

A meeting with Bill Webster—this will be a weekly thing. He reported on a defector C.I.A. agent who blew the whistle on a gang of double agents.

Called Margaret Thatcher & thanked her for yesterday's T.V. show.

Tuesday, July 21

1st meeting on a hot morning—a little preparation for a 9:30 meeting with GOP leadership. Debt Ceiling will be an important item with what the Dems. are attempting to do to it. Then the same individuals are trying to make our catastrophic illness proposal into a budget busting expanded program which will actually impose costs on senior citizens. Two trade bills House & Senate—I'd have to veto either one. Now 9:30 & the meeting. With Jim Baker, Clay Yeuter, Sec. Bowen all pitching in we had a good presentation as to why we had to stick together & get concessions from the Dems. or I'd veto.

Desk time—well after a brief N.S.C. session—mainly on Kuwait. Our 1st flagged tankers with Navy support will lift anchor at 2 A.M. our time. I hope nothing happens to make the phone ring.

At 1:30 P.M. out in to the Rose Garden for a ceremony of awards in the "Take Pride In Am." event. Clint Eastwood & Lou Gossett were participants. The Temp was 94° in the shade & no shade.

A lot of desk work & then a session with eye Dr. Lemp to see why my left contact lens is giving me trouble. It just needed some cleaning up.

Forgot—this morning had a meeting with Col. Oleg Antonovich Gordiyevskiy—the Soviet K.G.B. officer who defected to Eng. His wife & 2 little girls were left behind. We've been trying to get them out to join him.

Wednesday, August 5

Staff time very brief—a little talk about replacement for Mac. We're down to 6 names.

Then I met with my "MIG Pilot." He's the ex Soviet Ace who defected September 6—1976. He flew the Soviets latest—the MIG 25 out of Siberia to Japan & landed with only 15 seconds of fuel left. His desire was to come to the U.S. & made the M. 25 his ticket. We'd never had a glimpse of one. He's very personable & loves America. Victor Belenko is now an Am. citizen.

Then a meeting with Cong. leaders on the bipartisan plan for negotiating in Nicaragua. Bob Byrd was a little reluctant. I had ordered our fellows to put down some 21 statements expressing our understanding of what various clauses in the agreement meant. There was some discussion on that but we presented it as an annex not part of the plan.

Then Geo. S. & I went into the press room & I read a statement about what we'd just done & George stayed & took Q's. Then I met with the 6 Nicaraguan Resistance Leaders. They are Directors of a newly formed union of the revolutionary.

After lunch—Dick Wirthlin came by with latest poll. The figures continue to move slowly up for us. George S. came in for his regular Wed. meeting. He officially asked for mil. planes for Howard B. & Frank C. when they traveled on basis they know too much to be out their in public transportation—I said yes. Then a report on Col. Oleg Gordiaskiy—the K.G.B. defector to Eng. Margaret Thatcher is working on the Soviets as we are. We're going to hold back & see if she can get his wife & 2 children out of Russia. Then some talk on arms reduction. It looks like a complete treaty is on the table in Geneva for the I.N.E.'s. George thinks we're getting close on Nuc. test treatys & of course we must follow through on the I.C.B.M.s—a 50% reduction. Shevardnadze is due in Mid Sept. We hope to have some issues on Reductions ready by then.

A meeting in Cab. Room with some of our hard nosed, consv. Sens. (Rep.) who had to be convinced we weren't selling out in our bipartisan Nicaragua plan.

Then a meeting on Sec. of Commerce—We're going to check out Bill Verity. Over to the Dr's—Nurses removed my nose plaster & so upstairs.