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## REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations to Tony Dolan by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 9th, with an info copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

December 10, 1987

NSC staff concurs, with changes, in the attached Presidential radio talk.

Paul Schott Stevens Executive Secretary

cc: Rhett Dawson

Rhett Dawson Ext. 2702

(Gilder/ARD) December 9, 1987 6:30 p.m.

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Please provide any comments/recommendations to Tony Dolan by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19th, with an info copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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(Gilder/ARD)
December 9, 1987
6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: SUMMIT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1987

My fellow Americans:

As you know, we had an important visitor in Washington this week. General Secretary Gorbachev was in town for only 3 days, but, though our time was short, we accomplished much.

Now, with all the reports of I.N.F.'s, I.C.B.M.'s, and S.D.I. you've been hearing the last few days, I wouldn't be surprised if some people were a little bit confused by all those letters. We call it the alphabet soup. So let me just begin by trying to put all this into English that everybody can understand.

I.N.F. stands for Intermediate Nuclear Forces. They are shorter-range nuclear-capable missiles installed in the Soviet Union and Europe. When the Soviets first started deploying these missiles in the 1970's, they represented a totally new nuclear threat to Europe and Japan for which we had no comparable deterrent.

In response, despite intense pressure, political pressure, exerted by the Soviet Union on Europe, NATO began implementation of its "two-track" policy. We would deploy our own I.N.F.'s and, at the same time, push hard in negotiations to do away with this new and unprecedented nuclear escalation.

In 1981, I first proposed what would come to be called the "zero option." It called for the complete elimination of these I.N.F.'s on both sides. The reaction to this proposal was mixed,

to say the least. The Soviets called it a mere propaganda ploy, and many in the media in this country agreed.

But we were patient and persistent, and the result is that, for the first time in history, arms control has been replaced by arms reduction. Actually, I should say arms elimination, because with this treaty, an entire class of I.N.F.'s -- both U.S. and Soviet -- will be destroyed. Now, the Soviets presently have many more of these missiles than we do, so they'll be destroying some 1,600 missiles, while we destroy 400.

When this treaty takes effect, the world will be witness to a remarkable sight. You see, each side must verify that the That is why we insisted on a other has actually destroyed its missiles. So, after we remove the warheads, we will start firing off our I.N.F. missiles from the West Chast of Europe into the Atlantic Ocean.

Simultaneously, the Soviets will begin launching their missiles eastward, where they will burn out and fall harmlessly into the wastes of Siberia.

So hopefully in the near future, I.N.F. will be one part of the alphabet soup you won't have to remember. The other letters you've been hearing a lot recently are S.D.I. S.D.I. stands for our Strategic Defense Initiative, the high-tech umbrella we are developing to protect hamerica against nuclear attack. When I met with General Secretary Gorbachev in Geneva in 1985 and in Reykjavik, Iceland last year, he exerted every bit of pressure he could to try to make us give up S.D.I. Well, I, of course, had to disappoint him each time. Building a defense against nuclear weapons is a moral as well as strategic imperative, and we will

a comprehensime verification regimeincluding on-17th inspections

never give it up. Our bottom line on S.D.I. is simple: We will research it, we will test it, and, when it is ready, we will deploy it.

Well, in a way we have made progress in this area too.

Mr. Gorbachev has dropped his insistence on halting S.D.I. La However they have persisted in efforts to limit the nital fact Mr. Gorbachev has admitted in his television interview that arca O But Providing a stratesic testing in this the Red Shield Sai important to too impertant to restrict promise it holds for the future generation. Defense notations everything you are doing." I might amend that statement slightly Defense: nota offense He That is what SoI hold (O) to "everything and more and testing stage, the Soviets have already begun to deploy their Red Shield system.

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