these officials would be responding to public statements by Mr. Gorbachev as well as current stories in the news and would not give details of ongoing Oval Office discussions.
- c. At the end of each Oval Office session a set of talking points would be immediately prepared for us by our on the record spokesman which will describe atmospherics and whatever we wish known about the Oval Office ceremony.

Secretary Shultz also expressed interest in doing a press conference on Thursday afternoon to catch the evening news so that Gorbachev's press conference would not be the only item for the evening news. I told them I would pass this idea to you. I pointed out to him the President will have made a statement about 2 o'clock and he is giving a speech later that evening. The Secretary's interest was in influencing and dealing with the evening news.

We have just landed in Geneva. I will not be able to read this dictated note. Hope it makes sense to you. We have decided that the first item of business tomorrow morning will be the agenda. Shultz and Ridgway are satisfied with the plan we have worked out for the Congressional portion of the visit.

Warm regards,

Colin

A. S. On balance everybody here thinks that Ken Adelman should not do the Sperling Group Breakfast on December 3.



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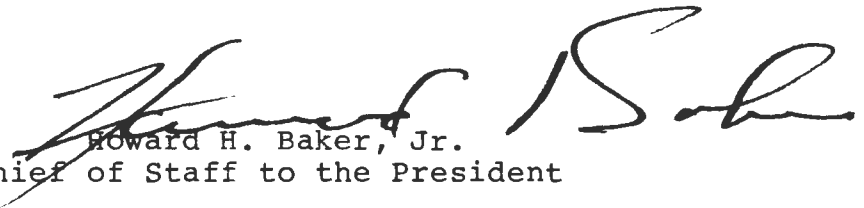
WASHINGTON

November 30, 1987

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The President has designated Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee Anantoly Dobrynin, and Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee Alexander Yakolev as distinguished foreign visitors to the United States and accordingly, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3056 (a), you are hereby directed to provide United States Secret Service protection to them from December 7, 1987 until their departure from the United States.

Sincerely,

  
Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable James A. Baker, III  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

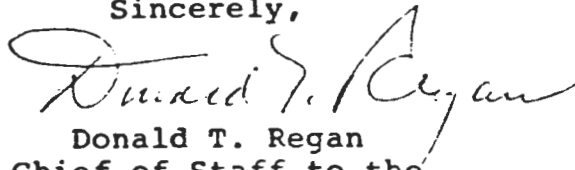
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1986

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The President has designated Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze as a distinguished foreign visitor to the United States and accordingly, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3056 (a), you are hereby directed to provide United States Secret Service protection to him from September 15, 1986 until his departure from the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald T. Regan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Donald T. Regan  
Chief of Staff to the  
President of the United States

The Honorable James A. Baker, III  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Washington, DC 20220

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AMBASSADOR OF THE  
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS  
1125 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

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November 20, 1987

Dear Mr. Secretary:

During General Secretary Gorbachev's visit to the United States, his delegation will include the following Soviet high ranking protectees: Foreign Minister E. Shevardnadze, Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee A. Yakovlev, Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee A. Dobrynin.

The Soviet side would like to ask you to help in arranging that their protection be insured by the United States Secret Service (USSS).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Yuri V. DUBININ

The Honorable  
George P. SHULTZ  
The Secretary of State  
Washington

NOTICE

Bunny Murdock  
(U.S. State Department/Protocol)

may be reached at the following numbers:

466-5773 Protocol Office, Madison Hotel  
466-8775 Protocol Office, Madison Hotel  
  
395-6345 White House Drop-Line, Madison Hotel  
395-6346 White House Drop-Line, Madison Hotel  
  
980-7330 Portable Telephone  
  
429-0760 Home Telephone

Effective 12/2/87 through 12/10/87  
(or until the end of the Soviet visit)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

PROPOSED SUMMARY SCHEDULE

FOR THE VISIT OF

GENERAL SECRETARY AND MRS. GORBACHEV

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1987

4:40 p.m.# General Secretary and Mrs. Mikhail Gorbachev arrive Andrews Air Force Base. Met by: Secretary of State and Mrs. George Shultz; Brief arrival ceremony TBD.

5:20 p.m. General Secretary and Mrs. Gorbachev arrive at residence/hotel.  
NOTE: General Secretary and Mrs. Gorbachev host a tea for Secretary of State and Mrs. George Shultz at residence/hotel.

Evening NO FURTHER EVENTS PLANNED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1987

10:00 a.m.# Arrival ceremony with President and Mrs. Reagan at The White House -- South Lawn. Brief remarks with interpretation (5 mins.).

10:30 a.m. General Secretary Gorbachev has 1st meeting with President Reagan in the Oval Office.  
NOTE: Mrs. Reagan hosts coffee on State Floor for Mrs. Gorbachev; Attended by spouses of U.S. and Soviets officials. Mrs. Gorbachev departs on separate schedule at 11:00 a.m.

12:00 Noon Meeting concludes. General Secretary Gorbachev departs The White House en route residence/hotel.  
President Reagan has lunch at The White House; General Secretary Gorbachev has lunch at the Soviet Embassy or residence/hotel.

1:30 p.m. General Secretary Gorbachev arrives The White House.

1:45 p.m.# The President and General Secretary Gorbachev arrive East Room for INF signing ceremony.

2:05 p.m. Treaty signing ceremony concludes. The President and General Secretary Gorbachev proceed to State Dining Room. Arrive State Dining Room and be seated for televised messages.

2:10 p.m.# Broadcast messages to the American and Soviet people.

2:30 p.m. Conclude broadcast.

2:35 p.m. General Secretary Gorbachev has 2nd meeting with President Reagan in the Oval Office.

- 3:30 p.m. Meeting concludes. General Secretary Gorbachev departs The White House en route residence/hotel/Embassy.  
NOTE: General Secretary Gorbachev has meeting with 50-60 members of intellectual community at 4:30 p.m. (T)
- 7:00 p.m. General Secretary and Mrs. Gorbachev arrive The White House for State Dinner, followed by entertainment.
- 10:00 p.m. Entertainment concludes. General Secretary and Mrs. Gorbachev depart The White House en route residence/hotel.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1987

- 9:00 a.m. General Secretary Gorbachev hosts meeting with Senate and House Leadership at Soviet Embassy.
- 10:00 a.m. General Secretary Gorbachev's meeting with Senate and House Leadership concludes.
- 10:30 a.m. General Secretary Gorbachev has 3rd meeting with President Reagan in the Oval Office.
- 12:30 p.m. Meeting concludes.
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch at Department of State, hosted by Secretary of State and Mrs. George Shultz, for General Secretary and Mrs. Gorbachev.
- 2:45 p.m. Lunch concludes. General Secretary and Mrs. Gorbachev return to Embassy.  
NOTE: Mrs. Reagan hosts Mrs. Gorbachev for private tea and tour in Residence in afternoon. (3:30 - 4:15 p.m.)  
NOTE: General Secretary Mrs. Gorbachev has meeting with U.S. editors and publishers (4:00 - 5:00 p.m.).
- 7:00 p.m. President and Mrs. Reagan arrive Soviet Embassy for reciprocal dinner.
- 9:00 p.m. President and Mrs. Reagan depart Soviet Embassy.

- 9:00 a.m. General Secretary Gorbachev has brief meeting with Vice President Bush at Soviet Embassy.
- 9:15 a.m. General Secretary Gorbachev has breakfast meeting with Vice President Bush and selected Americans.
- 10:15 a.m. Breakfast meeting concludes. General Secretary Gorbachev departs en route The White House.
- 10:30 a.m. General Secretary Gorbachev has 4th meeting with President Reagan in the Oval Office.
- 12:00 Noon Meeting concludes.
- 12:05 p.m. Working lunch (5th meeting) begins in the Family Dining Room.
- 2:00 p.m. Working lunch concludes.
- 2:15 p.m. # Departure activities TBD (3-5 min. remarks)
- 2:15 p.m. General Secretary and Mrs. Gorbachev depart The White House en route Embassy.

OFFICIAL VISIT ENDS

- 3:00 p.m. (T) General Secretary Gorbachev hosts meeting with industry and business community at New Embassy.
- 5:30 p.m. # General Secretary Gorbachev holds press conference at New Embassy.
- 8:00 p.m. # Departure from Andrews Air Force Base.

AMBASSADOR OF THE  
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS  
1125 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

December 2, 1987

Dear General:

I have the pleasure of informing you that Mrs. Gorbacheva would be happy to accept Mrs. Reagan's invitation to tea and a tour of the White House.

We assume that it will take place on December 9 from 11.30 till 12.30.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Yuri V. DUBININ


The Honorable  
Colin POWELL  
The White House



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 3, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: HOWARD H. BAKER  
FROM: RHETT B. DAWSON   
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks During  
Summit Week (December 7-12)

The President has currently scheduled eleven occasions next week at which he will make remarks related to the Summit. They are as follows:

Monday

- Meeting with Joint Chiefs
- Christmas Tree Lighting

Tuesday

- Arrival Ceremony
- Signing Ceremony
- White House State Dinner Toast

Wednesday

- Soviet Embassy Dinner Toast

Thursday

- Departure Ceremony
- Human Rights Signing Ceremony
- Address to the Nation

Friday

- Regional Press Briefing

Saturday

- Radio Address (tentative)