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Ronald Reagan has said that as president he would supply weapons to the Afghan freedom fighters. Speaking to the American Society of Newspaper Editors on April 8; Reagan said: "We in the past have found ways to do this before we got so frightened that we decided that the CIA should become a kind of Virginia Gentlemen's Club and not do things to preserve our security." He added: "I have no quarrel with delivering weapons to someone who is trying to fight for his freedom." Reagan's remarks on the Afghans, ignored by the Washington Star and the New York Times, were partly reported by the Washington Post.