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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Master Restationing Plan (U)

(C) During my visit to Bonn next week the key financial issue I intend to press the Germans on is getting them to agree to share in the costs of our Master Restationing Plan (MRP). I discussed the subject briefly with Chancellor Kohl in April, and he appeared generally supportive, though noncommittal.

(C) Our signals from Bonn on this subject are quite clear. Although Manfred Woerner would like to support us, his hands are tied on the matter. Finance Minister Stoltenberg has regularly made the point that there is no money for MRP, and Chancellor Kohl has supported Stoltenberg. Unless we can get Kohl to agree, we are not going to get this matter moving.

(C) In light of the above, I believe it is essential that the President raise this issue with the Chancellor at Williamsburg.

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Attachments

- 1. Talking Points
- 2. Background Paper

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NOTE FOR SECDEF

Richard Perle rushed this down and recommends you forward to Judge Clark.

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