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Memo For Dr. Brzezinski

Zbig,

As agreed, here are some talking points on LRTNF for the President's use at Monday's NSC meeting. *I also attach an example of a deployment mix.*

Harold

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TALKING POINTS: TNF MODERNIZATION

- I have concluded that NATO's long-range theater nuclear forces which can reach the Soviet Union need to be modernized both to respond to the Soviet deployment of the SS-20 and Backfire and to insure NATO's overall deterrent.
- This will raise political problems -- perhaps quite serious -- for European governments.
- The effort must therefore be alliance-wide, with the maximum possible participation by all governments.
- I have written Chancellor Schmidt that I am prepared to lead this effort and will need his active support. We will be discussing this further on Wednesday.
- The NATO High-Level Group has agreed that there should be an evolutionary upward adjustment in these nuclear forces and has set forth general parameters for that adjustment. I support this conclusion and believe we should take the following next steps.
 - We should define this month a specific force structure, or alternative force structures, including the numbers and types of weapons systems and their basing in Europe, which can then be discussed with our allies both bilaterally and in the High Level Group. ✓
 - I would like Harold Brown to take the lead in doing this, working closely with State and my staff, and to convey to his fellow defense ministers my personal support for this program. ✓
- At the same time the NATO Special Group on TNF arms control will be working toward defining by the end of September an arms control negotiating approach to accompany modernization. It is clear that we will need some modernization in any event, but hopefully we can obtain controls on comparable Soviet systems and tailor our requirements accordingly. I would like Cy Vance to take the lead in this, working closely with DOD and my staff. ✓
- Our target should be to reach a definitive Alliance decision on both TNF modernization and arms control by the end of this year.

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ILLUSTRATIVE SYSTEMS AND BASING FOR
NEW LONG-RANGE THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES

<u>BASING</u>	<u>PERSHING II</u> (Nos. of warheads)	<u>GLCM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

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