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Monday, December 1, 1986

VIEW THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

Ed Meese on hand for 9 A.M. meeting. We've decided to name Frank Carlucci as Nat. Security Advisor. Then I've told Ed Meese to ask for an independent Council to do an investigation & to see if we can get a joint committee of Cong. to also do one & I'll announce all these steps hopefully on Wed. My truthfulness seems to have become the issue.

At 11 A.M. I introduced to the press our review board I've appointed to look at N.S.C. procedures & recommend any changes needed. They are John Tower, Ed Muskie & Brent Scowcroft.

An issues briefing lunch—then Dick Wirthlin—his polls weren't happy making. A sample—71% of the people like me & think I'm a nice fellow. But 60% dont think I'm telling the truth.

A Budget review meeting—we're going to have to sweat \$50 Bil. out of the '87 budget.

Met with Carlucci—he's on board & will take the job.

Dinner with Mommie, Maureen & Ted Gabor who's back here to do the Xmas decorations.

KEY FACTS

- President Reagan announces the newly established President's Special Review Board for the National Security Council.
- President Reagan participates in a 1988 Budget Review meeting with a group of his senior advisors.

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