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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1986

*File - Soviet Summit*

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD  
FROM: WILLIAM HENKEI   
SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Vitaly Mikolchak  
Monday, August 18, 1986, 10:10 AM

- o Mr. Vitaly Mikolchak called me.
  - o Called to inform me that Embassy business today would preclude our ability to get together, even for coffee. I expressed my disappointment and stressed my offer of hospitality.
  - o Exchanged pleasantries and spoke about how well we both sounded.
  - o Explained desire to get together to renew our personal and professional relationship.
  - o Mr. Mikolchak indicated he may come back again prior to or for the Sept. 19-20 Washington meeting.
  - o I indicated another reason for my desire to get together was an opportunity for me to informally convey to Mr. Mikolchak that if a Summit between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev was to happen this year, he should be aware of and would understand the following:
    - Explained limited dates available for Summit - Nov. 17 - Dec. 4. Explained the President's commitment to the Fall Election and the need for a reasonable period of time between Elections and start of Summit. The period following December 4th involves the President's and Mrs. Reagan's seasonal/holiday commitments.
    - Explained practical realities and constraints that would come into play if the decision to schedule Summit is made in late September. Also explained it could limit places and things the General Secretary may visit and do if decision delayed.
  - o Again expressed hope to get together informally if he returns to Washington.
  - o Mr. Mikolchak assured me he will call if he returns to Washington.
- cc: Peter Rodman  
Jack Matlock  
Tyrus Cobb  
Stephen Sestanovich