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 7: WHITE HOUSE RULES OUT POSSIBILITY OF A FIFTH SUMMIT  
 8: WASHINGTON, Oct 18, Reuter - The White House on Tuesday  
 9: ruled out the possibility of a fifth and final summit with  
 10: Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev before President Reagan leaves  
 11: office in January.  
 12: "I think it is completely ruled out. There is no planning  
 13: underway, no prospect for a summit," White House spokesman  
 14: Marlin Fitzwater told reporters when asked whether there was  
 15: any possibility for Reagan and Gorbachev to get together one  
 16: more time before the end of Reagan's term.  
 17: On another matter, Fitzwater said a Central Intelligence  
 18: Agency (CIA official's harsh assessment of the nature of the  
 19: Soviet threat faced by the United States following a Soviet  
 20: political shakeup was "totally consistent" with the views of  
 21: the White House.  
 22: "The president has good relations with General Secretary  
 23: Gorbachev, but the system is the same, the country is the same  
 24: and the threat is the same and we need to be quite aware of  
 25: that," Fitzwater told reporters.  
 26: Deputy CIA Director Robert Gates said in a recent speech  
 27: that Gorbachev faced overwhelming opposition and apathy to his  
 28: political reforms and it was doubtful whether he could fix the  
 29: staggering Soviet economy.  
 30: "The dictatorship of the Communist Party remains untouched  
 31: and untouchable," Gates said following the shakeup in Politburo  
 32: membership orchestrated by Gorbachev.  
 33: Fitzwater said Gates' comments were "totally consistent  
 34: with what we've been saying in terms of our policy toward the  
 35: Soviet Union."  
 36: He said Reagan and Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci had  
 37: often pointed out in speeches that "action speaks louder than  
 38: words from the Soviets and what we want to see is a reduction  
 39: in their defence budget as the best indicator of a change in  
 40: policy with regard to their defence posture."  
 41: Fitzwater said Gates' comments were "totally consistent  
 42: with that and quite correctly point out the things that we need  
 43: to be very concerned about in dealing with the Soviet Union."  
 44: Reagan and Gorbachev have held four summits, in Geneva,  
 45: Reyjkavik, Washington and Moscow.  
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