

on me. Naturally the press was screaming Q's. at me, I simply
but forcefully replied - "we haven't lied to anyone". I'm
getting suspicious - here I am 12 hrs. away from being for
deceit and a half dozen attempts are being made to
render me irrelevant & helpless in the face of Horvath's.
Well I'll just sleep on it.

Thurs. Oct. 9 (Fri. Oct. 10 - a visit to Iceland's Pres. & P.M.)
celebrates a day for homework

Just a long ride in a F.I. A little farewell ceremony
on the S. Lawn & then about 5 1/2 hours flying into a
4 hour time change. It was dark & raining when we
arrived even though it was afternoon. Amos, Nick Rusk &
Nancy had moved out & given us their home.

Oct. 10 Sat. A.M. a briefing session then a 5 min. drive to the
meeting place - a waterfront home. I was host for the
1st session. Horby & I met 1st with interpreters & note takers.
Then he proposed we bring in Geo. S. & Shervidge. That's
the way it went then for all the meetings. We got into
Kannan R's. Regional things & bi-partisan agreements on our
exchange programs etc. I told him I couldn't go home if I didn't
bring up why they reneged on their commitment to buy 6 mil. tons
of grain. He claimed low oil prices - they didn't have the
money.

Then it was plain they wanted to get to arms control - so
we did.

In the afternoon we had it and looked like some
progress as he went along with willingness to reduce nuc.
weapons.

At end of a long day Geo. S. suggested we take all the
notes & give them to our teams to put together so we could
see what had been agreed & where were sticking points. They
worked til 2 A.M.

Sun. Oct. 12

Final day & it turned into an all day one even though
we'd been scheduled to fly out in early afternoon. Our teams
had given us an agreement to eliminate entirely all nuc. devices
over a 10 yr. pd. We would research & develop SDI during 10
yrs. Then deploy & I offered to share with Soviet the system.

That's begun the showdown. He wanted language that would have killed S.D.1. The price was high but I wouldn't sell & that's how day ended. All our people thought I'd done exactly right, I'd pledged I wouldn't give away S.D.1 & I didn't but that meant no deal on any of the arms reductions. I was mad - he tried to act jovial but I acted mad & it showed. Well, the ball is in his court and I'm convinced he'll come around when he sees how the world is reacting. On way out I addressed our mil. force & families at air base. They were enthused & cheered my decision.

Mon. Oct. 13

Columbus day - no work except on speech for 8PM. trials reporting on Iceland.

Did the speech and the result was something - a quick poll found my ratings going up 8 & 9 points on foreign policy, handling the Soviets etc.

Tues. Oct. 14

A late morning. Don R. came in with 1st poll results. Phone calls by 11:30 AM had totaled 5004 with percentage of positives 79.04%

Then a meeting with Congressional leadership. I was applauded when I walked in - then however, Tip & Jim Wright made some negative noises.

A short lunch then a meeting with TV anchors & top columnists did some Q & A. Same routine to our top appointees over at F.O.B. Taped some TV commercials for Sen. & Gov. candidates. At 7:30 a dinner for Prince Ranier & his daughters here in the family quarters. It was a nice party & everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Michael Feinstein entertained at the piano & singing.

Wed. Oct. 15

The polls are showing that we came out on top at Reykjavik - in fact that sentiment is growing. NBC poll has approval at 71% & disapprove 16%.

This was my day at Baltimore, Marine I landed at Ft. McHenry where I spoke briefly to a high school