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MEMORANDUM TO ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: DONALD R. FORTIER *DF*
SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Foreign Minister Pym

Attached is a "bootlegged" copy of a paper prepared for Shultz on the Pym meeting. The paper provides a useful range of background material on key agenda items. Below are my own thoughts on items not adequately covered, as well as some additional background information you may find useful.

INF Deployment: Dual Key Arrangements

State's paper mentions that the subject is controversial and that the Thatcher government is under pressure to seek some sort of "dual key arrangement." Robert Goodall's delegation on 1 March proposed some alterations in the current bilateral agreements which would give the British greater control over employment of GLCMs. We told Goodall that we did not like the alterations which he proposed, but promised to give them a closer look and to get back to him.

Although Pym knows it well, it is worth emphasizing that any alterations in the delicate multilateral and bilateral structures of nuclear release procedures in the alliance run a grave risk of undermining deterrence. In addition, such steps are unlikely to achieve their intended objective of making deployment politically easier.

Rather, one can envision this issue generating a noisy NATO-wide debate on nuclear weapons control which could only delay--if not completely forestall--the prospects for deployment. Further, it seems quite possible to me that countries which seek either to gain, or advertise, "independent control" will make themselves an even larger target for various other forms of self-restraint, such as unilateral no-first-use guarantees.

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Finally, since such independent control will be difficult to contain, the UK could end up jeopardizing the uniqueness of its existing special arrangements.

INF Public Diplomacy

As State's memo indicates, Heseltine can be expected to move on vigorous UK-oriented defense of INF. This is certainly something we can applaud, in contrast to the more studiously judicial approach of some of our other allies.

General Political

Since these discussions are inevitably influenced to some extent by prevailing domestic political considerations, you may wish to note the following facts: 1) Labor recently lost out in a new UK redistributing plan, thereby increasing the probability of general elections either in the early summer or fall. Tory lead over Labor is now 13 points. 2) The UK economy is not likely to show much improvement over near term, but Labor is unable to capitalize on this given its inability to fashion a convincing economic program of its own. Moreover 95 of 100 constituencies with the highest unemployment rate are held by Labor, while only 8 are in Tory country. The Labor Party's weak position on the economy adds to its desire to keep the coals burning on the nuclear issue, which, in turn, makes consensus difficult. 3) The Social Democratic-Liberal alliance, which recently upset Labor in a byelection, is searching for a "middle way" on the nuclear issue, most likely a nuclear freeze rather than unilateral disarmament.

Bureaucratic PM Thatcher has, of course, recently moved to centralize her control of foreign policy to the evident dislike of the Foreign Office. Pym's own fortunes are, I believe, still somewhat in doubt.

Libya

Like the French, the UK was reportedly somewhat skeptical of our moves during the most recent dustup with Libya. Because of the continuing possibility that we may have to act in this area with great suddenness and with a minimum of allied consultation, it is worth using occasions such as this to try to allay misunderstanding and clarify the central premises of our Libyan policy.

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UK FOREIGN SECRETARY FRANCIS PYM
PALO ALTO, 11:30 A.M., MARCH 3

KEY OBJECTIVES

1. Appreciate HMG support on INF and arms control.
2. Affirm determination to withdraw foreign forces from Lebanon.
3. Address British concerns on "extraterritoriality".

BEAR IN MIND

1. Opposition by British public to INF deployment in UK.

ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss world economic situation.
2. Address UK concerns on US-EC relations.

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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Secretary

FROM: EUR - Richard Burt

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with UK Foreign Secretary Pym;
Palo Alto, March 3, 11:30 AM.

I. OBJECTIVES

1. Express appreciation for HMG's support on INF deployment and arms control talks with the Soviets. (Talking points provided.)
2. Affirm the Administration's determination to achieve withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. (Talking points provided.)
3. Affirm the USG's seriousness in addressing British concerns on "extraterritoriality." (Talking points provided.)
4. Discuss recent developments in the world economy especially in light of recent oil price cuts.
5. Address UK concerns on US-EC relations. (Talking points provided.)
6. Reaffirm the importance USG attaches to the East-West studies underway in NATO, COCOM, and OECD/IEA. (Talking points provided.)
7. Brief Pym on your trip to the Far East.
8. (If Raised) Restate US position on the withdrawal of British troops from Belize. (Talking points provided.)

II. SETTING

Pym is traveling with Queen Elizabeth as Minister in Attendance during her visits to Mexico, the United States and Canada. We understand that Pym is looking forward to a frank and unstructured exchange of views in the informal setting of your home. The meeting will conclude about 1:15 PM, at which

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time you will join Mrs. Shultz, Mrs. Pym and Mrs. Wright for a social lunch. In addition to this meeting and lunch with the Foreign Secretary, you will see him the same evening at the President's dinner for the Queen at the De Young Museum and at the Queen's dinner for the President aboard the Britannia on March 4.

III. BACKGROUND

Relations with the United Kingdom continue to be generally excellent. Since the settlement of the dispute over the embargo of US origin equipment for the Soviet gas pipeline, there have been no serious differences between our two governments. The Vice President was well received by the British public and enjoyed productive discussions with Thatcher and Pym during his visit in early February. Nevertheless, this is a crucial time in the US-UK relationship. In Britain, public confidence in US leadership has been declining, and there is considerable opposition to key aspects of our policy, particularly on defense and relations with the Soviets. We understand that a major topic Pym wishes to raise with you is INF, and we will be sending you additional background by cable.

III. PARTICIPANTS

US

The Secretary
Ambassador John J. Louis
NSC-Judge Clark or
Mr. McFarlane
Assistant Secretary Burt
Mr. Wayne, Notetaker

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Foreign Secretary Pym
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IV. DISCUSSION OF OBJECTIVES

Express appreciation for HMG's support on INF deployment and arms control talks with the Soviets.

Mrs. Thatcher remains firm in her support of NATO's 1979 two-track decision but faces growing public opposition to the deployment and broad public skepticism about the US negotiating position. The new Defense Minister, Michael Heseltine, has been charged with the task of bolstering British public support for INF. British officials have told us that this campaign must be in "English English" and not with an American accent.

Pym, however, told Vice President Bush that it is clear that the Soviets will not agree to the zero option and the West should be prepared to move at an appropriate time towards an "intermediate" solution based on US-Soviet balance. Pym told Ambassador Nitze that a more concrete Western proposal would be needed after the German elections.

Additionally, even among Tory supporters of INF, there is concern over the question of the degree of British control over cruise missiles to be deployed in the UK. Mrs. Thatcher has taken a firm public line that existing arrangements are fully satisfactory, but her government is under considerable pressure to seek some sort of "dual key" arrangement.

Talking points

--We very much appreciate HMG's strong support for NATO's two-track decision, especially your government's firm resolve to keep INF deployments on schedule.

--We welcome very active HMG effort to educate the public on INF. We are urging other Allies to do likewise. We stand ready to support your efforts.

--It is essential to maintain Allied unity on the 1979 decision. Zero-zero remains the best outcome and continued adherence to it will help keep the pressure on the Soviets to negotiate deep reductions.

--At the same time, we have not offered a "take it or leave it" proposal in Geneva. The public should understand that we will consider possible solutions that meet the criteria of US-Soviet equality, verifiability, no compensation for UK or other third-country systems, and no export of the SS-20 problem to Asia.

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Affirm the Administration's determination to achieve the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

The British are apprehensive about the lack of movement in the President's Mid-East peace plan, especially the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon and Israel's readiness to sit down for serious discussions in the peace-making process.

Talking points

--Ambassador Habib continues to give the Lebanon situation his strongest efforts, and we are confident of progress.

--We are moving forward on rebuilding the Lebanese Army and security forces so that they can assume their proper role in guaranteeing the internal security of Lebanon.

--In the past week the gaps between Israel and Lebanon positions on a number of problems being negotiated has narrowed, and the more difficult issues -- security arrangements for southern Lebanon and normalization of relations -- are being seriously addressed. We have noticed an Israeli willingness to be more flexible in its approach to these problems.

--Moshe Arens is settling into his new duties as Defense Minister. While Arens's views do not differ in significant respects from Prime Minister Begin, we are hopeful that the rough edges can be taken off U.S.-Israeli relations and that we can return to a more cooperative relationship despite our continuing differences on the peace process and, to a degree, on Lebanon.

--Hussein is nearing his decision on whether to enter the peace process; should he step forward, there will be considerable internal debate in Israel on how to respond; no Israeli government, including Begin's, could refuse to negotiate should another Arab partner step forward.

--The continuing Israeli settlement activity is increasingly a stumbling block to negotiations and will have to be looked at seriously in the context of Hussein's decision.

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Affirm the USG's seriousness in addressing British concerns on "extraterritoriality."

Our January 19-20 technical discussions with the British on conflicts of jurisdiction ("extraterritoriality") were cordial and informative, but the British stressed repeatedly that the question is a major political concern for them domestically and bilaterally. They are particularly interested in the upcoming renewal of the Export Administration Act. They indicated that with the absence of tangible US action, domestic political pressures would impel "tit for tat" reaction.

Talking points

--We understand the seriousness with which HMG views this issue, and of your desire for tangible action.

--These are hard problems to which there are no easy answers. Our laws and actions giving rise to conflicts of jurisdiction involve many important U.S. interests.

--We are looking at the issue very hard. We want to make progress within the limits of what is possible for us.

--(If raised) - Our interagency review of the Export Administration Act is still underway, under Commerce Department direction. There is not yet an Administration bill.

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Discuss recent developments in the world economy especially in the light of recent oil price cuts.

During Pym's visit to Mexico, he held discussions with Mexican Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda. Reportedly they discussed the world economic situation and the need for coordination between national policies applied by the industrial countries and those of the developing nations to allow a resumption of the North-South dialogue. They may have also discussed oil pricing and its economic fall out. You may wish to draw Pym out on his discussions with the Mexicans.

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Address UK concerns on US-EC relations.

The British have expressed their concern over the wheat deal to Egypt and are even more worried about the possible sales of US butter at subsidized prices which they see as leading to serious reactions in the EC countries. They believe that a trade war could develop with deleterious effects on allied cohesion in their approach to East-West relations.

Talking points

--We wish to avoid confrontation if possible, but the US has a long list of grievances over subsidies.

--US forbearance in holding its crops off the world market and our efforts to restrain production have not been reciprocated.

--As trade deficits grow so do protectionist pressures in Congress and the public.

--It is important that the EC countries understand the problems we feel. It would be useful to have discussions among the experts on these issues to bring our difficulties out into the open.

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Reaffirm the importance the USG attaches to the East-West studies underway in NATO, COCOM, and the OECD/IEA.

Varying degrees of progress have been made on the six East-West studies now underway. The British have been relatively supportive on most.

Talking points

--We appreciate HMG's support for East-West studies. The USG is looking for major progress by the time of the Williamsburg summit.

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(If Raised) Restate US position on the withdrawal of British troops from Belize.

You recently wrote to Pym urging that the British reconsider their plans to withdraw the British garrison from Belize. In discussions with Under Secretary Eagleburger and Assistant Secretary Enders, UK Under Secretary Cranley Onslow indicated no immediate pull-out plans, but affirmed that HMG's goal was still to withdraw the garrison as soon as possible.

Talking points

--We understand your financial and force limitations, but see no real alternative at this time to a continued British military presence in Belize.

--A public decision by HMG to maintain the British garrison could serve to dampen potential Guatemalan forays in the border areas.

--We view our own efforts in Belize -- FMS cash sales and a \$100,000 IMET program for FY 83 -- as complementary to those of the British, not as substitutes.

--What is the Mexican view on British garrison in Belize?

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TO: SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

FROM: LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBURGER

DEAR SIR ROBERT:

IN THE RECENT EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS -- INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER, MY LETTER TO YOU, AND MY MARCH 1 MEETING IN WASHINGTON WITH DAVID GOODALL -- THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS EFFECTS OF THE CURRENT UK PUBLIC AND PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE OVER JOINT CONTROL OF U.S. GLCMS ON THE EFFECTIVENESS AND CREDIBILITY OF THE U.S. THEATER NUCLEAR DETERRENT. IN PARTICULAR, WE HAVE STRESSED THE NEED TO AVOID ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT POINT TOWARD THE EXISTENCE OF SPECIAL BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING JOINT DECISION ON THE RELEASE OF U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE UK.

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IN HER FEBRUARY 28 LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN, PRIME MINISTER THATCHER INDICATED THAT SHE APPRECIATES OUR CONCERNS AND IS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO PRESERVE THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR NUCLEAR DETERRENT. SHE ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO YOUR GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO RESIST PRESSURE TO DISCLOSE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS.

I WAS, THEREFORE, DISMAYED AND DISAPPOINTED BY THE LETTER FROM EX-CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF SIR TERRANCE LEWIN PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH 9 LONDON TIMES. THIS LETTER, WHICH I UNDERSTAND WAS DRAFTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, GOES MUCH FARTHER THAN IS ADVISABLE OR ACCEPTABLE TOWARDS UNILATERAL DISCLOSURE OF OUR PRIVATE AND SENSITIVE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. IN PARTICULAR, IT HIGHLIGHTS THE SPECIAL NATURE OF US/UK ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING JOINT DECISION ON THE RELEASE OF U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE UK. THE FACT THAT THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY A RETIRED OFFICER DOES LITTLE TO DISTINGUISH IT FROM AN OFFICIAL HMG STATEMENT. INDEED, SIR TERRANCE'S AMBIGUOUS STATUS MAY WELL INCREASE PRESSURES FOR OFFICIAL AND DETAILED HMG COMMENTARY ON HIS CHARACTERIZATIONS.

I AM EQUALLY TROUBLED BY THE FACT THAT WE RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS LETTER FOR "INFORMATION" WITH VIRTUALLY NO TIME TO RESPOND, EVEN IF WE HAD BEEN INVITED TO DO SO.

ALL OF US HERE IN WASHINGTON UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR HMG TO RESPOND TO AND MANAGE THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THIS MOST SENSITIVE ISSUE. INDEED WE HAVE BEEN ANXIOUS TO DO OUR BEST TO HELP. BUT I ALSO BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK TOGETHER IN WAYS THAT PROTECT OUR COMMON INTEREST IN PRESERVING THE CREDIBILITY OF THE DETERRENT IN EUROPE. WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR WILLINGNESS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU ON DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC LINE REGARDING THE NUCLEAR RELEASE ISSUE, AND ARE AWARE OF PRIME MINISTER THATCHER'S INTEREST IN EXPLORING THIS QUESTION NOW THAT THE GERMAN ELECTIONS ARE OVER. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN DISCUSSIONS WITH DAVID GOODALL

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TO UPDATE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS.

IN ALL FRANKNESS, I MUST TELL YOU THAT THE LEWIN LETTER AND
THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO US WILL NOT MAKE OUR
COMMON TASK ANY EASIER.

SINCERELY,

LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBURGER

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March 10

Admiral Poindexter/Bud McFarlane,

Attached is a message from Larry Eagleburger to Sir Robert Armstrong protesting a recent letter in the Times concerning public statements about control of nuclear weapons in the U.K.

The text of the letter is also attached. It clearly goes far beyond what we have said on this subject before - in particular, it mentions the "express joint agreement" of the President and Prime Minister. The documents which specify this agreement are all marked "Top Secret," and are currently being reviewed by us and the Brits. We have agreed to say nothing further in public while the review is underway.

Bob Linhard and I concur that this message should be sent to Armstrong on the Cabinet Line.

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Dear Sir Robert:

In the recent exchanges between our two governments -- including the President's letter to Prime Minister Thatcher, my letter to you, and my March 1 meeting in Washington with David Goodall -- the U.S. Government expressed grave concern about the potentially serious effects of the current UK public and parliamentary debate over joint control of U.S. GLCMs on the effectiveness and credibility of the U.S. theater nuclear deterrent. In particular, we have stressed the need to avoid any public statements that point toward the existence of special bilateral arrangements regarding joint decision on the release of U.S. nuclear weapons in the UK.

In her February 28 letter to President Reagan, Prime Minister Thatcher indicated that she appreciates our concerns and is in complete agreement on the need to preserve the credibility of our nuclear deterrent. She also drew attention to your government's determination to resist pressure to disclose additional information about existing arrangements.

I was, therefore, dismayed and disappointed by the letter from ex-Chief of the Defence Staff Sir Terrance Lewin published in the March 9 London Times. This letter, which I understand was drafted in cooperation with the Ministry of Defence, goes much farther than is advisable or acceptable towards unilateral disclosure of our private and sensitive bilateral agreements. In particular, it highlights the special nature of US/UK arrangements regarding joint

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decision on the release of U.S. nuclear weapons in the UK. The fact that the letter was signed by a retired officer does little to distinguish it from an official HMG statement. Indeed, Sir Terrance's ambiguous status may well increase pressures for official and detailed HMG commentary on his characterizations.

I am equally troubled by the fact that we received a copy of this letter for "information" with virtually no time to respond, even if we had been invited to do so.

All of us here in Washington understand the need for HMG to respond to and manage the public discussion of this most sensitive issue: indeed we have been anxious to do our best to help. But I also believe it important that we work together in ways that protect our common interest in preserving the credibility of the deterrent in Europe. We have expressed our willingness to work closely with you on developing a sustainable public line regarding the nuclear release issue, and are aware of Prime Minister Thatcher's interest in exploring this question now that the German elections are over. As you know, we have already begun discussions with David Goodall to update existing arrangements.

In all frankness, I must tell you that the Lewin letter and the manner in which it was made available to us will not make our common task any easier.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. Eagleburger

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2. ~~(S)~~ THE SPEED WITH WHICH THE RESPONSE WAS PREPARED IS ONE OF THE FIRST FRUITS OF MOD REORGANIZATION, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN CREATION OF A SPECIAL OFFICE FOR INF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

3. ~~(C)~~ BEGIN TEXT OF LEWIN LETTER:

DRAFT LETTER TO THE TIMES:
IN HIS LETTER TO YOU OF THE 3RD OF MARCH ADMIRAL LA ROCQUE QUITE PROPERLY DRAWS ATTENTION TO A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT US NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMMITTED TO NATO AND THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE. HE IS, OF COURSE, QUITE RIGHT TO SAY THAT US NUCLEAR SYSTEMS BASED IN EUROPE REMAIN IN US HANDS AND UNDER US OPERATIONAL CONTROL; THIS HAS BEEN THE CASE FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS. AS A MILITARY MAN, HOWEVER, I AM NOT AWARE THAT ANY OF MY NATO COLLEAGUES HAVE DELUDED THEMSELVES THAT A NUCLEAR WAR MAY BE FOUGHT AND WON. WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO WINNERS IN SUCH A WAR. HOWEVER, EQUALLY, THE POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OUR READINESS TO USE THEM IN THE LAST RESORT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF DETERRENT STRATEGY WHOSE SOLE OBJECTIVE IS TO PREVENT WAR.
ADMIRAL LA ROCQUE ALSO OVERLOOKS THE CRUCIAL POLITICAL DIMENSION. FROM MY EXPERIENCE AS CHIEF OF THE DEFENSE STAFF I CAN SAY THAT, IN THE CASE OF THE ALLIES AS A WHOLE, THERE ARE LONGSTANDING AND CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HER ALLIES SHOULD THE NEED EVER ARISE TO CONSIDER THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE REGULARLY PRACTICED IN HIGH-LEVEL NATO EXERCISES. SO FAR AS THE UK IS CONCERNED, THERE ARE ALSO SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS WHICH REFLECT OUR OWN POSITION AS AN INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR POWER. THESE ARRANGEMENTS GUARANTEE

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JOINT AGREEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER.
THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES NOT FOR JOINT CONSULTATION BUT
FOR JOINT DECISION. THIS AGREEMENT WAS LAST CONFIRMED
BY PRESIDENT REAGAN WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE.
CRUISE MISSILES DEPLOYED FROM BRITISH BASES WOULD NOT
BE FIRED WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER
OF THE DAY. MRS. THATCHER HAS ASSURED THE HOUSE OF
COMMONS THAT OUR BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE US
HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND ARE SATISFACTORY.
THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS. AND TO SAY SO IS IN NO
WAY TO CHALLENGE US SOVEREIGNTY. IT IS TO RECOGNIZE THAT
THE US FREELY ENTERED INTO AGREEMENTS WITH US AS AN ALLY
IN WHICH SHE AGREED TO RULES COVERING THE USE OF US BASES
IN BRITAIN. IT IS TO RECOGNIZE THAT NATO IS A COLLECTIVE
ALLIANCE AND THAT THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE CANNOT BE
SEPARATED FROM THE DEFENSE OF THE USA. END TEXT.
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Brian, Done
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR BUD MCFARLANE

FROM: BOB LINHARD *Bob*
SUBJECT: Message to David Goodall
on Dual Key/Murphy-Deane

Attached is the message that Larry Eagleburger wants to send this week-end to Sir David Goodall. I am told that you are fully up to speed on this subject (since you got involved with the DoD position yesterday).

The package, in my opinion, reflects the agreement reached yesterday.

Dennis Blair is in agreement (but not in today).

Recommendation

That you release this message for transmission.

Approve *R/L* Disapprove _____

I will be available in my office until late this afternoon if you wish something else done on this action.

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