

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ARTHUR HARTMAN

DATE: March 28, 1984
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 2:00 - 2:30 P.M.
FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE

I. PURPOSE:

To review U.S.-Soviet relations with Ambassador Hartman.

II. BACKGROUND:

The meeting will give the President the opportunity to discuss the current state of U.S.-Soviet relations and to provide guidance to Amb. Hartman for his future contacts with Soviet officials. Hartman plans to return to Moscow this coming weekend.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

The President
The Vice President
Secretary Shultz
Robert C. McFarlane
Ambassador Hartman
Jack F. Matlock

IV. PRESS PLAN:

Release White House staff photo.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

The President greets Amb. Hartman and initiates a discussion of the current state of U.S.-Soviet relations.

Attachment:

Tab A Talking Points/card

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TALKING POINTS

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-- What sort of tactics should we be following over the coming months? Have they really decided finally that they will not deal this year, as some are saying?

-- Do you think the Soviet leaders really fear us, or is all the huffing and puffing just part of their propaganda?

-- Is there anything we can do to give you more ammunition in your dealings with Gromyko and the other Soviet leaders?

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