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July 25, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER *PS*

SUBJECT:

Your Meeting With Mrs. Thatcher: July 26,
6:45 p.m.

You are scheduled to meet with Mrs. Thatcher at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, July 26 at Ambassador Wright's residence. It is not clear if Ambassador Wright will join her at the meeting; like you she prefers small meetings with a preference for a tête-à-tête.

The British Embassy believes she will wish to focus on East-West relations, the President's meeting with Gorbachev, and SDI. It is your call on how to address East-West relations and the Gorbachev meeting.

Bob Linhard has sent you a separate System II paper on SDI in which he recommends that you urge her to begin cooperation through a number of "pathfinder proposals" before implementation of the overarching agreement that Heseltine proposed. Bob is sending you an updated briefing paper which will take account of Heseltine's meetings in Washington and propose a strategy for handling his suggestions with Mrs. Thatcher. Bob also plans on giving you a read-out of her sessions with the Vice President, Secretary Weinberger and General Abrahamson. As a side note, the British are reportedly pleased with our recent public presentations on SDI -- the Fact Sheet, the Vice President's public statements in Europe and Nitze's speech.

She reportedly plans to raise Southern Africa and terrorism in her 3:00 p.m. meeting with the Vice President, but not with you. She apparently will be raising in every meeting U.S. Army procurement of the Mobile Subscriber Equipment (MSE) system. As you will recall, a British and French firm are in stiff competition over an Army contract for a new field communication system that is significantly more mobile and secure than the Army's existing system. She may suggest that the weak pound has significantly increased the cost of purchasing Trident and it would be a big boost if the U.S. made a major British purchase.

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Jackie Tillman has asked that you discuss arms sales to Argentina with Mrs. Thatcher. Mrs. Thatcher has reacted very negatively to any suggestion of U.S. plans to reopen an arms relationship with Argentina. You will want to emphasize the President's commitment to consult prior to any proposed major sale and offer assurances that in rebuilding a security relationship with Argentina that we will not provide weapons which would significantly increase the threat to the Falklands. The British are particularly adamant against A-4s or F-5s for Argentina. Weinberger may suggest a U.S.-UK experts meeting on what weapons may be acceptable. Jackie asks that you give this meeting a plug.

RECOMMENDATION

That you draw on the above in preparing for your meeting with Mrs. Thatcher.

Approve

Disapprove

Jack MacLlock, Bob Minhard and Jackie Tillman concur.

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