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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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SUBJECT: The NPG Ministerial -- ACTION MEMORANDUM (U)

The NATO Nuclear Planning Group will meet at Le Chateau Montebello, Quebec, Canada on 27-28 October 1983. This memorandum describes the agenda and our approach to each item.

THE NPG: SETTING AND OBJECTIVES

(U) The NPG will be meeting on the eve of actual LRINF deployments, just before the FRG Bundestag INF debate and in the midst of expected major anti-nuclear demonstrations in Europe. Attention will be focused on the High Level Group (HLG) report concerning the future size and mix of the theater-based stockpile of nuclear warheads. You will also be able to provide information on the START and INF negotiations, and on the strategic defense initiative.

Our primary objective at this meeting is to secure enthusiastic Ministerial agreement to the HLG's conclusions and recommendations. This is highly important from three aspects:

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-- We, and SACRUR, need the strong endorsement of necessary upgrade of the reduced stockpile, particularly support for replacement nuclear artillery rounds "acceptable for deployment in Europe."

-- The decision should provide needed stability in the theater-based stockpile, which increasingly has come under fire from those who perceive a lack of rationale for its size and composition.

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(U) Public presentation of the decision is also important. The HLG has prepared a "stand alone" statement -- some may want to call it the "Montebello Decision" -- that states the decision and summarizes for publics the rationale for NATO's SRINF/SNF. We envision the following sequence of events:

- President Reagan sends a letter to his colleagues expressing his support for the expected outcome.
- The President receives you as you depart for Montebello, probably in a "Rose Garden sendoff," to focus attention on the meeting and associate himself publicly with the forthcoming decision.
- You and SYG Luns announce the decision -- and deploy the rationale paper -- at the meeting.
- President Reagan reviews the decision, perhaps during his Saturday radio broadcast -- other heads of state likely will make public pronouncements.
- Other senior officials, here and abroad, follow up on Sunday radio-TV appearances.

(U) Other items on the agenda are described in the following paragraphs; which provide a guide to the book.

THE AGENDA

(U) Additional background material on each item is provided as the first item under the Roman (Orange) tab identifying each agenda item.

ITEM I. STATUS OF NUCLEAR FORCES

(U) SYG Luns will turn to you, as discussion leader, for your main intervention. Your remarks (TAB I-A, WHITE) point to the importance of the Ministerial endorsement of the HLG recommendations in the context of the final push to deployment of PERSHING II and GLCM and the INF negotiations. Also included are remarks on START and the strategic defense initiative.

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ITEM II. NPG WORK PROGRAMME

(S) This item is in two parts:

-- HIGH LEVEL GROUP. The HLG's final report is at TAB C, BLUE. SYG Luns will call upon me, as the Chairman of the HLG, to review the report for Ministers. This will allow you to step back from the HLG and provide an overview. Suggested remarks are at TAB A, WHITE. My briefing is at TAB B, PINK. Staffs will be reviewing the "stand alone" press release, which Ministers will be asked to approve. A draft is at TAB VIII, ORANGE.

-- OTHER WORK. This is an information item. The SYG is expected to: (A) call Ministers' attention to the NPG Chairman's note which explains why FernReps did not complete their mandate to prepare a report on reductions in defensive nuclear forces -- i.e., that the more comprehensive HLG study subsumed the need for this report; (B) remind Ministers of the outstanding tasks which are being undertaken by NATO Military Authorities for briefings at future NPG meetings (C³ and LRINF selective employment planning); and (C) inform Ministers of the status of the Alliance review of the General Political Guidelines (GPG). Of these three issues, only the third is contentious. Background material and contingency talking points on the GPG project are at TAB B, PINK.

ITEM III. STATUS OF DECEMBER '79 DECISION


(S) As usual, this is divided into two parts:

-- MODERNIZATION. Luns will make some introductory remarks, then call upon you for the status of the PERSHING II and GLCM development programs. Your points, at TAB A, WHITE, confirm the successful completion of these programs. Ministers of the LRINF basing countries are expected to comment on progress in their respective countries. The Canadian Minister will likely remark on cruise missile testing in Canada.

-- ARMS CONTROL. This item, requested by Allias, provides the opportunity to discuss the INF negotiations and consultation in the Special Consultative Group (SCG). We have arranged for Ambassador Abshire to make the presentation. Your points to introduce Amb. Abshire are at TAB A, WHITE, while Ambassador Abshire's points are at TAB B, PINK.

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ITEM IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION

(S) SYG Luns will lead this discussion. Your intervention (TAB A, WHITE) stresses the need to inform the public of the Alliance's record on nuclear warhead reductions, to counter calls for delay in LRINF deployments, and to assuage public fears about possible Soviet "countermeasures."

ITEM V. LONG-RANGE SECURITY PROGRAMME

(S) Rich Wagner has been making good progress in his special group which has been considering further steps to improve security at nuclear weapons storage sites. SYG Luns will introduce Dr. Wagner, who will report on the progress achieved at most recent meeting of his group. Dr. Wagner's remarks are at TAB B, PINK, and the group's progress report is at TAB C, BLUE. Your intervention, TAB A, WHITE, emphasizes: (1) the importance of expediting progress on LRSP; (2) the need to consider additional measures to improve site security; and (3) the need for Dr. Wagner's group to explore the survivability aspects of weapons storage arrangements.

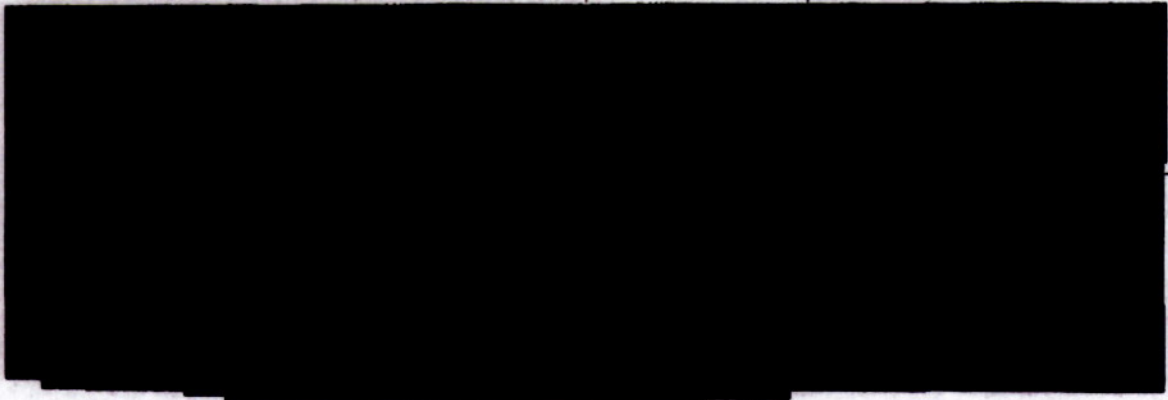
ITEM VI. NUCLEAR CONSULTATION

(S) Two exercises are under consideration:

-- WINTEX-CIMEX 83. Luns will review a Report by Permanent Representatives (TAB C, BLUE) which concludes that the WINTEX 83 exercise provided a useful opportunity to test NATO's nuclear consultation procedures and that this phase of the exercise went well. Although noting that there was some divergence of view with respect to the appropriate means of escalation, the report is not controversial and should be approved pro forma. We can fully endorse the recommendations of the report. Talking points are provided at TAB A, WHITE.

-- WINTEX-CIMEX 85. Luns will request Ministers to confirm the NPG PermRep recommendation that the same exercise concept played in WINTEX-83 (i.e., initial use and consideration -- but not play -- of follow-on use) be repeated in WINTEX 85. Most NPG members favor this exercise concept for practical and political reasons. SACKUR is on record in favor of actually playing follow-on use in WINTEX-85. Although he may speak to this, it is unlikely that he will object to the PermRep recommendation. Your talking points are at TAB A, WHITE.

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ITEM VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(4) The only item here will be announcement and acceptance of Turkey's offer to host the Spring 1984 meeting, which will be held at Cesme (near Izmir) on 3-4 April 1984.

ITEMS VIII AND IX, COMMUNIQUE AND MINUTE

(4) Drafts prepared by the International Staff are at TABS VIII and IX. We will prepare talking points as appropriate when more information is available.

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