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*Venice Summit*

**MEMORANDUM FOR** THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
 THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY  
 THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
 THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE  
 THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
 THE SECRETARY OF LABOR  
 THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
 THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
 THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY  
 THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION  
 THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
 THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
 THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE  
 THE CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

**SUBJECT:** Concept Paper for My Trip to Europe and the  
 Venice Economic Summit (C)

On June 3, 1987 I will leave on an important trip to Europe where I will meet with our friends in Italy, the Federal Republic of Germany and with all the Summit Seven partners in Venice. This trip presents an important opportunity for the United States and its partners in the Alliance. The trip will not only celebrate the anniversary of a number of historic events such as the Marshall Plan, the GATT negotiations, the Treaty of Rome and the founding of Berlin, but also gives us an occasion to mobilize our collective resources to plan for the challenges of the 21st century. (C)

I have approved the enclosed concept paper as a guide to substantive preparation for my June journey. In the weeks ahead, I will be focusing on these themes and their corresponding messages. I believe this is a useful complement to our examination of what we should be doing now and during the remainder of my Administration to chart a sound course toward the interdependent world of the new century. I would ask you and your departments to do the same. (C)

*Ronald Reagan*

Attachment

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**LOOKING AHEAD: THE ALLIANCE AND THE CHALLENGE  
OF A NEW CENTURY**

**Basic Concepts:**

-- Looking Back: Forming the Alliance and its supporting institutions demonstrated a commitment to commonly held ideals of political, economic and individual freedom.

Out of the rubble of World War II, building on the surviving symbols of Western civilization, religious values and commercial enterprise, there arose an alliance of democratic nations, dedicated to free political expression, economic prosperity and mutual security. Forty years ago the institutional foundation for those ideals was secured by the Marshall Plan. The GATT, the World Bank and IMF and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization were built upon the dedication and unity of the allied nations.

-- Looking Within: Today, four decades of dynamic cooperation have brought to the Summit nations and to the free world unprecedented prosperity and security, but at the price of steady watchfulness.

This compact has produced a Western Europe united by a common market, by mutual security commitments and by the establishment of democratic governments in every national capital. In Japan, it has meant the establishment of the strongest democracy in East Asia, the world's second largest economy, and a firm political alliance with its partners in Western Europe and the United States. These common interests have been the vessel and engine of our reconstruction, growth and security for ourselves as well as for the international system. Our cohesion and our institutions, however, continue to be tested by external threats to security, by internal complacency and by new challenges -- and opportunities -- in East-West relations and in economic interdependence.

-- Looking Ahead: The Summit nations, by their rededication to vigilance and unity, will preserve for themselves and the free world the principles and institutions of liberty, peace and prosperity into the 21st century.

The strength and longevity of the current economic expansion underscores the promise which the future holds. Today, after forty years, the economic, political and defensive strength of the Alliance has significantly increased. No force can stay its influence; no wall can exclude its ideals. Thus, we need not fear to negotiate, for we negotiate from strength. We need not fear the future for the future brings new promise. However, to turn the promise of peace and expanding prosperity into reality, it is essential that the Summit democracies maintain the vigilance, unity, and strength that have brought us to this moment of opportunity.

The Summit Seven nations must stand together, as we chart a course toward the interdependent new world of the new century.

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