

TOPIC 1 THE IRAN HOSTAGE RELEASE PLAN FOR WAR

1 In October 1980, war, the Iran hostage crisis and the U.S. election dominated the news.



2 Rumors of a possible hostage release intensified before election day.



3 Commentators debated whether a release might affect the election.



4 Beter alleged that three rival power groups were manipulating the crisis.



5 He linked U.S. military movements to a broader scenario involving Iran.



6 He also treated unrest in Poland as another dangerous front.



7 Beter further alleged preparations for geophysical attacks on U.S. cities and volcanoes.



8 He warned that crises could be used to move the public toward war.



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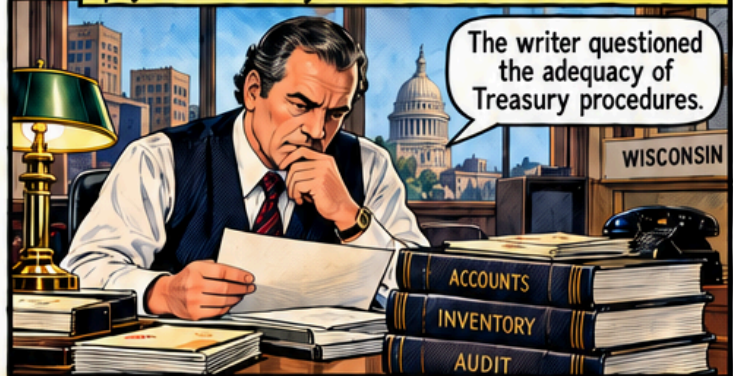
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TOPIC 2 SENATOR WILLIAM PROXMIRE AND “ACTION STEP 4”

1 For months, listeners had written to Senator William Proxmire about U.S. gold reserves.



2 Beter read a businessman's letter asking why no physical inventory had been demanded.



3 Earlier replies said the Treasury Inspector General had been asked for a report.



4 He emphasized keeping an organized file of letters and replies.



5 Action Step 4 was a concise follow-up question to Proxmire.



6 Beter suggested adding supporting signatures from friends and neighbors.



7 He advised making photocopies before mailing the original.



8 The step combined follow-up, documentation and a small petition.



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TOPIC 3 "ACTION STEP 5" ON A NEW BATTLE FRONT

1 Beter shifted attention from Congress to the Federal Reserve System.



2 He described the regional Reserve Banks as central to the banking system.



3 Beter argued that depositors, banks and Reserve institutions shared an interest in reliable assets.



4 He claimed the Reserve Banks carried gold claims while Treasury served as custodian.



5 Action Step 5 began with identifying the regional Reserve Bank, its president and directors.



6 Outside the New York district, he proposed separate letters to regional officials.



7 He suggested enclosing the earlier correspondence as context.



8 The new front aimed to widen scrutiny through banking officials.



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