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List of ParticipantsPre-Brief (9:30 -10:00 a.m., Oval Office)

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Secretary Shultz
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Colin L. Powell
M. B. Oglesby
Marlin Fitzwater
Assistant Secretary Rozanne L. Ridgway
Ambassador Charles H. Price, II
Barry F. Lowenkron, NSC (Notetaker)

Photo Op and One-on-One (10:30 a.m.-10:40 a.m., Oval Office)U.S.

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Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher
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Plenary Meeting (10:40 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Oval Office)U.S.

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(Notetaker)