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1) Subject: Meeting with YOSHIO OKAWARA,
Ambassador from Japan.

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2) Meeting with Patrick BAUDRY, astronaut
from France and:

A) Senator Jake Garn

B) James Boggs, Administrator, NASA.

3) Meeting with Dale Cain and Kent Abell
of the Cain and Abell Electric Company.

4) Luncheon with Regional Editors and
Broadcasters to discuss the MX missile
and foreign affairs.

5) Meeting with the American Legislative
Exchange Council regarding budget
and national security matters.

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6) Subject: Meeting with Caroline and John F. Kennedy, Jr. to discuss the Kennedy Presidential Library.

7) Private Dinner for Queen SIRIKIT of Thailand

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Monday, March 11, 1985

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9:30 am (15 min)		<u>National Security Briefing</u> (McFarlane)	Oval Office
9:45 am (10 min)		<u>Meeting with Ambassador</u> <u>Okawara of Japan</u> (McFarlane)	Oval Office
10:00 am (75 min)	*	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
11:15 am (5 min)		<u>Photo with Dale Cain and Kent Abell</u> (Osborne)	Oval Office
11:30 am (30 min)		<u>Briefing for Regional Press Luncheon</u> (McManus)	Oval Office
12:00 m (75 min)		<u>Luncheon with Regional</u> <u>Editors and Broadcasters (McManus)</u>	Residence
1:30 pm (15 min)		<u>Drop by Briefing for American</u> <u>Legislative Exchange Council</u> (Verstandig)	450 EOB
2:00 pm (30 min)	*	<u>Meeting with Secretary Shultz</u> (McFarlane)	Oval Office
2:30 pm (2 hrs)		<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
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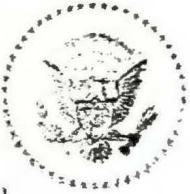
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1985

TO: DAVID CHEW
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *mf*
SUBJECT: Attendance at Meeting
With the President

The following individuals attended a meeting with the President on Monday, March 11, 1985, in the Oval Office at 4:40 p.m.:

Caroline Kennedy
John Kennedy, Jr.
Max Friedersdorf

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1985

MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR YOSHIO OKAWARA

DATE: March 11, 1985

LOCATION: Oval Office

TIME: 9:45 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *RMK*
*for*I. PURPOSE

To pay a farewell call.

II. BACKGROUND

Japanese Ambassador Yoshio Okawara will be returning to Japan on March 12, and has asked to pay a short farewell call on you prior to his departure. Okawara has been Japan's Ambassador to Washington throughout your Administration. Our relationship with Japan is very important, and Ambassador Okawara has played a major role in strengthening our ties with that country over the past four years.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President, Vice President, Donald T. Regan, Ambassador Yoshio Okawara, Minister Nagao Hyodo, Robert C. McFarlane, Gaston Sigur

IV. PRESS PLAN

Photo opportunity.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Brief conversation

Prepared by:
Gaston J. Sigur

Attachment:

Tab A Talking Points
Tab B Bio
Tab C Current US-Japan Issues

cc: Vice President
Don Regan
Mike Deaver
Bob Sims

MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR OKAWARA, MONDAY,
MARCH 11, 9:45-9:55 A.M.

- SORRY TO SEE YOU ~~GO~~. YOU SERVED THROUGHOUT MY ADMINISTRATION. WE ARE LOSING A GOOD FRIEND. I HEARD YOU WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE IN STRENGTHENING US-JAPAN RELATIONS.
- YOU ARE LEAVING THE U.S. AT A TIME WHEN PRESSURES ON JAPAN TRADE ARE MOUNTING. ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL WE WORK ON THIS QUICKLY AND SUCCESSFULLY. IF NOT, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACHIEVE OUR LARGER OBJECTIVES. I KNOW I CAN CONTINUE TO COUNT ON YOUR HELP.
- FIRMLY CONVINCED OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS UNLIMITED POTENTIAL. OUR RELATIONS ARE MARKED BY GOODWILL AND A COOPERATIVE SPIRIT. I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO MAKE OUR VISION OF

TALKING POINTS

- I am sorry to see you go. You have served here throughout my Administration, and I feel that we are losing a good friend. I have heard, though, that you will continue to be active in strengthening U.S.-Japan relations.

- I am afraid that you are leaving the United States at a time when pressures on Japan trade are mounting. It is absolutely essential that we work on this quickly and successfully. If not, we will be unable to achieve our larger objectives. I know that I can continue to count on your help in this regard.

- I am firmly convinced that our relationship has unlimited potential. Our relations are marked overall by goodwill and a cooperative spirit. I will continue to work to make our vision of "international partnership" with Japan become a reality.

- Our defense relationship and our cooperation on foreign policy issues have never been better. It is important to continue to strengthen our cooperation on these key international political and economic issues. As I said in my Diet speech, together there is nothing that we cannot do.

- May I wish you and your wife good fortune as you return to Tokyo, and I hope that I will have the chance to see you again soon.

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STATUS OF CURRENT U.S.-JAPAN ISSUES

Economics

- o Trade deficit with Japan last year was \$35 billion; estimates for this year are \$40-50 billion.
- o President's decision on VRA well-received in Japan; GOJ has told car makers to exercise "prudence" in exports to U.S.
- o Intensive sectoral negotiations on telecommunications, forest products, medical equipment, and electronics proceeding -- but Japan refuses to discuss forest products tariffs.
- o Allen Wallis will lead economic discussions in Tokyo on March 14-15, will review progress to date.
- o Foreign Minister Abe will do same with Secretary Shultz on April 13.
- o President expected to hold bilateral with Nakasone in Bonn on May 2 prior to Summit.
- o U.S. exports to Japan \$25 billion, equals U.S. exports to U.K., France, West Germany combined.
- o Japan is America's best customer for farm products (nearly \$7 billion).
- o Japan becoming leading investor in U.S., provides 150,000 jobs to Americans.

Foreign Policy

- o Japan and U.S. cooperating on wide range of issues: e.g., Soviet policy, Korea, China, Philippines.
- o Japan now world's third largest aid donor, coordinating aid with U.S.
- o Japan leader in pushing for new trade round.

Defense

- o Nakasone supportive on U.S. arms control position.
- o Nakasone "understands" SDI, says Japanese technology could be used in certain conditions.
- o Nakasone supportive on New Zealand port access issue.
- o U.S.-Japan defense cooperation best ever.
- o Japan plans 6.9% increase in defense budget.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1985

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH SENATOR JAKE GARN (R-UTAH),
NASA ADMINISTRATOR JIM BEGGS, AND FRENCH
ASTRONAUT PATRICK BAUDRY

DATE: Monday, March 11, 1985

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 11:00 a.m. (5 minutes)

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf MB
M.B. Oglesby, Jr. B

I. PURPOSE

To respond to Senator Garn's request for a photo opportunity with NASA Administrator Jim Beggs and French astronaut Patrick Baudry.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Jake Garn has been participating in the NASA flight training program for the past two months, and is expected to go on the Space Shuttle flight later this month. One of the members of Garn's flight crew is a French astronaut, Patrick Baudry, who was invited by this government to participate in our space flight program. Because Garn's flight has been postponed, Garn and his crew have now been scheduled to go later in the month. Baudry was the only crew member to be reassigned to an even later flight in June.

Although this arrangement was acceptable to Baudry, Garn is concerned that it may appear that Baudry was reassigned to make room for Garn to fly earlier. Also, there were some earlier press reports that Baudry's experiences with a Soviet space flight program had been more congenial than with the Americans. Garn says this is a misconception on the part of the press and that Baudry has been very pleased with his American experience. Garn feels it would be an important gesture for Baudry to have a photo opportunity with you.

During today's meeting, Senator Garn will present you with a "Garn Ground Crew" jacket.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
Senator Jake Garn (R-Utah)
James Beggs, NASA Administrator
Patrick Baudry, French astronaut

Staff

Max L. Friedersdorf
M.B. Oglesby, Jr.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Garn and guests to arrive through the Northwest Gate. They will be escorted from the West Lobby to the Oval Office for a five-minute photo opportunity.

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
SENATOR GARN, ADMINISTRATOR BEGGS, AND ASTRONAUT BAUDRY

- Gentlemen, I want to thank you for taking the time to come down here today.

- I know the delays in your flight have been frustrating, and Jake, we are anxiously awaiting your liftoff later this month. As you know, your training has been well documented in a certain comic strip.

- Patrick -- you have had the unique opportunity of being involved with both the Soviet and U.S. space programs. I know you're looking forward to your flight in June, and I understand you will be conducting some medical experiments.

- Jim -- I don't know about you, but I'm envious of the adventures these two have to look forward to.

- Again, thanks so much for coming in. Jake and Patrick, millions of people around the world join me in wishing you both a safe and successful journey.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH DALE CAIN AND KENT ABELL

DATE: Monday, March 11, 1985
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 11:15 a.m. (5 minutes)

FROM: Kathy Osborne

I. PURPOSE

To afford Mr. Cain and Mr. Abell an opportunity to have a handshake and photo with the President.

II. BACKGROUND

Dale Cain wrote the President a letter in January, 1985 which was included in the monthly summary of letters he receives from Anne Higgins.

Mr. Cain's letter was very supportive of the President, and he indicated that he and his partner, Kent Abell started the Cain and Abell Electric Co., Inc. in 1981 with only \$1,000 between them. In 1984 the company had gross sales of \$1.2 million and they project to double that amount in 1985. Mr. Cain and Mr. Abell feel that the President's strong belief in the Constitution and the American Ideal encouraged and inspired them to start this business.

The President called Mr. Cain and Mr. Abell in response to this letter and when they indicated they would be in Richmond over the weekend, the President invited them to come into the Oval Office for a quick visit.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
David C. Fischer
Mr. Dale Cain
Mr. Kent Abell

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Mr. Cain and Mr. Abell will enter Oval office for a short greeting and handshake with the President.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1985

LUNCHEON FOR REGIONAL EDITORS AND BROADCASTERS

DATE: Monday, March 11, 1985
LOCATION: State Dining Room
TIME: 12:00 p.m. (75 minutes)

FROM: MICHAEL A. MCMANUS, *MAN*

I. PURPOSE

To host a luncheon for out-of-town editors and broadcasters and brief them on the MX missile and foreign policy.

II. BACKGROUND

As part of our effort to brief reporters on the MX missile and the Administration's foreign policy initiatives, journalists from selected states have been invited to the White House for a morning briefing session and luncheon. Prior to the luncheon, the group will have heard from Secretary Shultz, Secretary Weinberger and Assistant Secretary Motley.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Donald Regan
Michael Deaver
Patrick Buchanan
Michael McManus
Larry Speakes
Al Kingon
Max Friedersdorf
Ed Rollins
Karna Small
Robert Sims
Mike Baroody
Sue Mathis
100 Journalists from 28 states

IV. MEDIA PLAN

Open coverage for invited guests, White House press pool and White House photographer.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The President will enter the State Dining Room, proceed to his table and greet those at the table. He will be seated and lunch will be served. As dessert is served, camera crews will set up. The President will then proceed to the lectern, deliver brief remarks and take several questions.

VI. REMARKS

To be provided by the Speechwriting Office. Briefing
material to be provided by Mike Barody.

Attachments: List of states represented

STATES REPRESENTED AT THE REGIONAL BRIEFING ON MARCH 11, 1985


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Arkansas
Georgia
Kansas
Kentucky
Illinois
Louisiana
Pennsylvania
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Mississippi
Missouri
Minnesota
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
Oklahoma
Rhode Island
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Mike Baroody 

SUBJECT: Briefing Materials for Luncheon Q&A With
Local Press on Monday

At lunch on Monday, you will meet with local press from 28 states. Attached are briefing materials on major issues they are likely to have questions about.

Before lunch, the group will be briefed by others on the importance of the MX vote to your strategic modernization plans and to the progress of the Talks in Geneva. They will have questions on those subjects; MX is our intended focus for their meetings here.

But they will undoubtedly wish to ask questions on other subjects as well, and these materials cover those most likely to come up. The group is regionally diverse and may ask about items of local interest, as well as non-defense topics such as the budget, your plans for tax reform, etc.

UPDATE ON THE ECONOMY

- o After 28 months of expansion, the economy is continuing strong.

Jobs

- o A New High: Almost 108.4 million Americans working.
- o Natural economic expansion better than any make-work jobs program: For the past 28 months, an average of almost 300,000 people have found jobs each month.
- o Employment/population ratio in February reached the all-time high of 60.1 percent (last reached 12/79).

Inflation

- o Inflation: a low 3.6% over the last 12 months.
- o 4% or less for the last 3 years.

Growth

- o Real GNP grew strong 6.9 percent in 1984 (on a year-over-year basis).

Housing Starts

- o Housing starts in January rose a strong 15% to a 1.83 million unit annual rate.
- o Mortgage interest rates have been falling since last September and will provide a further boost to the housing industry.

FARM BILL VETO

1. Billions more federal dollars won't solve problem:

- o Have already spent billions to help farmers:
 - \$53 billion in price supports by end of last year;
 - \$12 billion more by end of next month;
 - have \$650 million program for short-term help for farmers with credit crunch.
- o Clear that government can't buy farmers out of trouble.

2. Long-term solution is more open markets:

- o RR's long-term program will move agriculture toward freer market so American farmers (world's most productive) will be able to sell their way out of trouble.

3. Can't let Congress go back to big-spending ways:

- o Disappointed that after all the anti-deficit rhetoric of last campaign, Congress went back to spend, spend, spend.
- o Farm bail-out was first bill passed in new Congress; would add \$7 billion to outlays this year. RR had to veto.
- o If Congress won't make the cuts, RR will -- and is willing to take the heat for doing it.

PROSPECTS FOR RR'S BUDGET

- o Key point is this: RR sent budget to Congress last month and is serious about it.
- o That budget shows we can get deficit down without a tax increase.
- o It would hold spending growth to lowest level in 20 years and give us very substantial savings:
 - \$51 billion next year;
 - over one-half trillion dollars in next 5 years.
- o It's worth fighting for; RR will fight for it.
- o The time for hard decisions on federal spending has come. RR put in many hours with senior aides last Fall before making decisions on spending.
- o Looked closely at SBA, Amtrak, student aid, farm program, all the rest.
- o Proposed deep cuts and program terminations and want Congress to act on them.
- o Must be no misreading of this: we are very serious about:
 - ending subsidies for business (SBA, Amtrak, low interest loans, etc.);
 - continuing needed modernization of defenses;
- o RR showed by Farm veto he will do whatever he can to keep spending in line.

But Senate committee (with GOP votes) rejecting your budget

- o True, they've gone off in the wrong direction; they tried a different approach from ours.
- o But it didn't work. Their way has only saved about half of their own goal. (Budget committee savings total about \$30 billion now; their goal was about \$60 billion.)
- o RR thinks most Committee members know they'll have to try again.
- o Key point: Committee tried idea of freeze on defense spending; still fell short of their goal -- shows can't do it all with defense budget; need domestic cuts.

ONE-LINERS ON THE BUDGET

- o AMTRAK: Not fair for taxpayers (most of whom don't use Amtrak) to pay an average \$35 subsidy per passenger.
- o SBA: Of the 14 million American small businesses, fewer than 2% get SBA subsidies -- yet it costs taxpayers a quarter of a billion dollars a year.
- o STUDENT AID: Our budget will spend over \$7 billion. Students from half of all families are eligible for enough to cover cost of public college. Isn't that enough?
- o JOB CORPS: Costs taxpayers \$15,200 per slot per year -- same as tuition at Harvard. Youth opportunity wage would cost nothing and give jobs to 10 times more youngsters.
- o MEDICARE: At present rate, will top \$100 billion by 1990 -- ten times more than expected. Budget would save a modest \$4 billion, to buy time for reforms.
- o MASS TRANSIT: Those who use it should pay for it. Budget saves \$768 million next year, ends subsidies that often pay for wasteful systems.
- o CHILD NUTRITION: Poor children still get guaranteed free meal. Non-poor children (family of 4 over \$18,870 income) still get lunch for about \$1.
- o VETERANS HEALTH CARE: Costs (\$9 billion) will quadruple by year 2000. All vets get care, but those not poor and w/o service-connected illness should pay what they can.
- o FEDERAL PENSIONS: Federal workers pay just \$1 for every \$5 they get back, with taxpayers paying the rest. Costs -- \$25 billion this year -- going through roof.
- o APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION: ARC only serves 13 states, but is funded by taxpayers in all 50. Economic growth -- not bureaucracy -- is helping Appalachia.
- o WELFARE: AFDC will serve 3.7 million families at cost of \$9 billion. Those able to work must do so, and unwed minor mothers can't get benefits by leaving home.

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JAPANESE AUTO IMPORTS

- o We want free trade -- with Japan and with all U.S. trading partners.
- o Four years of voluntary restraint by Japanese did help U.S. auto makers get back on their feet. Five years ago, they were losing money -- now profits are way up.
- o Consumers paid a price for this -- as much as \$1000 a car or more.
- o We did nothing to encourage Japanese to continue limiting cars to the U.S. -- but will do all we can to encourage them to open their markets up to our goods.
- o In freer, fairer trade environment, U.S. can more than hold its own with rest of the world. That's what RR intends to work toward:
 - calling for new round of global trade talks;
 - resist protectionist pressures here at home;
 - will talk with leaders of industrial nations at Bonn summit next May;
 - will talk with biggest trading partner, Canada, in visit next week.

RELATIONS WITH BLACK LEADERS

NOTE: Question likely because of Clarence Pendleton's new charge that many black leaders are "new racists" and charge by Black Democrat Cong. Mitchell that Pendleton is Administration "lackey" that can't be worked with.

- o RR willing, eager to work with any and all who have true interests of Americans at heart.
- o Have lost patience with some who let political differences color everything they do.
- o Some go too far; won't concede this Administration can do anything right.
- o RR proud of record:
 - one million more blacks have jobs now than at time of 1st inaugural;
 - poor blacks, like all poor, benefit from low inflation;
 - civil rights enforcement record -- on housing, job discrimination, voting rights, etc. -- is very good.
- o Instead of just taking political potshots, wish some leaders would follow example of others -- and look for ways to work together, at least on a few specifics:
 - black mayors, for example, support our youth opportunity wage idea because they know it would mean jobs for black teen-agers;
 - support for Enterprise Zones is growing (Walter Mondale, NY Times no longer resisting it) and it would mean jobs and new businesses in distressed neighborhoods.

ABORTION CLINIC BOMBINGS

NOTE: Hearings in Congress have focussed new attention on the problem, so question might come up.

- o RR has said, and will continue to say, he condemns these bombings and that the individuals responsible must be brought to justice.
- o RR has told the AG to ensure that all Federal agencies with jurisdiction pursue investigations rigorously.
- o Treasury Department's Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division has lead responsibility and has been doing a good job.
- o Have investigated 32 incidents since May of 1982:
 - 11 arrests (4 now serving prison sentences)
 - 22 incidents solved
 - 10 remaining (unsolved) are more recent (since August 1984)
- o Americans must remember that these incidents have been widely condemned by all responsible leaders of the right-to-life movement.

M-X

Western Resolve:

- o Western resolve in moving ahead with US and NATO modernization plans was a primary reason for the Soviet decision to return to Geneva.
 - NATO has stood firm on Pershing II and GLCM deployments as a counter to Soviet deployments of the SS-20.
 - The US must maintain its ICBM modernization plan to deploy Peacekeeper or risk undercutting the entire NATO stance.
 - The Soviets view Peacekeeper (M-X) deployment as a major test of US resolve.

Peacekeeper is not a Bargaining Chip:

- o Peacekeeper is not a bargaining chip. It fills a much needed military requirement to help restore the strategic balance.
 - It is, however, a powerful negotiation lever.
 - The Soviets have deployed over 800 new land-based missiles while we've debated the M-X.
 - This buildup also includes two new ICBMs, three new bombers, one new sea-launched ballistic missile, cruise missiles, and upgrade of the Moscow ABM system.
 - We must have M-X deployed to form a foundation for reductions of older systems on both sides.
 - New technology could enable future deployments to be made in super-hardened silos.

Further Delay Undercuts our Negotiators in Geneva:

- o Further delay of the Peacekeeper severely undercuts the US position in the Geneva negotiations and would cost millions in wasted efforts.
 - Congressional delay on Peacekeeper would unmistakably signal to the Soviets that they gain more through propaganda and the press than through serious negotiations.
 - The production line should be allowed to proceed at a more efficient pace. Continued delays or starts and stops are extremely costly and unproductive.

We Need to Put this Issue Behind Us:

- o We must put this issue behind us to devote full attention to Geneva.
 - The debate on Peacekeeper has continued now for over 10 years.
 - The Scowcroft Commission was a bipartisan solution for M-X deployment.
 - We've had seven excellent test launches.
 - The missile is in production -- costs are reasonable and under control.
 - We need a stable bipartisan program to back our position in Geneva.

GENEVA TALKS

We're ready

- o Lots of hard preparation has been done.
- o We have concrete, constructive proposals; will be interested in Soviet ideas; will be flexible; hope Soviets are equally prepared for serious give and take.
- o Will be a long and hard process -- patience, strength, and Allied unity are required.
- o We are realistic about differences between ourselves and the Soviets. While pursuing arms control, we will also press for progress in regional, bilateral and human rights issues.
- o I cannot go into details of our negotiating positions or hypothetical tradeoffs, as we want to respect the confidentiality of the negotiating process.

New Strategic Picture

- o Strategic relationship has changed due to continuing Soviet build-up (3-1 advantage in land-based missiles).
- o We're concerned about Soviet defensive systems including Krasnoyarsk radar. (Soviet investment in defense is roughly equivalent to investment in massive offensive forces.)
- o We're concerned with Soviet violations of arms control agreements -- but we have learned from history that worthwhile treaties must be equitable AND verifiable.
- o In 1990s, expect Soviets to deploy more mobile missiles -- difficult to find, hard to count; therefore unstable situation.
- o New technologies hold promise for strategic defense -- we will study and discuss interrelationship between offense and defense.

The New Talks

- o Short-term: priority is to reduce US and Soviet offensive nuclear forces -- systems which exist now and which threaten entire populations.
- o Medium-term: if research bears out, discuss how US and USSR can move away from relying solely on threat of nuclear retaliation toward greater reliance on defenses which threaten no one (the morally preferable approach).

The New Talks continued

- o Long-term: goal is the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons.

Expected Outcome

- o If agreement can be reached in one area, we should go ahead and not wait for other issues to be resolved.
- o I am optimistic that an agreement can be reached -- it will take time, but the incentives are there:
 - US is in best position in 25 years to negotiate good agreement.
 - We know from history what works, and what doesn't work: unilateral disarmament does not elicit corresponding restraint.

(NOTE: when we cut the B-1 bomber, they did not cut the Blackjack or Backfire. And when Senator Tower asked a Soviet why they didn't show similar restraint, the answer was "I am neither a pacifist nor a philanthropist!")
 - We know what does work -- having modern systems: they see coming on line: M-X, Trident D-5, the B-1 -- and there is a powerful incentive on their part to try to at least cap the future deployments of some of those, or other systems.
- o We will be patient, but, at the same time, we will always protect the national security of this country.

NICARAGUA

Funding for Freedom Fighters

- o First, you have to realize that what we are seeing is an internal movement which is growing because the Sandinistas, with the help of the Soviets, Cubans, and other radical states and organizations -- like Iran, Libya and the PLO, are repressing their people.
- o We have been consulting with the Congress on what formulas would work in order to continue support for the freedom fighters.
- o We have found there is broader understanding in the Congress than you might believe from reading the press on the need to maintain pressure on the Sandinistas.
- o I think the freedom fighters also are getting their message across -- that they are not mercenaries or Somocistas, but courageous people who demand that the Nicaraguan revolution live up to its original ideals.
- o I am not going to get into what formulas we are looking at, what we might propose to Congress, or the timing.

Reports of Human Rights Violations by the Freedom Fighters

- o We have looked into those reports. Much of what we are seeing appears to be the product of a disinformation campaign by the Sandinistas.
- o I would like to see the people so interested in that subject also investigate the many reports we have received of atrocities committed by the Sandinistas, such as the deliberate artillery shelling of civilians in villages suspected of being loyal to the freedom fighters.

Status of Negotiations with Nicaragua

- o Secretary Shultz listened to what Ortega had to say.
- o The Sandinistas' peace initiative doesn't amount to much. They released a man they seized out of the Costa Rican Embassy there, and now they expect to be congratulated for that.
- o They said they will withdraw 100 Cuban military advisors out of the 2,500 - 3,500 they have there. We figure at that rate the last one would leave in the middle of the next century.

Negotiations with Nicaragua continued

- o The Sandinistas said they would freeze the import of new weapons systems since they already are far ahead of anything their neighbors have.
- o We have told the Sandinistas that we want to see progress in the Contadora talks first before we will meet with them again. The key is their willingness to negotiate seriously with their neighbors.
- o The Sandinistas have told their neighbors they won't make any concessions in the Contadora talks.
- o Until they budge from that position, we don't have much to talk about.

BASE CLOSINGS

Intention to Close Military Bases to Cut Defense Budget?

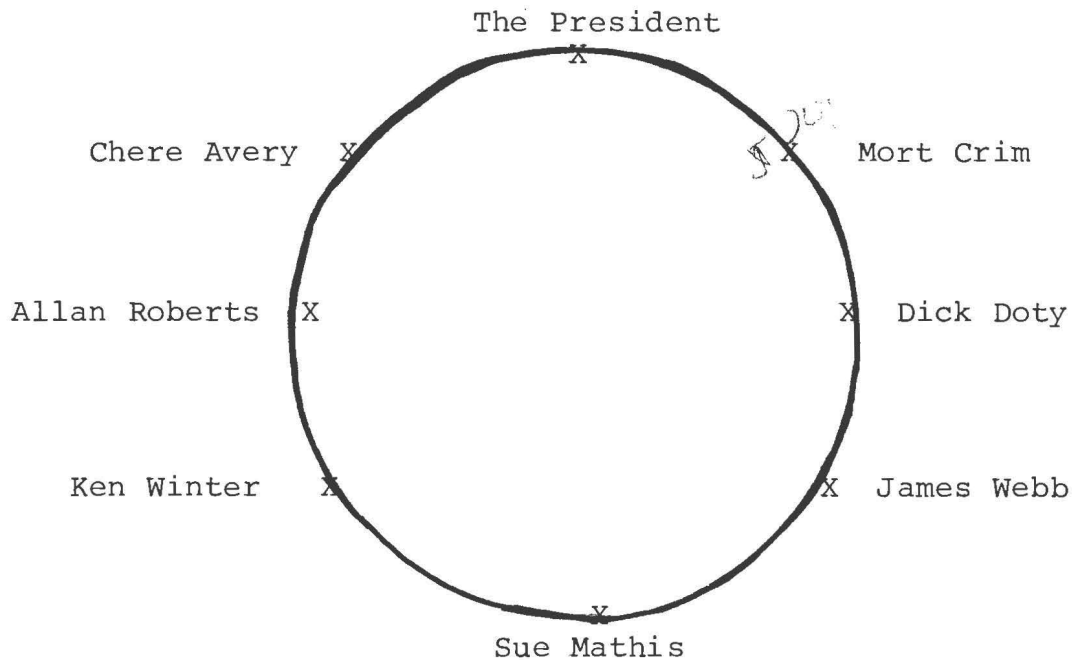
- o We have not approved any plan for closing any military bases, but we would not rule it out.
- o Under current legislation, Congress has made it almost impossible to alter the military base structure even if we wanted to, due to regulations regarding personnel changes, environmental impact, economic impact, etc.
- o We have committed to forward legislation which would cut out a lot of the red tape in the event we did wish to submit -- at some later time -- a formal request for base closures.
- o The list of 22 bases that could conceivably be closed that you have read about in the press was drawn up by the Department of Defense at the request of Senator Goldwater. But it was only a list of ideas. No decisions have been made, and this list was not part of any formal request on our part.

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THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE SEATING CHART



About the guests:

Chere Avery-- anchorwoman from WBBH-TV, NBC in Ft. Myers, FLA

Allan Roberts-- President of ALL Communications, with a number of radio stations in New Jersey

Ken Winter-- Editor of the Petoskey News and Review, Petoskey, MI

James Webb-- Editor and Publisher of the Franklin Advocate in Meadville, Mississippi

Dick Doty-- Executive Vice President of Washington Broadcast News, providing feeds to more than 3,000 radio stations via satellite.

Mort Crim-- Anchorman from WDIV-TV, NBC in Detroit. He interviewed the President via satellite in July.