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PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1986 ECONOMIC SUMMIT (A)

This Directive clarifies the responsibilities of various agencies in preparing for the 1986 Economic Summit meeting in Japan. (A)

I. Preparations with Other Governments - "Sherpa" Team

I have redesignated Allen Wallis, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, to be 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 a representative to be named from the Department of Treasury, he will direct the overall preparations for the Summit. (A)

II. Preparations within the U.S. Government

The President's Personal Representative will chair a Working Group of the Economic Policy Council (EPC), consisting of representatives at the Under Secretary level from the Vice President's office, the Departments of Treasury, Defense, Agriculture, Commerce and Energy, the Central Intelligence Agency, USTR, NSC and CEA. The EPC Working Group and the EPC will have responsibility for assisting in policy preparations for the Summit, and providing general Cabinet guidance on issues. They will also prepare the briefing materials as requested by the Personal Representative and coordinate U.S. participation in other international meetings where Summit issues will be discussed. (A)

In carrying out his responsibilities for the Summit, the President's Personal Representative will report directly to a Summit White House Group (SWHG), jointly chaired by Robert McFarlane, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and Donald Regan, the Chief of Staff. The Summit White House Group will have primary responsibility for all matters relating to the Summit, and will provide recommendations to me for decisions. These recommendations may be reviewed, as necessary, by the National Security Council. (A)

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