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DIRECTIVE NUMBER 131

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UNITED STATES GOALS AND OBJECTIVES  
FOR THE 1984 ECONOMIC SUMMIT (C)

This Directive outlines the U.S. policy goals and objectives for the 1984 Economic Summit meeting in London, England, June 7-9. (C)

I. U.S. Summit Goals

The Summit strategy of the United States is based upon reaching two over-arching goals:

- o To reinforce that the economic policies followed by the United States in the past three years have resulted in a strong domestic economic recovery that is now bringing the Free World into recovery and greater security; and
- o Building on recovery and our achievements at the past three economic summits, to advance and consolidate international prosperity and security in the years ahead. (C)

II. U.S. Summit Objectives

At the London Summit, the United States seeks:

- o Agreement on the need for closer coordination among trade and financial policies.
  - Through existing international institutions (GATT, IMF, OECD); and
  - Through informal meetings among Summit country trade and finance officials.
- o A review of the continuing requirements of the international debt strategy, emphasizing the importance in the years ahead of investment and further trade liberalization to the long-term health of the international financial system.

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- o Endorsement of the need
  - To maintain open markets;
  - To promote fair trade and greater competition;
  - To proceed with an agreed program to reduce or remove certain trade barriers, as currently being discussed with our Summit partners; and
  - To initiate consultations in GATT on the objectives of a possible new round of trade negotiations, including trade with and among developing countries and trade in services, high technology products and agriculture.
- o A review of the consensus on East-West economic relations.
- o Endorsement of the results of the economic convergence process begun in previous summits.
- o In addition, the United States seeks to negotiate agreements or understandings with our Summit partners during the period before June in order to take credit at the Summit for enhanced international cooperation concerning:
  - The U.S. manned space station program.
  - Concrete steps to combat terrorism.
  - Energy security, if events in the Middle East so dictate. (S)

Modifications to the above Directive may be necessary as preparations continue for the London Economic Summit. (U)

*Ronald Reagan*

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