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(A) At the NATO Defense Ministers meeting in May, Secretary Weinberger proposed that NATO undertake on an urgent basis a study on exploiting new technologies to improve conventional defense and offered to provide to NATO in early autumn a paper that could provide the basis for collective consideration. The President stated in Bonn that he considered the document on defense adopted at the Summit as a mandate for action to improve NATO's conventional defense capabilities, which also included exploring ways to take advantage of the new technologies.

(U) To provide a convincing case adequate to motivate our Allies, the US paper will have to be a carefully balanced blend of new conceptual approaches and of new capabilities made possible through advanced technology. Consequently, I have asked Dr. William Hoehn, the new Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (ISP), to chair a DoD working group to undertake this task. Membership of the group should include representatives of USDR&E, PA&E, the JCS, and other appropriate representation as required.

(U) In view of the many other proposals and studies concerning NATO conventional force improvements, we need to examine these proposals to determine whether they also might provide appropriate initiatives to introduce under the Summit mandate at NATO.

(U) I have asked Richard Perle to chair a DoD steering group to be the focal point for improving NATO's conventional capability. Membership of the group should include representatives of USDR&E, PA&E, MRA&L, the JCS, and other appropriate representation as required.

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