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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 18, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR HOWARD BAKER

FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM:

DAVID M. ABSHIRE

SUBJECT:

Roosevelt Room Briefing with Lord Carrington,

April 2, 1987, II:00 a.m.

10:30

As discussed in the staff meeting of March 16, I believe the visit of Lord Carrington to Washington from March 31-April 2 offers a unique opportunity to build on the President's outreach program by focusing on the topic "Better Return on the Dollar for NATO Defense," and it could highlight a strong partnership with the Hill. There is already a broad consensus in the U.S. (in both Executive and Legislative branches) and allied governments on the need to secure more efficient utilization of resources to build a credible conventional defense.

To head off unwelcome "corrective" legislation focused on the alliance being drafted by some members for the FY 1988 Defense Budget mark-ups, we must take every opportunity to demonstrate the need for cooperation, strength and commitment for resolving the critical deficiencies in NATO, as part of the overall Conventional Defense Improvements, by focusing on the solutions rather than the problems.

As a result of a Nunn amendment on cooperative research and development with NATO allies, this year there may well be as many as a dozen Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) signed in cooperative ventures with Alliance nations. This is a historic first in the Alliance, and will have a profound impact on NATO's conventional defense as well as better return on taxpayers' defense investment in all Alliance nations. This amendment has been a model of partnership between the U.S. Mission to NATO, the North Atlantic Council, the Department of Defense, and Capitol Hill, with special Senate leadership from Sam Nunn, John Warner, and Ted Stevens.

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The proposed invitees to the Roosevelt Room session have been either co-sponsors or leaders in this legislation in the Authorizing and Appropriating Committees. This partnership approach is the best antidote to trends towards defense protectionism on both sides of the Atlantic as well as troop withdrawals. The political framework at NATO for this partnership venture has been in the newly created reinforced North Atlantic Council meetings of Deputy Defense Ministers, including the French, the first such use of the Council since 1950. Our representative at these meetings has been Will Taft.

Lord Carrington has definitely taken a very visible posture and is concerned about the continuing joint Administration/Congressional support for the program. The collapse of this program could well pave the way toward a resurgence of troop withdrawal amendments as well as defense trade wars of military exports, with a weakening of political as well as military cohesion within the Alliance. This meeting can send a signal of strong Presidential leadership to Europe as well as to the Congress as to an impartial new initiative which has occurred during the Reagan Administration.

#### Recommendation

The President will meet with Lord Carrington on the morning of April 2. Following that meeting, I recommend the President and Lord Carrington adjourn to the Roosevelt Room to meet with key members of Congress.

#### Roosevelt Room Scenario

#### Participants:

The President would open the meeting in the Roosevelt Room and introduce Lord Carrington followed by Will Taft providing an overview relating to his role in the reinforced North Atlantic Council (NAC). Senator Nunn could follow with his views and expectations for alliance cooperation. Other co-sponsors of the legislation in attendance are listed at Tab 1. Other participants could be invited as appropriate.

#### Media Coverage:

This should be viewed as a media event in order to maximize the benefits that would appeal both to the Legislative Branch and also to the American and European publics.

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I have sounded out both Senator Nunn and Will Taft informally on their participation in a program as outlined above. Both are available and concur about the benefits of such an exercise. Lord Carrington's schedule is attached at Tab 2.

Attachments: a/s

- 1. Other Possible Participants
- 2. Lord Carrington Schedule

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#### Senate

Senator Sam Nunn Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee Member, Intelligence Committee

Senator John Warner Ranking Member, Senate Armed Services Committee Member, Intelligence Committee

Senator Dan Quayle Senate Armed Services Committee

Senator John Glenn Senate Armed Services Committee

Senator William V. Roth Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Member, Intelligence Committee

Senator Ted Stevens Senate Appropriations Committee

Senator James A. McClure Senate Appropriations Committee

#### House

Representative Les Aspin House Armed Services Committee

Representative Bill Chappel, Jr. House Appropriations Committee

Representative Joseph M. McDade House Appropriations Committee

Representative Norman D. Dicks House Appropriations Committee

Representative Charles E. Bennett House Armed Services Committee

#### WORKING SCHEDULE FOR NATO SYG LORD CARRINGTON

### Tuesday, March 31:

11:15 a.m. Arrive Washington [Dulles], BA flt 189 Transfer to Watergate Hotel 2650 Virginia Avenue, N.W. Suite 916 (965-2300) Participants: Lord Carrington Lady Carrington David Brighty William McCahill Jane Pearey Edwin Nolan (EUR/RPM) 2:30 p.m.-Meeting with Senator Quayle 3:00 p.m. Meeting with Senator Roth 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (Room 104, Hart Senate Office Bldg.) Meeting with Assistant Secretary Ridgway 4:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.-(Room 6226, New State) Participants: Assistant Secretary Ridgway Lord Carrington Ambassador Keel David Brighty, Chef du Cabinet William McCahill, Deputy Chef du Cabinet Charles H. Thomas Ray Caldwell (EUR/RPM) Dinner hosted by the Atlantic Council for 7:00 p.m.-SYG Carrington and selected Chief Executive 10:00 p.m. Officers City Tavern Club, 3206 M. Street N.W. Wednesday, April 1: Interview on "Good Morning America" 6:45 a.m.-(Approx.) 1715 DeSales Str., N.W. 10:00 a.m.-Lord Carrington to address Foreign Service Institute seminar "NATO in 1990: A Look 11:00 a.m. Ahead" [about 15 minutes of remarks followed by O & A, off-the-record].

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Private Meeting with Secretary Shultz 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Participants: The Secretary Lord Carrington Ambassador Ridgway Ambassador Keel David Brighty, Chef du Cabinet Ray Caldwell (EUR/RPM) 12:00 p.m.-Working Luncheon hosted by the Secretary 1:15 p.m. Meeting with Senator Richard Lugar 2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Participants: Senator Lugar Lord Carrington Ambassador Keel David Brighty, Chef du Cabinet William McCahill, Deputy Chef du Cabinet Edwin Nolan (EUR/RPM) 3:30 p.m.-Meeting with National Security Advisor 4:00 p.m. Carlucci Participants: Mr. Carlucci Lord Carrington Ambassador Keel David Brighty, Chef du Cabinet William McCahill, Deputy Chef du Cabinet George Ward (EUR/RPM) 6:30 p.m.-Working dinner hosted by the Vice 9:00 p.m. President at the Alibi Club 1806 I Street, N.W. (298-7788) [approximately 20 quests to be determined] Thursday, April 2: 9:00 a.m. -Breakfast hosted by Congressman Dante Fascell with the House Foreign Affairs Committee 10:30 a.m. Rm. 2200 Rayburn House Office Building 10:00 a.m. - Call on the President 10:15 a.m. Participants: The President Lord Carrington Ambassador Keel Mr. Carlucci Mr. Brighty Mr. McCahill Ray Caldwell (EUR/RPM)

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(DOD Schedule is Tentative)

11:45 a.m.- Private Meeting with Secretary Weinberger 2:00 p.m. Followed by luncheon hosted by Secretary

. Weinberger

2:00 p.m.- Meeting with Undersecretary of Defense 2:30 p.m. Ikle

Participants: Undersecretary Ikle

Lord Carrington
 Ambassador Keel

David Brighty, Chef du Cabinet

William McCahill, Deputy Chef du Cabinet

. Edwin Nolan (EUR/RPM)

2:30 p.m.- Meeting with Assistant Secretary of Defense 3:15 p.m. Perle

Participants: Assistant Secretary Perle

Deputy Assistant Secretary Gaffney

Lord Carrington
Ambassador Keel

David Brighty, Chef du Cabinet

William McCahill, Deputy Chef du Cabinet

Edwin Nolan (EUR/RPM)

3:15 p.m.- Meeting with Lt. Gen. Abrahamson 4:15 p.m.

Participants: Lt. Gen. Abrahamson

. Lord Carrington Ambassador Keel

David Brighty, Chef du Cabinet

. William McCahill, Deputy Chef du Cabinet

Edwin Nolan (EUR/RPM)

5:45 p.m.- Interview on MacNeil/Lehrer Report

6:30 p.m. (approx. 20 minute interview)

Evening Free

Friday, April 3:

9:25 a.m.- Depart from National Airport for Atlanta (Delta 705)

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#### March 31:

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3:15 p.m.- Meeting with Ambassador Nitze (Room

4:00 p.m. 7509, New State)

Participants: Ambassdor Nitze

. Lord Carrington

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. William McCahill, Deputy Chef du Cabinet

Edwin Nolan (EUR/RPM)

#### April 1:

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Meeting with Ambassador Abshire (Rm. 451

3:00 p.m.- Meeti 3:30 p.m. OEOB)

Participants: Ambassador Abshire

Lord Carrington

. David Brighty, Chef du Cabinet

. William McCahill, Deputy Chef du Cabinet

. Edwin Nolan (EUR/RPM)

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#### WASHINGTON

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#### ${\tt MEMORANDUM}$

TO:

FRANK CARLUCCI

FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. 79

SUBJECT:

APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING:

Meeting with Co-Sponsors of NATO Cooperation

Legislation

DATE:

April 2, 1987

TIME:

10:20 am

DURATION:

20 minutes

LOCATION:

Roosevelt Room

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY

PARTICIPATION: No

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Meeting with Lord Carrington, Secretary General of NATO

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10:00 am

DURATION:

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Oval Office

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REMARKS REQUIRED: To be covered in briefing paper

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director

Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN

REQUEST: Meeting with Lord Carrington, Secretary

General of NATO

PURPOSE: To consult with a key international leader.

BACKGROUND: Lord Carrington will be in Washington on one

of his regular consultation visits. He is a key partner in marshalling Alliance support

for the President's efforts to improve East-West relations. A meeting with

Carrington would demonstrate the President's personal commitment to Alliance consultations

during an important period in East-West

relations.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION: September 1986 and April 1985

DATE & TIME: March 31, April 1 or 2; 15 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President, the Vice President, Secretary

Shultz, Secretary Weinberger, Don Regan,

Frank Carlucci and Lord Carrington

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Photo op, followed by brief discussion

REMARKS REQUIRED: NSC will prepare briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: Pool photo opportunity

RECOMMENDED BY: Secretary Shultz and NSC

OPPOSED BY: None

Attachment

Tab A State's recommendation

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#### United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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February 7, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Presidential Meeting with NATO SYG Carrington

NATO Secretary General Peter Carrington will be in Washington from March 31-April 2 and would like to meet with the President. Carrington believes that a meeting would demonstrate the U.S. commitment to Alliance consultations during a sensitive period in East-West relations.

Lord Carrington has played a key role in managing Alliance consultations at the ministerial level and marshalling support for the President's efforts to build a better basis for improved U.S.-Soviet relations. His continued support is especially valuable given recent Soviet attempts at high-level contacts with our Allies and Moscow's continued public diplomacy campaign on such issues as nuclear testing.

The Department strongly supports this request for a brief meeting with Carrington. A meeting would be an opportunity to update NATO on the outlook for U.S.-Soviet relations and arms control and would also demonstrate the President's commitment to increased dialogue within the Alliance.

Nicholas Platt Executive Secretary

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MEETING:

Meeting with Lord Carrington, Secretary General of NATO

DATE:

April 2, 1987

TIME:

10:00 am

DURATION:

15 minutes

LOCATION:

Oval Office

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be covered in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

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- Senators Nunn, Warner and other Members here today have been either co-sponsors of leaders in promoting this important legislation in the Authorizing and Appropriating Committees. This partnership approach is the best antidote to trends towards defense protectionism on both sides of the Atlantic as well as troop withdrawal amendments.
- The international political framework NATO has set up for stimulating progress in this partnership venture has been remarkable. The newly created reinforced North Atlantic Council meetings of Deputy Defense Ministers includes the French, the first such use of the Council since 1950. This is a very constructive way to encourage closer French cooperation on Defense issues.
- -- This framework has also been a challenge and a stimulant for Europeans to get their house in order, and to eliminate costly weapons duplications.

Our representative at these NATO meetings, Will Taft, is here with us and I impletted will have some remarks later.

I am grateful that Lord Carrington has taken personal leadership in this area at NATO and, like him. I am anxious for continued Congressional support for the program. I am sure Lord Carrington will also wish to sav a few words.

- -- In sum, we have an excellent model here of both international and bipartisan domestic cooperation aimed at improving our common security.
- -- I deeply appreciate the wisdom and energy of all the parties who have made it work -- many of whom are gathered here today. We would appreciate hearing your views on where we should go next.
- -- Unfortunately, I can not stav, but I would like to turn the meeting over to my National Security Advisor, Frank Carlucci.

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# PROPOSED TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRESIDENT CABINET ROOM MEETING 10:20 A.M., APRIL 2, 1987

-- Good Mon Wind Evenyone Ladies and Contlemen, Members of Congress:

- Lord Carrington and I just had substantial discussions about the vitality of the Alliance. One element of that vitality is armaments cooperation.
- co-development program at an initial funding level of \$200 million has opened up new opportunities of benefit to everyone especially to taxpavers for a better return on their "defense dollar."
- This endeavor is helping to improve NATO's conventional defense as we move forward in our negotiations on equitable, stabilizing and verifiable reduction of nuclear weapons.

  Also it will help our force efficiency when we begin negotiations with the Warsaw Pact for more stable

-- As a result of the Nunn/Roth/Warner amendment in the Senate there may well be as many as a dozen Memoranda of Gally Control of Understanding signed in cooperative ventures with Alliance

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

NSC - Mr. Rodney McDaniel OSD - Col. James F. Lemon

ACDA - Mr. William Staples

SUBJECT:

Op-Ed Promoting Advanced Conventional Defenses

Attached is a draft of an Op-Ed by Ambassador Rowny.

Please provide comments and clearance to Jim Lico S/ART: 647-4153, by COB Tuesday, December 2, 1986.

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Conventional Defense Improvements initiative, CDI. NATO's
CDI addresses the whole spectrum of possibilities for enhancing
the effectiveness of Western conventional defenses. CDI is
already making considerable progress in areas like force
planning, sustainability, and modernization. My own plea is
for a special emphasis on a NATO forte: advanced technologies.

SDI, the Strategic Defense Initiative, holds out the promise of a saner, more stable world, and has brought the Soviets back to the table to negotiate real reductions in strategic offensive weapons. But moreover, the remarkable technological progress being made under SDI holds the promise of someday being able to move to a defense-oriented strategic deterrent. Rapid advances in conventional defense technology could offer unprecedented opportunities to improve defenses against non-nuclear weapons.

The US offer to do away with all US and Soviet ballistic missiles by 1996 has raised some important questions by some Western European leaders. They may fear that the American nuclear guarantee of European security could be degraded before the imbalance in conventional weapons that now exists between NATO and the Warsaw Pact has been rectified, and before our goal of a ban on chemical weapons has been achieved. If this were to happen, Europe would return to the days of insecurity as in the late 1940s when the fear of Soviet

conventional superiority was not countered by the presence of American nuclear forces. But, precisely out of this concern, the United States has not agreed to a timetable for the elimination of all nuclear weapons, in part because of the current climate of East-West relations and because of the non-nuclear force imbalance.

This is where a vigorous CDI fits into the picture.

Through the development of more capable conventional defenses,

CDI can help NATO increase its ability to deter an attack by

Warsaw Pact conventional forces with its own conventional

weapons, thus decreasing NATO's reliance on nuclear weapons.

In particular, technologically superior defensive conventional

weapons, properly integrated into the strategy of Flexible

Response, can help provide NATO a counter to the superior

numbers of weapons and men under arms in the Warsaw Pact.

The potential spin-offs of the SDI program for conventional defenses are formidable. Much of the dynamically expanding SDI technology may be readily transferable from the strategic defense to the conventional defense field. Smaller and faster computers, gallium arsenide replacements for silicon computer chips, parallel processing, and improvements in optics are among the many major advances made by SDI so far. Spin-offs based on these technologies offer better surveillance capabilities, more accurate anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons, and "smarter" munitions. All of these are areas

where improvement in conventional defense technologies are possible and likely. Additional ways to improve conventional defenses lie waiting to be uncovered.

The Warsaw Pact today enjoys a numerical superiority over NATO in several key categories of conventional weaponry. But the resultant imbalance need not be permanent. Our superior technological skills can provide part of the answer. Just as the Soviets want to prevent the full application of Western technological prowess to strategic defenses, they also have good reason to respect our ability to exploit technology in conventional defenses. Marshal Ogarkov, the highly respected Soviet military thinker, has recognized that emerging technologies will change the way war could be fought in the future. Concerned about the West's technological edge, he has repeatedly called for improvements in the conventional weapons of the Soviet armed forces. But Soviet leaders know that the free exchange of ideas, and the mobility of capital and skilled labor in the industrialized free world make it quite difficult for the Soviets to compete with us in the application of technology. Nevertheless, the Soviets recognize the importance of the "qualitative dimension" of the conventional weapons competition, as evidenced by their continuing efforts to aquire our applicable technology by hook or by crook.

NATO does not need to match the Warsaw Pact tank for tank or man for man in order to maintain an adequate conventional

deterrent. Clausewitz, and all military strategists since, have recognized that defense does not require the superiority of forces that is required for attack. However, for defenses to be effective, they must exist both in the necessary quantity and quality of forces deployed to meet the threat.

A new focus on Conventional Defense Improvements on the part of NATO holds out the promise of substantially improving NATO's conventional defenses. Western Europe has a stock of ideas and technological advances for conventional defensive weaponry that could be joined with those of the United States. A coordinated, highly effective cooperative effort could revolutionize the effectiveness of conventional defenses. Without needing to add significant manpower -- the most expensive component of Western armed forces -- CDI could help NATO to bring the current Warsaw Pact conventional weapons imbalance into balance.

If we are truly serious about decreasing our reliance on nuclear weapons <u>and</u> about defending our free, democratic way of life, it is imperative that we and our Allies take up this challenge -- and move toward a deterrent that exploits the promise of the Conventional Defense Improvements initiative.

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