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Cable at home - via Geneva

Called cables - re Cable from Wheeler -

Will take - re Budget Procedure - Don Regan
+ Sen Bill Saxbe Budget Cmte
Republican Conference - Sen Tower
said

CIA Comm in Com

Leg Mtg 8:50 AM - 9:45 AM

meeting Cole Powell + Rich Armitage
- re Nec Plan to let Pakistan Gen Zia have
50 Hawks + 3300 Tows in return for
Shortages - NSC will present in one
Means of hedging groups that wants to
override Congress - Pres will assure
Them any of This - Weapons will
go to Pakistan army -

Meeting Gen Powell + Rich Armitage re
Their changes in Offices

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Cables at home - with papers

Called Cables - re Alabama weather -

Will Taft - re Budget presentation - Don Regan
+ Jim Miller Saying Budget Cuts
wouldn't hurt Defense - but they
will

CIA Courier in car

In office 8^{50} Am - 9^{45} Am

Met with Colin Powell, Rich Armitage
- re NSC Plan to let Israelis give Iranians
50 Hawks + 3300 TOWs in return for
5 hostages - NSC will present it as a
means of helping group that wants to
overthrow gov't - But no ~~assu~~ assurance
that any of this ~~goes~~ - weapons will
go to Iranian Army -

Met with John Poindexter + Bud McFarlane - ~~saying~~ re
their change of offices

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Dear Bud

Jon McMahon

Met w/ President Shultz, Don Regan, Ed Meese, Jim Baker, Frank Carlucci, John Poindexter - in Upstairs residence w/ ward (end of corridor sitting room)

10 - 11:15 a.m.

re Iran proposal -

President wants to free hostages.

Prime Minister Peres would like to "moderate Khomeini" & would help overthrow Iranian Govt. Peres thinks that we have an Embassy there. Makes arms sales to Iran illegal & President Carter's veto etc. & Post "Washington" Times that Israel would ship more in legal shipments, Don Regan agreed.

President said he could answer charges & allegations but he couldn't answer charge that "this story President Reagan "planned up" & chance to free hostages".

Peres & President talked to each other more slowly

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Met with President, Shultz, Don Regan, John McMahon, Mc ~~F~~ Farlane, John Poindexter - in 10 - 11[55] a upstairs residence of WH (end of corridor sitting room) - re NSC Iran proposal - President wants to free hostages - Thinks ~~a~~ Hawks + TOWs would only go to "Moderate Elements in Army" + would help overthrow Iranian gov't. I argued strongly that we have an Embargo that Makes Arms Sales to Iran illegal + President couldn't violate it + that "washing" transaction thru Israel wouldn't make it legal - Shultz, Don Regan agreed. President sd. he could answer charges of illegality but he couldn't answer charge that "big strong President Reagan passed up a chance to free hostages". ~~Preside~~ President left to do his noon radio

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Dec Court

Sun Rm Regn Sunday - Dec Court by
TV talk Rainbow Room
Called Dennis Powell - Re my arrival
Re Office 12th - 13th
Met Lt Col Powell & Bill Armitage -
Re hiring a reading - two tasks -

Drive to Cadman

Flew to Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala.
12.45 Pan AM | 1.35 Pm (C.T.)

Gen Olmsted wrighter - Lt Col. Dr Board

" Rich Higgins - Dr Board - Maxwell
AFB - Offices Dan Callaway
Little Train

Met by Maxwell AF Command - Lt Col. ___

Spoke at Dedication of Red Barron's
Alabama Shakespeare Festival
- Gov Wallace -, Red Barron, Lt
Dennis & Barron's home
Called me Jordan in Washington Lt Col Sandy
Dr London to discuss Presidents
decision Tom Lee will visit Barron

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Saw Don Regan + Shultz - Don will try to talk President out of it

Called General Powell - re my <<answer>>

In Office 12^{10} - 12^{20}

Met with Colin Powell + Rich Armitage - debrief on meeting - no tasks -

Driven to Andrews

Flew to Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala. 12^{45} pm (ET) 1 - 1^{35} pm (C.T.)

Saw Oliver Wright - UK Amb. on board

" Rich Higgins - on board - Maxwell AFB - speech cancelled - too little time:

Met by Maxwell AF Commander - Lt G. -

Spoke at Dedication of Red Blount's Alabama Shakespeare Theatre - -Gov. Wallace - Red Blount, etc

Driven to Blount's home

Called McFarlane in Washington - he is going to London to advise President's decision that we will not ransom

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Dec 7 (cont'd)

on hostages - he will discuss with UK
Poss. briefing in Rio Sat.
Move ams to Resolution.

Called Colin Powell in Washington, Rec'd
[illegible]
Trip reports Resident
Home - to see if Kilkenny OK

Attended reception in "Midsummer
Night's Dream" + buffet at
Red Clown's Theatre.

Sir Bill Simon, Colin Moore, Mayor
of Montgomery, Actors
Michael Learned, etc

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Dec 7 (con't)

our hostages - he will discuss with UK Possibility of their selling some arms to negotiators.

Called Colin Powell in Washington - re above (2)

" " " " " re my trip report to President

" home - to see if Kiltie ok

Attended reception, "Midsummer's Night's Dream" + bufffet at Red Blount's theatre.

Saw Bill Simon, <<Adm Moreau>>, Mayor of Montgomery, Actress Michael Learned, etc