

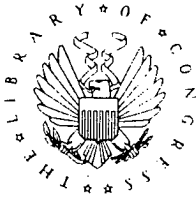
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Honorable Robert Gates
Deputy Director
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Dear Mr. Gates:

We are delighted that you will be able to join us for the CRS Member Breakfast hosted by the Honorable Lee H. Hamilton on "Gorbachev's Reform Program after the Soviet Party Conference" on July 14, 1988, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., in the U.S. Capitol, Room EF 100.

As you know, the Breakfast for Members of Congress will be the concluding event of a congressional Research Service workshop sponsored by the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The Committee plans to issue a report on the proceedings. The workshop will look at the impact of the Soviet Communist Party Conference on Gorbachev's leadership position and on Soviet domestic and foreign policy over the next five years, and will examine the implications for the United States.

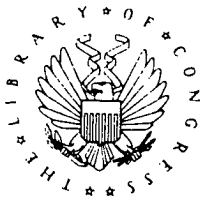
Our format at the breakfast will be for the rapporteur, Francis Miko, to offer a very brief summation of the highlights of the workshop. We would then ask you and our other speaker to each provide your own brief assessment of Soviet reform after the Party Conference and implications for the United States (10 to 15 minute), leaving time for discussion with the Members. We are enclosing a copy of our agenda and a list of questions to be addressed at the workshop to help you to tailor your own remarks. Could you provide a one-page summary of your presentation?

If you have any questions about the breakfast meeting or the workshop, please call our coordinator, Francis Miko (287-7670). We look forward to seeing you on July 14. Should you have the time, we would also welcome your participation at the workshop.

Sincerely,

(Handwritten signature: Joseph E. Ross)
Joseph E. Ross
Director





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GORBACHEV REFORM PROGRAM AFTER THE 1988 PARTY CONFERENCE

A ROUNDTABLE WORKSHOP

July 13, 1988

Madison Building, The Library of Congress, Dining Room A

The workshop will look at the impact of the Soviet Communist Party Conference on Gorbachev's leadership position and on Soviet domestic and foreign policy over the next five years, and will examine the implications for the United States.

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 **Welcome, James Billington, The Librarian of Congress**
 Joseph E. Ross, Director of the Congressional Research

9:15 **Introduction, Francis Miko, Workshop Moderator, CRS**

9:30 **Gorbachev's Political Status and Program**
 Moderator: Stuart Goldman, Specialist in Soviet Affairs, CRS

11:00 **Break**

11:15 **Gorbachev's Economic Reform Program**
 Moderator: John Hardt, Associate Director and Senior Specialist in
 Soviet Economics, CRS

12:45 p.m. Lunch

2:00 **Soviet Foreign and Security Policy; Implications for the United**
 States
 Moderator: Francis T. Miko, Specialist in Soviet and East European
 Affairs, CRS

3:30 **Concluding Remarks**

GORBACHEV REFORM PROGRAM AFTER THE 1988 PARTY CONFERENCE

Questions to be Addressed

Gorbachev's Political Status and Program

- Are Gorbachev and his program strengthened or weakened politically by the results of the Conference? What did he need from the Conference and what did he get?

-What did the Conference reveal about the extent of support and opposition to Gorbachev's programs?

-What is the significance of changes in personnel and the process of delegate selection resulting from the Conference? Do the changes strengthen or weaken Gorbachev and his program?

- What specific aspects of his political program have been endorsed or rejected?

- In light of the Conference, where is Gorbachev's political reform program likely to lead over the next five years? Have the prospects for success improved or diminished?

- What constitutes success or failure for Gorbachev in the near term and what signposts should we be looking for?

Gorbachev's Economic Reform Program

- How did the Party Conference assess the status, needs, and prospects of the Soviet economy?

- Is the process of economic reform likely to accelerate or slow after the Conference?

-What early results are imperative to the success of the economic reforms? What would be the implications of failure to achieve these results?

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-Is the success (or partial success) of Gorbachev's reform program in the U.S. interest?

Soviet Foreign and Security Policy; Implications for the United States

- How did the Party Conference address Soviet security and foreign policy issues (directly or indirectly)?

- What are the implications of the Party Conference for the role of the Soviet military and the resources it can expect over the next few years?

- What are the Soviet foreign policy priorities over the next five years?

- Will the Soviet role in Third World regional disputes be likely to grow or diminish? What are the implications for Soviet policy in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and other regions?

- What are the implications for U.S. policy under a new Administration?