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PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1988 ECONOMIC SUMMIT (S)

This directive clarifies the responsibilities of various agencies in preparing for the 1988 Economic Summit meeting in Toronto. (S)

I. Preparations with Other Governments - "Sherpa" Team

I redesignate Allen Wallis, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, as my Personal Representative for the preparation of policy aspects of the Summit meeting. Together with Stephen Danzansky, Senior Director of the National Security Council's International Economic Affairs staff, and David Mulford, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs, he will represent the U.S. Government at preparatory meetings for the Summit. (S)

II. Preparations within the U.S. Government

The President's Personal Representative will coordinate interagency preparation for the Economic Summit through appropriate groups at the Under Secretary level from the Vice President's office, the Departments of State, Treasury, Commerce, Defense, Agriculture, Energy, the Central Intelligence Agency, the United States Trade Representative, the National Security Council (NSC) staff, and the Council of Economic Advisors. He will coordinate the preparation of necessary briefing materials and U.S. participation in other international meetings where Summit issues are discussed. (S)

In carrying out his responsibilities for the Summit, the President's Personal Representative will report to the White House Summit Group (WHSG), co-chaired by the Chief of Staff to the President and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The WHSG will have primary responsibility for all matters relating to the Summit and will provide me with recommendations for decision. It may call upon the NSC and the Economic Policy Council for recommendations as necessary. (S)

The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of State, who will be members of the WHSG, will have lead responsibility within the WHSG for coordinating economic issues and political issues respectively. The NSC's Senior Director of International Economic Affairs will be executive secretary of the WHSG. (S)

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