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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL  
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Working Lunch with the President - May 18th

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Many thanks for arranging the working lunch for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both serving and designated, and me, at noon on May 18th with the President, in the Cabinet Room. I suggest that we might talk about the following broad topics:

I. Global US responsibilities and the national objectives set forth in NSSD 1-82, and how our budget requests relate to, and equip us for, meeting these responsibilities.

This would include some discussion of the type of allied effort that would be required to supplement our best effort, and a review of the assessment of the risks we face in the years ahead.

II. Defense issues connected with the NATO Summit Meeting, including the importance of restating to the Summit our perception that NATO is vital to our security and that our commitment to NATO is firm and complete.

(a) Within the above, there is a need for the US to proceed with its Strategic Forces modernization as the foundation for effective START negotiations, and the critical importance of securing effective means of verification;

(b) The importance of strengthening our General Purpose Forces, including strategic mobility and modernization; and

(c) The importance of persuading our allies to (1) increase their own defense efforts; (2) continued support for the Pershing IIs and ground launch cruise missiles as a vital part of securing the President's proposals for INF reduction; and (3) support for our START policy and the need to plan for out-of-NATO area activities.

The above is a rough outline of matters that the Joint Chiefs and I think it would be useful to discuss. Obviously, anything else you think should be added, or any of the above deleted, would be completely acceptable.

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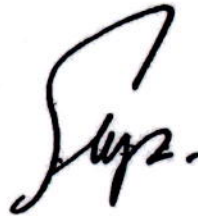
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Again, many thanks for arranging this luncheon meeting. I hope it might be the first of several that the President will find to be of use to him, and a good forum for the Joint Chiefs to convey their professional advice to the President. If you have any questions, or need any further information, please call.

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