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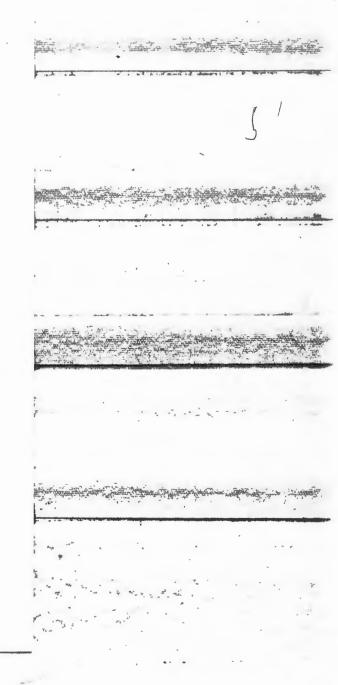
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THE ALLIANCE IS DEDICATED TO PEACE.

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WE CAN REFLECT ON THE PAST WITH PRIDE AND
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FOR US, OUR NATO PARTNERSHIP IS AN ANCHOR,
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TOMORROW I WILL LEAVE FOR EUROPE.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

May 24, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BEN ELLIOTT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Remarks

We have reviewed the following and have no comment:

-- Toast for British State Dinner

-- NATO Ministerial Dinner Toast

-- NATO Ministerial Meeting

-- Air Force Academy Commencement

cc: Dick Darman
Dave Gerson

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL



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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: NATO Dinner Toast and

Rose Garden Remarks

RECOMMENDATION

We worked the subject drafts in advance with Al Myer and I recommend that you sign the concurring memo to Elliott at Tab I.

Approve Disapprove

Jack Matlock, Don Mahley and Steve Sestanovich concur.

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Elliott

Tab A Draft Toast and Rose Garden Remarks

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL May 24, 1984

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: (1) NATO MINISTERIAL DINNER TOAST (5/23 - 1:00 p.m. draft) (2) NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

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Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

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(Myer/BE) May 23, 1984 1:00 p.m.

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I also hope that the Soviet leadership will respond positively to the range of proposals which we and our Allies have advanced in other areas of arms control. Our proposals serve the cause of peace: the draft treaty to abolish chemical weapons presented by Vice President Bush in Geneva; the recent NATO proposal seeking to break the deadlock in the conventional force talks in Vienna; and the measures introduced by NATO in Stockholm in our effort to reduce the risk of surprise attack in Europe.

Tomorrow I will leave for Europe. I am looking forward to the trip, and the opportunity to underscore the enduring importance of the political, cultural, and economic ties that bind the industrialized democracies. The meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers has reinforced my own confidence in the strength and

durability of the Alliance, and the common destiny of free societies.

And so, I want to thank all the NATO ministers. We're pleased to have had you as our guests, and proud to have you as our partners.

Thank you and God bless you all.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATO MINISTERIAL DINNER TOAST WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1984

Secretary General Luns, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it's an honor and a pleasure to welcome our NATO partners to the White House.

This evening has been a special opportunity to celebrate the unprecedented success of our enduring partnership, an Alliance dedicated to peace and freedom. Thirty-five years ago, in the troubled aftermath of a tragic conflict, twelve nations met here in Washington to sign the North Atlantic Treaty. That event was an act of realism. The member nations recognized the threat to their security and undertook to meet it together. The establishment of the North Atlantic Alliance was also an act of optimism, an affirmation of the enduring vitality of Western civilization.

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But we cannot be content with the accomplishments of the past. As we look ahead, there are compelling reasons to strengthen even further our solidarity and unity.

Our commitment to collective security will continue to be an indispensable bulwark against aggression, terrorism, and tyranny. Our unity will be the essential framework for building a constructive dialogue with our adversaries, and reducing the risks of war and the level of nuclear arms. And I know that it will be our societies, the democracies, that will offer a bright and hopeful future for our people and people everywhere.

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May 24, 1984

FOR: FILES

FROM: JUDY JOHNSTON

SUBJECT: Remarks: NATO Ministerial Dinner Toast

NATO Ministerial Meeting

Lehmann Li reviewed the attached remarks. He made one comment on p. 1 of the Toast. This was relayed to Speech Office.

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May 23, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF

COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Draft Presidential Remarks for NATO Ministerial Dinner Toast and NATO Ministerial Meeting

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced draft remarks and has no legal or other substantive objection to them.

cc: Richard G. Darman

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

PETER J. RUSTHOVEN

SUBJECT:

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Richard Darman's office asked us to provide comments directly to Ben Elliott by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 24, on the above-referenced sets of draft remarks for next week's NATO ministerial meeting in Washington. The first set of remarks will be delivered as a toast at a dinner for the NATO ministers on Wednesday, May 30, while the second set will be delivered at a meeting of the ministers the following day.

In both instances, the draft remarks contain appropriate comments about the continuing importance and resolve of the North Atlantic Alliance, while expressing continued American willingness to negotiate in good faith with the Soviet Union. In neither case do the remarks present any legal or other problem on which our office need comment.

A memorandum for Elliott, with copy to Darman, is attached for your review and signature.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE:	5/23/84	ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY:				: 3:00 p.m.	5/24/84	
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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

(Myer/BE) May 23, 1984 1:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1984

It has been an honor and a pleasure to welcome the ministers of the North Atlantic Council to the White House. And I'm so pleased that the United States is hosting this meeting because we are also celebrating the 35th anniversary of the signing, in Washington, of the North Atlantic Treaty.

Last night at dinner, and again this morning, we had the opportunity to discuss the major challenges facing the Alliance including the security and defense of the West, relations with the Soviet Union, and arms control. We all recognize that there is no more important consideration than the development of a better working relationship with the Soviet Union, one marked by greater cooperation and understanding, and leading to stable, secure, and peaceful relations. This has been, and will continue to be, a primary goal -- for the United States and the NATO Alliance.

The Alliance is dedicated to peace. And thanks to the courage and vision of our member nations and their leaders, we can reflect on the past with pride and look to the future with confidence. For us, our NATO partnership is an anchor, a fixed point in a turbulent world.

It is our sincere hope that the Soviet Union will soon come to understand the profound desire for peace which inspires us.

And I hope that the Soviet leadership will finally realize it is pointless to continue its efforts to divide the Alliance. We

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(Myer/BE) May 23, 1984 1:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATO MINISTERIAL DINNER TOAST WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1984

Secretary General Luns, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it's an honor and a pleasure to welcome our NATO partners to the White House.

This evening has been a special opportunity to celebrate the unprecedented success of our enduring partnership, an Alliance dedicated to peace and freedom. Thirty-five years ago, in the troubled aftermath of a tragic conflict, twelve nations met here in Washington to sign the North Atlantic Treaty. That event was an act of realism. The member nations recognized the threat to their security and undertook to meet it together. The establishment of the North Atlantic Alliance was also an act of optimism, an affirmation of the enduring vitality of Western civilization.

Thirty-five years of peace with freedom testify to the wisdom and foresight of those nations, and of the four other nations who have since joined NATO. Although the founders could not have foreseen the dramatic changes that have taken place since 1949, their vision was right on the mark. By uniting Europe and North America, NATO has made possible the longest period of peace and prosperity in modern history. And today, our proud Alliance remains united in its commitment to the defense of democracy and individual liberty.

But we cannot be content with the accomplishments of the past. As we look ahead, there are compelling reasons to strengthen even further our solidarity and unity.

Our commitment to collective security will continue to be an indispensable bulwark against aggression, terrorism, and tyranny. Our unity will be the essential framework for building a constructive dialogue with our adversaries, and reducing the risks of war and the level of nuclear arms. And I know that it will be our societies, the democracies, that will offer a bright and hopeful future for our people and people everywhere.

We can be confident. The events of the past year challenged us, and the Western democracies stood firm in the face of an intense Soviet campaign of intimidation aimed at undermining NATO's commitment to defend Europe and preserve peace. And today, we are stronger and more conscious of our unity.

And that's of crucial importance, because when the Soviet Union becomes convinced that NATO cannot be shaken, it may finally realize it has a clear and compelling interest to return to the negotiating table. We will be waiting, ready to meet them half way.

Tonight is more than the celebration of an anniversary. It is also an opportunity to recognize the special contributions of our Secretary General.

Joseph Luns is a distinguished diplomat and a man of many virtues. First as the Dutch Foreign Minister, and then at NATO's helm, he has been at the center of the transatlantic bridge for nearly 30 years. His vision, his humor, and his patience have

sustained us in good times, and bad. As Secretary General, he has never lost sight of the goals and objectives of our Alliance. Peace has been his profession.

You have been a trusted friend, an honest broker, a respected colleague, and, above all, an invaluable leader of the Atlantic Alliance.

Joseph, you have said that the state of our Alliance is like Wagner's music -- better than it sounds. Well, I must tell you that, thanks largely to your efforts, I rather like the way the Alliance sounds. And I hope that, even in retirement, you will still watch over our partnership, and that you will not hesitate to share your counsel with us.

Ladies and gentlemen, in recognition of Joseph Luns' uncommon dedication to the ideals of our Alliance, and in tribute to his outstanding service and enduring contributions to our freedom and security, it is my great privilege to bestow America's highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom, on Secretary General Luns. But before I invite him to receive the Medal, I ask that you raise your glasses and join me in a toast to Secretary General Joseph Luns, and to the organization he has faithfully served and so ably guided.