

new Russian submarine was making its maiden voyage. Or for a US submarine to be in the Sea of Okhotsk when the Soviets were test firing a new submarine launched missile. Military sources say the US submarines are rarely detected by the Soviets during these secret missions, but several sources indicated that on at least one occasion in the last five years an American submarine was apparently detected and it was attacked by depth charge, but escaped undamaged. On another occasion, perhaps ten years ago, a US submarine accidentally tried to surface under a Russian warship, both vessels were damaged, the submarine got away. The US and its NATO allies have repeatedly criticized the Soviet Union for running its submarines into the territorial waters of Sweden and Norway, something US submariners say they have not done even on a secret mission. But the US does take similar risks in the waters of other countries in a high stakes game that both superpowers have been playing for years. John McWethy, ABC News, the Pentagon.

PETER JENNINGS

And now the latest developments concerning Edwin Meese who the President has nominated to be attorney general. ABC's Ann Compton has learned that Mr. Meese is drafting a point by point defense of charges made against him and he plans to send it to the Senate tomorrow. ABC News has also learned that a third member of Edwin Thomas' family, his son Tad, was appointed to a federal job after Mr. Thomas loaned the Meese family 15,000 dollars. It was a job in the Labor Department. President Reagan has said again he will not withdraw Meese's nomination to be attorney general and he will not let Mr. Meese withdraw either.

President Reagan went to Capitol Hill today. He went to rally Republican support for his plan to cut the budget deficit. The President's more important challenge on what to cut and where to cut it comes from the Democrats. Here's our White House correspondent Sam Donaldson.

SAM DONALDSON

The major players in Washington's best selling game of deficit reduction pursuit were all on Capitol Hill today. The President coming up for a pep talk to his Republican team, House Speaker O'Neill on hand as usual to cry foul on behalf of his Democratic squad. And as a violent storm swept across the Capitol grounds, so did the harsh budget rhetoric of this election year. The President before House Republicans.

PRESIDENT REAGAN

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