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May 19, 1988

MEETING WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

DATE: May 20, 1988

LOCATION: Cabinet Room

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FROM: COLIN L. POWELL

I. PURPOSE

To provide the Joint Chiefs of Staff with an opportunity to discuss with you issues they believe important for your meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev in Moscow. In Arms Control, to provide the Joint Chiefs of Staff an opportunity to provide you their candid assessment of the prospects on these issues for the balance of the year.

II. BACKGROUND

This will not be your quarterly meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff but is a separate opportunity to focus on the issues and subjects which are likely to be discussed at the Summit in Moscow, and to provide the Joint Chiefs with an opportunity to give you their candid professional advice. Although Chairman Crowe has attended other National Security Planning Group meetings on Summit subjects, this will be the only opportunity for you to hear the views of each of the service Chiefs. We do not anticipate that new or contentious issues will be raised at this meeting.

III. PARTICIPANTS

List at Tab B.

IV. PRESS PLAN

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cc: Vice President Chief of Staff

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

After your opening statement, I will introduce the first agenda topic, Arms Control issues. I will then turn to Secretary Carlucci, who will turn to each of the Chiefs to allow them to express their views on these subjects. After hearing from them on Arms Control, we will shift to the JCS agenda items: Regional Issues and military-to-military contacts. No decisions will be required at the meeting.

Attachments

Tab	A	Agenda
Tab	В	List of Participants
Tab	C	Points to be Made

Prepared by: Don Mahley Linton Brooks





MEETING WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF Friday, May 20, 1988 Cabinet Room

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SUMMIT ISSUES

Agenda

I.	Opening StatementPres	sident
II.	Arms Control IssuesAll	Participants (35 minutes)
III.	JCS Issues (Regional, Military-to-Milit Contacts)All	tary Participants (20 minutes)
IV.	SummaryA11	Participants (15 minutes)

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Participants

The President 7
The Vice President 2
The Secretary of State 3
The Secretary of Defense 7
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff 3
(Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr., USN)
The Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff 3
(General Robert T. Herres, USAF)
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army (General Carl E. Vuono, USA) 3-8//
Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force (General Larry D. Welch, USAF) /- 8
Chief of Naval Operations (Admiral C. A. H. Trost, USN) 2-8/0
Commandant, Marine Corps (General Alfred M. Gray, USMC) 4-80/12

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POINTS TO BE MADE AT MEETING WITH JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

- -- This meeting in Moscow will be an opportunity to build on our achievements in Washington and, hopefully, to exchange instruments of ratification on the INF Treaty.
- -- I would like to know what you think we can successfully accomplish at this Summit.
- -- I would also like your views on how we ought to approach
 Arms Reductions, especially START, over the rest of the
 year.
- -- As you know, you have a unique responsibility to assess the ability of the United States to perform the military tasks required to execute our strategy and ensure our security.

 This is particularly true in your evaluation of Arms Reductions proposals.
- -- I would also appreciate your professional advice on what other elements of U.S.-Soviet relations we should emphasize.

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