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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of Deputy Secretary Carlucci with Geoffrey Pattie (U)

(U) Deputy Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci met with UK Parliamentary Under Secretary for Defense Procurement, Geoffrey Pattie, for a half hour on 9 June 1982. Accompanying Pattie were James Blyth, Head of Defense Sales, MOD; Brian Webster, Counselor of Defense Supply, UK Embassy; and John Dixon, Assistant Private Secretary to Pattie. George Bader, Deputy Principal Director, European & NATO Policy, ISP, and James Timberlake, Assistant for UK, were also present. Main topics discussed were the Falklands, Trident, technology transfer, defense equipment cooperation, and the DoD budget.

1. Falklands. Pattie thanked Secretary Carlucci for the help the US gave the UK during the Falklands conflict. Secretary Carlucci said we were glad to help and to be able to respond rapidly. We can do without public plaudits, however. In response to Pattie's question about US anxieties in the aftermath of the conflict Secretary Carlucci said we had no anxieties, but were interested in the future shape of British defense and whether there would be a larger or smaller budget. Pattie thought a smaller budget was not likely.

2. Trident. Pattie also thanked Secretary Carlucci for DoD help in following up on Trident offset. Some UK subcontractors are already approaching US prime contractors, but the latter are at present in a listening mode only. Pattie will be visiting Lockheed on 11 June and will impress upon them the importance of UK subcontract opportunities. Both Pattie and Blyth had the highest praise for the impressive job RADM Clark, Director, Strategic Systems Projects Office, had done. Pattie said the Falklands conflict had not changed the government's decision on Trident.

3. Technology Transfer. Pattie contrasted the decisiveness with which Admiral Clark and Mr. Perle had solved the problems of technology transfer with respect to Trident and the day-to-day problems UK industry encounters with technology when doing less sensitive defense business with the US. He had raised the problem with Mr. Perle earlier that day and had agreed to give him a note on it.

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4. (u) Defense Equipment Cooperation. Pattie noted that Secretary Carlucci owed Lord Trenchard a response on Rapier. Secretary Carlucci said the Army has a considerable problem with Rapier as a candidate for US air defense in the Center Region. Pattie acknowledged the Army's problem and said he had talked to Secretary Marsh the previous day. The Falklands conflict has demonstrated the worth of Rapier and he had asked Secretary Marsh if it would help if the UK shared the data. The UK would be willing to provide a Rapier fire unit at no cost for test and evaluation. Congress has shown increased interest in Rapier recently and might well ask the Army if it has tested the system. Secretary Marsh said he would think seriously about it.

(u) Secretary Carlucci noted the large number of calls he made to Congress to help achieve the success on Specialty Metals. AV-8B is in relatively good shape, but the HAWK Trainer is more difficult and the Navy will have to work harder in support of it. Pattie said he had talked to Secretary Lehman and Mr. Paisley about HAWK. Pattie was amazed at how the R&D costs have escalated on an aircraft that is already operational. Mr. Paisley is going to look into the matter.

5. (u) DoD Budget. Mr. Carlucci gave a rundown on the status of the budget. The Latta cuts in the DoD budget would be manageable, but the budget has a lot of hurdles to surmount yet. It would be a disaster if DoD fails to get a bill before the Congressional recess and it had to go on a continuing resolution. Secretary Carlucci said he would be testifying the next day on the RDJTF and Allied burdensharing in Southwest Asia and would cite the UK's contribution, which has been good. We hope the UK will go forward with its defense effort.


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