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MIPT: WASHINGTON SUMMIT: PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION  
SUMMARY

1. PRESIDENT REAGAN CONCLUDES THAT THE SUMMIT WAS A CLEAR  
SUCCESS.

DETAIL

2. PRESIDENT REAGAN GAVE A TELEVISED ADDRESS ON THE EVENING OF  
10 DECEMBER.

3. HE BEGAN BY DESCRIBING THE INF TREATY AS A LANDMARK IN POST-  
WAR HISTORY AND A SIGNAL OF A BROADER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
US AND THE SOVIET UNION. IN A PASSAGE DIRECTED AT THE RATIFICATION  
PROCESS, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF  
CONGRESS ON 11 DECEMBER. HE OUTLINED THE HISTORY OF THE INF ISSUE  
AND SUMMARISED THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, EMPHASISING THE  
ASYMMETRICAL REDUCTIONS INVOLVED AND THE STRENGTH OF THE  
VERIFICATION REGIME.

4. ON REGIONAL ISSUES, HE HAD SPOKEN CANDIDLY ON AFGHANISTAN,  
IRAN/IRAQ, CAMBODIA, ANGOLA AND NICARAGUA. HE HOPED FOR REAL  
COOPERATION IN RESOLVING REGIONAL CONFLICTS. THIS WAS ESSENTIAL  
FOR A LASTING IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS.

5. ON HUMAN RIGHTS THERE HAD BEEN SOME VERY LIMITED MOVEMENT  
INCLUDING THE RESOLUTION OF A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CASES. QUOTE  
THERE WERE ASSURANCES OF FUTURE, MORE SUBSTANTIAL MOVEMENT, WHICH  
WE HOPE TO SEE BECOME A REALITY UNQUOTE.

6. LOOKING AHEAD TO A MOSCOW SUMMIT IN 1988, THE PRESIDENT SAID  
THAT HE AND GORBACHEV HAD AGREED TO RE-DOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO  
REACH AGREEMENT ON A START TREATY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE  
DATE. THAT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SDI WOULD DO MUCH TO MAKE THE  
WORLD SAFER. QUOTE FOR THAT REASON, I MADE IT CLEAR THAT OUR SDI  
PROGRAMME WILL CONTINUE, AND THAT WHEN WE HAVE A DEFENCE READY TO  
DEPLOY, WE WILL DO SO UNQUOTE. THEY HAD ALSO AGREED THAT AS  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE REDUCED, IT BECAME ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT TO  
REDRESS THE DISPARITIES IN CONVENTIONAL AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

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7. SUMMING UP, THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT QUOTE THIS SUMMIT WAS A CLEAR SUCCESS: WE MADE PROGRESS ON EACH ITEM IN OUR FOUR PART AGENDA UNQUOTE.

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