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BUSH/GORBACHEV SUMMIT: DATES

1. WHITE HOUSE STAFF HAVE TOLD US THAT ALTHOUGH THE DATE FOR THE SUMMIT HAS YET TO BE SETTLED, THEY ARE WORKING ON A WINDOW OF 12 TO 20 JUNE, AND AIMING FOR THE MIDDLE OF THAT. PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF TAKING GORBACHEV OUTSIDE WASHINGTON TO SOMEWHERE IN AMERICA WHERE PRESS COVERAGE OF HIS PRESENCE WILL RESONATE WELL WITH DOMESTIC OPINION IN RUSSIA. INEVITABLY TEXAS IS A FRONT-RUNNER.

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