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ORGANIZING FOR THE SUMMIT WITH GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV (S)

To prepare for the visit of General Secretary Gorbachev, it is necessary to establish the organizational mechanism for the conduct of preparations by the White House and coordinating the support of the Department of State and other agencies. (S)

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The NSPG will review all policy positions relevant to the summit. I plan to chair an NSPG just prior to Thanksgiving to review the status of our preparations. Other NSPG meetings will be called as necessary. (S)

The SACG, for arms control issues, and the PRG, for issues other than arms control, both chaired by the Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, will be used to develop policy positions and papers for NSPG consideration. Meetings of the SACG will be staffed by Colonel Robert Linhard, and of the PRG, by Mr. Fritz Ermarth, who shall convene standing or ad hoc interagency working groups as needed. The chairman of the PRG/SACG may form other interagency groups as necessary. (S)

SUMMIT PREPARATIONS

Under the direction of the the Chief of Staff and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, the Summit Preparation Group, co-chaired by Tom Griscom and Colin Powell, will coordinate all administrative, scheduling, logistic, protocol, security, public diplomacy, and legislative activities. The SPG will include senior representatives from State, USIA, NSC, and appropriate White House offices. Marybel Batjer, Deputy Executive Secretary, NSC, will serve as Executive Director of the SPG. (S)

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All direct communications with Soviet officials about summit activities and preparations, except those which must be conducted by White House offices such as White House Advance or the White House Secret Service Detail, will be conducted by the Department of State, in close coordination with the White House/NSC staff officers for summit preparations. All pre-summit negotiations with Soviet officials on potential summit documents should be similarly coordinated. All public statements by Executive Branch officials relating to US-Soviet relations and the summit must, as in the past, be coordinated with the White House through the NSC.

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