

OPTION 2 GAMEPLAN

Assuming that either Option 2 or 3 is chosen as the basis for the US response to Gorbachev, the following gameplan would likely need to be executed.

- Monday, February 3: NSPG meets and discusses the options. Following the meeting, President indicates his "tentative" decision.
- Tuesday, February 4: Presidential letter is sent to Allied leaders.
- Wednesday, February 5: Nitze leaves for Europe for consultation accompanied by Lehman. Rowny leaves for Asia for consultation accompanied by Linhard. (State's draft consultation plan is next under.)
- Tuesday, February 11: NATO NAC meeting and special SCG. Nitze and Lehman in Brussels for this.
- Wednesday, February 12: Rowny & Nitze both back in Washington.
- Thursday, February 13: Rowny and Nitze debrief as needed.
- Friday, February 14: President reaches final decision on option.
- Saturday, February 15: President sends letter to Allies.
- Monday, February 16: President sends letter to Gorbachev and instructions to US delegation issued.

If this plan is to be executed, we need your approval to work the final details on the consultation plan as soon as possible. We especially need to ensure that Nitze and Rowny are agreed to make these trips (Nitze already is prepared), and to arrange details with posts.

Recommendation

That you approve the gameplan outlined above for execution.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment: State Consultation Plan (S)

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