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SUBJECT: Meetings with Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev (U)

In order to prepare for my meetings with General Secretary Gorbachev, it is important to set out clearly the plan for coordinating the preparation by the White House in conjunction with the Secretary of State and other U.S. government agencies. (U)

Senior Level:

The Senior Planning Group, co-chaired by Chief of Staff Donald T. Regan and National Security Adviser John M. Poindexter shall be the senior coordinating body for the preparation of the meetings. This group shall receive regular reports on preparation for the meetings and shall convene the White House Working Group as necessary to review planning. (U)

NSC/White House Level:

The White House Working Group co-chaired by Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Alton G. Keel and Assistant to the President W. Dennis Thomas shall be responsible for the coordination between the White House staff and the National Security Council for planning and preparation. Its membership, selected by the co-chairmen, shall consist of senior White House and NSC officers with direct responsibilities for preparations for the Summit. (U)

Interagency Level:

The Senior Policy Committee (SPC) chaired by Dr. Alton Keel, shall be responsible for policy initiatives concerning the Summit, except in the area of arms control negotiations. (U)

The Arms Control Support Group (ACSG) shall be chaired by Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Robert E. Linhard and shall be responsible for interagency coordination and policy development of arms control policy positions in preparation for the Summit. The Arms Control Support Group shall meet as appropriate on issues relating to the meeting preparations. (U)

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The Policy Support Group (PSG) chaired by Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Jack F. Matlock shall be responsible for interagency coordination of policy issues in support of the efforts of the SPC. The Policy Support Group shall meet as appropriate on issues relating to meeting preparations.

The Operations Coordinating Committee (OCC) shall be co-chaired by NSC Director for Soviet and European Affairs Tyrus Cobb and NSC Deputy Executive Secretary (Coordination) Franklin L. Lavin. The OCC shall be responsible for the day-to-day coordination for preparation for the meetings and for providing guidance to and feedback from concerned White House offices.

This definition of responsibilities is in support of the consideration of all those issues under negotiation with the Soviet Union, issues which will continue to be staffed in the normal interagency process, including meetings of the National Security Council as appropriate.