


WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1985

I attended the Secretary's meeting with Defense Secretary Weinberger today. It was extremely cordial. The only note of disagreement rose when the Secretary asked Weinberger what his view was going to be at the NSC meeting on interim restraint. Cap made it clearer than he ever has before that he is opposed to arms control agreements. The most dramatic statement was when he said that he didn't think that the U.S. defense program should be subject to "artificial constraints." Since any arms control agreement is an "artificial constraint," Weinberger's true views came out. In the course of the conversation, it became clear that Bud was going to favor continuation of interim restraint. This issue, which has to do with whether the United States will continue its "no undercut" policy after the expiration of the SALT II agreement by its terms, is shaping up as the biggest national security issue of the year.

I had lunch with CIA Director Bill Casey and Deputy Director John McMahon today. We covered Casey's trip to the Far East, as well as McMahon's trip to India.



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At the White House personnel meeting chaired by Don Regan this afternoon, we made a number of basic decisions on ambassadorial assignments, but some of the main issues were put off for further consideration. It was not a very satisfactory meeting, and afterwards the Secretary seemed quite put out, because Bud failed to live up to his commitment to the Secretary to support Reggie Bartholomew for Turkey. The Secretary has decided that this is an issue he is going to appeal to the President.

The dinner in the evening hosted by the Secretary for King Hussein and Queen Noor was a magnificent occasion. Both the Secretary and the King gave very forthcoming toasts, carrying out the spirit of White House departure statements earlier in the day, especially the pre-cooked questions and answers. Somewhat more progress has been made than had been expected, both because Hussein was

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