

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. Thanks for sending McFarlane. Congratulations on outcome of Achille Lauro.
2. Meeting with Gorbachev. How does he propose to handle the meeting of the Six tomorrow? How can you help him at it? Ready to consider a brief communique (draft available).
Is it US intention to produce a counter to the Soviet arms control proposal? Should exploit the chance which some of the Soviet ideas offer to get a real negotiation started.

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Particular interest in handling of modernisation in light of Trident.

How does the President envisage the outcome of the Summit?

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3. UN Speech. Noted his intention to propose a structure of negotiations with the Soviet Union on regional conflicts. Don't know exactly what he will say, but have some reservations on the points which have been reported to us (see attached tel.). Risk drawing the Soviet Union into areas of particular concern to the West.
4. South Africa. His intentions on further measures. Your success in containing the pressure for these. Need to keep Botha up to the mark on reforms.

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5. SDI participation. Some useful technical discussions, but still need from US a political decision to give us a substantial share of work in contractual form, and with a guaranteed availability of US information.

6. Middle East. Regret failure to meet joint Jordanian/Palestinian delegation. How does he assess chances of agreement with Hussein on an inter-national framework for negotiations?

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7. MSE/Ptarmigan. Political significance for you. Where systems are similar in price, must be an element of politics in the choice. US decision vital to choice by other countries such as Italy and South Korea.
8. MBFR. Hope he found your message useful and can accept UK/Germany proposal.
9. Extradition. Hope Administration will lend its full weight to getting the Treaty through Congress.

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10. Ireland. An account of where you have got to with Garret Fitzgerald.
11. Trade/Finance. One man's retaliation is another man's protectionism.