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PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1987 ECONOMIC SUMMIT

This Directive clarifies the responsibilities of various agencies in preparing for the 1987 Economic Summit meeting in Venice.

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 David Mulford, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, Department of the Treasury, he will direct the overall preparations for the Summit.

II. Preparations within the U.S. Government

The President's Personal Representative will coordinate interagency preparation for the Economic Summit through the organization of appropriate Working Groups at the Under Secretary level from the Vice President's office, the Departments of Treasury, Defense, Agriculture, Energy, CIA, USTR, NSC and CEA, the preparation of necessary briefing materials and the coordination of U.S. participation in other international meetings where Summit issues will be discussed.

In carrying out his responsibilities for the Summit, the President's Personal Representative will report directly to the White House Summit Group (WHSG), jointly chaired by Donald Regan, Chief of Staff to the President and Vice Admiral Poindexter, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The White House Summit 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 and the Economic Policy Council.

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