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# WITHDRAWAL SHEET

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: THEMES MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 1984  
10:00 a.m. (60 minutes)  
The Cabinet Room

FROM: RICHARD G. DARMAN

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss national security themes for the debate.

II. BACKGROUND

The topics which your advisers believe merit attention are the following:

- peace through steadiness and strength
- peace through allies and friends
- peace through promotion and defense of democracy
- peace through crisis prevention
- arms control
- relations with the Soviet Union
- the Middle East
- Lebanon and terrorism
- the future

You received outline notes with respect to these in your debate briefing book. In addition, we have forwarded (separately) prose versions of possible statements you might wish to make with respect to these topics. (These were prepared under Bud McFarlane's direction.)

III. AGENDA

We suggest what amounts to a mini-rehearsal. For each topic, we would suggest that you lead off with about a 2-minute version of what you might say in the debate. Discussion would then follow.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

The President  
Paul Laxalt  
George P. Shultz  
Edwin Meese III  
James A. Baker III  
Michael K. Deaver

Robert C. McFarlane  
Richard G. Darman  
Robert B. Sims  
Stu Spencer  
Richard B. Wirthlin

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: DEBATE REHEARSAL

Thursday, October 18, 1984  
10:00 a.m. (2 hours)  
Room 450

FROM: RICHARD G. DARMAN *Dick*

I. PURPOSE

This is another rehearsal -- in the form of a mock debate.

II. AGENDA

The questions from which the panel will draw are similar to those used Wednesday -- and, one way or another, should give you an opportunity to work in your basic themes.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President  
Senator Paul Laxalt  
Secretary George P. Shultz  
David A. Stockman ("Mondale")  
Jeane Kirkpatrick (Panelist)  
Edwin Meese III  
James A. Baker III  
Michael K. Deaver  
Robert C. McFarlane  
Richard G. Darman (Moderator)

Larry M. Speakes (Panelist)  
Robert B. Sims (Panelist)  
Margaret D. Tutwiler  
Stu Spencer  
Edward J. Rollins  
Richard B. Writhlin (Panelist)  
Robert Teeter  
Kenneth L. Khachigian

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: DEBATE PREPARATION

Friday, October 19, 1984  
10:00 a.m. (2 hours)  
The Oval Office

FROM: RICHARD G. DARMAN

I. PURPOSE

This meeting is to continue debate preparations.

II. PARTICIPANTS

The President  
Senator Paul Laxalt  
Edwin Meese III  
James A. Baker III  
Michael K. Deaver  
Robert C. McFarlane  
Richard G. Darman  
Robert B. Sims  
Stu Spencer  
Richard Wirthlin  
Roger Ailes  
Bently T. Elliott (will join meeting at 11:30 a.m.)  
Kenneth L. Khachigian (will join at 11:30 a.m.)

III. AGENDA

This will not be a mock-debate. Rather, most of the time will be spent posing individual questions for your response -- and for such discussion as may be of value to you.

In the last half hour, we will be prepared to discuss suggestions for the closing statement.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR

JAMES A. BAKER, III  
MICHAEL K. DEEVER  
RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM:

BUD MCFARLANE *Bud*

SUBJECT:

Possible Zinger

"Mr Mondale supports a strategy of Mutual Assured Destruction--I support research toward a strategy of Mutual Assured Survival."

cc: Bob Sims

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