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In reply refer to:
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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Master Restationing Plan (MRP) -- ACTION MEMORANDUM (U)

(P) Richard Perle, Larry Korb and I met with Arthur Burns to discuss the MRP. We are all agreed that it is time to make a move on this issue. General Rogers, too, in his recent message to you (Tab B) while reaffirming the importance of MRP, concludes that it is "dead". Your MRP discussions with Chancellor Kohl on 6 March appear to have been inconclusive, at best (our personnel in Bonn report that the Germans are choosing to interpret the conversation as a definite turn-down for MRP cost sharing).

(P) We do not propose letting the Germans off the hook so easily. We should keep our MRP requests on the table and continue to explore Manfred Woerner's real estate turnback option at the staff level as a means of funding at least a partial MRP.

(P) At the same time, however, Larry Korb and I believe we should tell Congress, that there has been very little progress in MRP and that we doubt that any further progress is possible at this time. We should be able to mitigate any possible backlash in terms of the military construction program in Europe, and it is important that we allow the Army to begin programming, as necessary, its modernization efforts at forward MRP sites.

(P) Our dealings with Congress will be considerably eased if we can show some progress this Spring in moving the Germans from their current position (IAU 2.0B) concerning the NATO infrastructure ceiling for the next six years. As you know, we are supporting the minimum essential ceiling (IAU 3.8B) outlined by the NATO Military Authorities; and we believe that we must focus on this issue as a matter of top priority in every available fora if we are to overcome this impasse.

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1) Recommend that we adopt this approach and that, as a consequence, you approve the reply to General Rogers at Tab A which outlines this course of action.

Fred
Fred C. Ikle

Coordination:

ASD/MI&L *[Signature]*

[Signature] Approve 19 MAR 1984

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