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MEMORANDUM TO: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
FROM: ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR. *[Handwritten initials]*  
SUBJECT: Recommendation to the President on ERW

Before we send our recommendation to the President regarding the production of Enhanced Radiation Weapons (ERW), I believe we should put this step in the context of other upcoming developments and ongoing trends which will affect our ability eventually to deploy these, and other new nuclear systems to Europe. If we are not careful, we could end up by losing both TNF and ERW deployments in Europe.

As you know, the nuclear debate in Europe has developed in recent weeks in an adverse direction. The Soviets have succeeded in keeping their moratorium proposal before the European public, and in reactivating the Nordic Nuclear Free Zone concept. Meanwhile, the Dutch appear to be moving toward a decision on GLCM which will probably be negative. If so, we can expect it to have a further negative reverberation in both Belgium and the FRG.

At the same time, the US is itself about to take several steps which could significantly affect European opinion with respect to defense issues. These include upcoming decisions on a new ICBM and strategic bomber, and the initiation later in the fall of Arms Control talks with the Soviets on TNF. The US Navy's proposal for a nuclear SLCM program has also become public and is likely to generate wide interest in Europe, especially if the size of the proposed force becomes more widely known.

We should, I believe, alert the President to the inter-relationship between these developments and our handling of ERW. I will be sending along a proposed draft for your consideration shortly.

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Outrages. This decision was made?

It looks like we are being

red up by the "Europe lobby" at State again.

By the attached Haig has reneged on his prior agreement -- we agreed to delay submission of the ERW memo to the Pres until now at Haig's urging. Now the time has come he wants to delay until a game plan involving ERW, TWF, MX, manned bomber, etc is worked out -- no the Europeans would get upset! (The original purpose was to decouple ERW from TWF).

This is a Thursday breakfast item (we need ERW decision by 15 Aug). - Jay

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