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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Binary Chemical Munitions Facility

My memorandum of May 24, 1979 pointed out the concern felt by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and myself regarding the need to maintain effective means of monitoring compliance with any agreement which is reached with the Soviets to ban chemical weapons. It also requested review of the 1978 decision to defer funding for the binary munitions facility. Your response suggested we examine this decision in connection with the FY 1981 budget review process.

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We have been participating in the bilateral negotiations with the Soviets since 1976 and see little or no movement on their part to resolve critical differences. In view of the continuing degradation of our deterrent stockpile and the serious asymmetry of capabilities in this area, I directed that the binary chemical munitions facility be included in the Department of the Army basic budget submission in the amount of \$19 million. I believe this action will provide the Soviets a clear indication of our dissatisfaction with the negotiations, and will signal the increasing difficulty of exercising restraint in our own chemical warfare capabilities while negotiations toward a comprehensive ban continue without progress.

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Please inform the other concerned agencies of this action and solicit their views. If any agency forwards a nonconcurrency, then the SCC should resolve the issue in time to insure a decision prior to forwarding the FY 1981 budget to the President.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Binary Chemical Munitions Facility - ACTION MEMORANDUM

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in his memorandum of 14 March 1979 to you expressed his concern regarding the need to maintain effective means of monitoring compliance with any agreement which is reached in our negotiations with the Soviets to ban chemical weapons. He further requested a review this fall by the SCC of the decision not to seek funds in the FY 80 budget for the binary munitions facility. By your memorandum of 24 May 1979, you concurred in these views and forwarded them to the attention of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. His response on 30 June 1979 suggested this question be examined in connection with the FY 1981 budget process.

The binary munitions facility was considered in the preparation of the 1981 budget, and the ASD(MRA&L) insured consolidation of all funding into one line item of \$19 million. Subsequently, the ADPM dated 29 August 1979 directed the Secretary of the Army to include the facility in the basic budget submittal.

The other concerned agencies have not been made aware of the above exchanges. Discussions with the NSC staff indicate that they do not want to precipitate an SCC meeting unless a meeting is required to resolve any disagreements. Attached is a memorandum for the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs which summarizes the current situation and requests that the NSC inform the other agencies and solicit their views. We believe this approach will allow a timely decision on the matter of the binary munitions facility. I recommend you sign the attached memorandum.

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*Walter Slocumbe*

WALTER SLOCUMBE  
Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense  
International Security Affairs

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MAY 24 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL  
SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: U.S.-Soviet Chemical Weapons Negotiations

I enclose for your consideration and for transmittal to the President a copy of a March 14, 1979 memorandum from the Joint Chiefs of Staff concerning U.S.-Soviet chemical weapons negotiations.

The memorandum underscores the Joint Chiefs of Staff concern that the U.S. maintain effective means for monitoring compliance with any agreement which is reached in our negotiations with the Soviets to ban chemical weapons. The Chiefs also ask for SCC review, prior to this fall, of the decisions to maintain U.S. chemical warfare forces without force improvement, and not to seek funds for the binary munitions facility.

I support these views of the JCS.

*Harold Brown*

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cc: CJCS.

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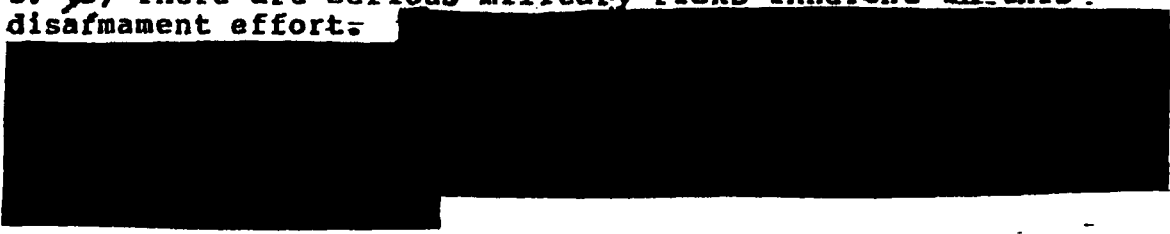
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14 March 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: US Chemical Weapons Negotiating Position (U)

1. (S) Review of the US negotiating position summary developed by the Chemical Weapons Backstopping Committee indicates that an agreement fully incorporating all elements in this position would meet the objective of a chemical weapons prohibition set forth in Presidential Directive/NSC-15. However, the Joint Chiefs of Staff believe that the current and projected asymmetries in chemical warfare capability favoring the USSR provide no incentives for the Soviets to agree to any meaningful prohibitions on chemical weapons.
2. (S) The Joint Chiefs of Staff note that the chemical weapons negotiations, in seeking to eliminate an entire means of warfare, constitute a disarmament--as opposed to an arms control--undertaking. Therefore, it is vital to national security that strong, effective provisions be made for monitoring compliance with any agreement resulting from such an undertaking.
3. (S) There are serious military risks inherent in this disarmament effort.



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4. (S) While the position summary includes the essential US element requiring onsite international access for adequate verification, the Soviets have indicated this approach to chemical weapons verification is unacceptable. In view of this real and critical difference and of the absence of any compelling reasons for the Soviets to resolve this difference, it will be important for the US Delegation to remain resolute in its negotiating effort. Further, it is essential that the Special Coordination Committee review again, prior to the fall of 1979, the decision to maintain US chemical warfare forces without force improvement and the decision not to seek funds for the binary munitions facility.

5. (U) The Joint Chiefs of Staff request that you support their views and that you also convey these views to the President.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

  
JAMES E. DALTON  
Major General, USAF  
Vice Director, Joint Staff

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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June 30, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: US-Soviet Chemical Weapons Negotiations (S)

The views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on US-Soviet chemical weapons negotiations forwarded with your memorandum of May 24, 1979 have been noted and will be brought to the attention of the President.

I suggest we examine this question in connection with the FY 1981 Budget review process.

  
Zbigniew Brzezinski

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