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Tab I
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October 18, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK

SUBJECT: Proposed NSDD on Geneva Themes and Perceptions

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to the President forwarding a draft NSDD (Tab A) on public themes and perceptions for the November meeting with Gorbachev. The President has already approved the themes and perceptions.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Draft NSDD

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PERCEPTIONS OF THE GENEVA MEETING

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADDRESSEES OF
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The enclosed 2-page attachment was omitted from the NSDD which you were sent earlier. Please add this enclosure to the NSDD, SY2 #91078.

Thank you.

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BT Merchant
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October 23, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE SIGNED

SUBJECT: NSDD on Themes and Perceptions for the Gorbachev Meetings

Issue

Whether to approve the proposed NSDD at Tab A.

Facts

You recently reviewed and approved a package offering our current thinking on how best to approach the November meetings with Gorbachev. We believe it will be useful to distribute the themes and perceptions portions of that package as guidelines for use in public discussion of the Geneva meetings.

Discussion

The Soviets have waged a major propaganda campaign to focus public attention in the run-up to Geneva on questions of arms control, particularly our strategic defense initiative. We consider it important that key government agencies understand clearly our own approach to the meetings and that this understanding be reflected in public discussion of Geneva.

Recommendation

OK	No	
✓	____	That you approve the attached NSDD informing key government offices of our approach to the Geneva meetings.

Attachment:

Tab A Proposed NSDD

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October 28, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
THE DIRECTOR OF U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY

SUBJECT: NSDD on Themes and Perceptions for November Meeting with Gorbachev (S)

The President has approved the attached National Security Decision Directive on his November meeting with Gorbachev in Geneva. The themes and perceptions put forward in the NSDD are meant for public use, and agencies are encouraged to draw from them in discussing our approach to the Geneva sessions. At the same time, the themes and perceptions papers themselves are not meant for public distribution and should be treated as sensitive material. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

for Robert C. McFarlane

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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION
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October 25, 1985

MEETING WITH SOVIET LEADER IN GENEVA:
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ROAD TO GENEVA AND BEYOND

Themes and Perceptions for Public Presentation

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DEPT FOR THE SECRETARY AND DAUL NITZE;
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FROM AMBASSADOR RABB

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PARM, NATO, US, UR
SUBJECT: THE GENEVA SUMMIT -- CONTEST FOR MINDS

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. IN A MESSAGE I SENT A MONTH AGO TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, I SAID I WAS WORRIED ABOUT OUR PERFORMANCE IN THE COMPETITION FOR EUROPEAN MINDS REGARDING ARMS CONTROL. I SAID THAT WHEN I HEARD THAT PRIME MINISTER CRAXI FEELS THAT WHEREAS ONCE IT WAS THE RUSSIANS WHO

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SAID "NYET" TO EVERYTHING, NOW IT IS THEY WHO SEEM IMAGINATIVE AND WE ARE FORCED INTO REPETITIVE NEGATIVENESS; WHEN I READ THAT PARTICIPANTS IN THE SCG FEEL ALLIED DUBLICS SEE THE U.S. ARMS CONTROL POSITIONS AS BEING DEFENSIVE AND LACKING "SEX APPEAL" IN THE LIGHT OF SOVIET PR EFFORTS; WHEN, IN OTHER WORDS, OUR BEST INFORMED ALLIES FELT WE ARE LOSING THE PROPAGANDA INITIATIVE, I CONCLUDED THERE IS SOMETHING VERY WRONG AND DANGEROUS GOING ON.

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3. THE LAST MONTH HAS NOT CHANGED MY ATTITUDE. I HAVE TO SAY THAT EVEN THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH LAST WEEK TO THE UN, WELL WRITTEN AND ADMIRABLY DELIVERED, RAISING REAL AND SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS, DID NOT ACHIEVE A BREAKTHROUGH WITH ITALIAN -- AND I WOULD JUDGE, EUROPEAN -- OPINION.

4. LET ME SUGGEST THAT THE PROBLEM STEMS FROM A AUNDAMENTAL CONFUSION BETWEEN THE AIMS AND METHODS OF INTERNAL POLICY FORMULATION, AND OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY. THE TWO APPROACHES CANNOT, I THINK BE CAST FROM THE SAME MOLD.

5. I UNDERSTAND, AND APPLAUD, THE EFFORTS THAT ARE GOING ON TO DEVELOP A SOUND, THOUGHT-OUT POSITION FOR ARMS REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS IN THE SHORT-TO-MEDIUM TERM. BUT WHILE OUR ATTENTION IS FOCUSSED ON THIS, THE RUSSIANS ARE MAKING THE RUNNING WITH PUBLIC OOINION, AT LEAST IN ITALY, EVEN IF THEY ARE RECYCLING OLD, AND IMPLAUSIBLE, PROPOSALS.

6. WE CAN, I THINK, LEARN A LITTLE FROM THEM, AND A LOT FROM RECALLING PRESIDENT REAGAN'S BASIC APPROACH

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TO THESE ISSUES. RATHER THAN GET CAUGHT WITHOUT A CLEAR AND POSITIVE ANSWER TO THEIR 50 PERCENT REDUCTION PROPOSAL, WE SHOULD RESTATE WHAT OUR NATIONAL GOAL IS -- TO ACHIEVE A WORLD TOTALLY FREE FROM NUCLEAR WEAPONS. TO THE MASS OF THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD, CERTAINLY OF ITALY, A VISION OF A NUCLEAR-FREE FUTURE WOULD BE MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN MUTUAL ASSURED DESTRUCTION, OR OTHER THEORIES OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE.

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7. I SUGGEST THAT THE PRESIDENT, RATHER THAN NOLLOW THE CAUTIOUS LINE THAT UP TO NOW SEEMS THE WATCHWORD, TELL THE WORLD THAT THE NOVEMBER SUMMIT WITH GORBACHEV REPRESENTS AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A BOLD STEP. WHILE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THE U.S. IS OPEN TO NEGOTIATION ON ANY REASONABLE BASIS, HE COULD SUGGEST THAT GORBACHEV AGREE TO A POLICY OF COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND WORK WITH US FOR ADOPTION OF THE SAME OBJECTIVE BY OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS.

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8. THERE IS ONE SSECIFIC THAT MIGHT BE ADDRESSED IN DEVELOOING THIS GOAL OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-FREE FUTURE: VERIFICATION. I THINK THAT IF WE WERE TO SUGGEST THAT THIS BE CARRIED OUT, NOT JUST BY THE TWO SUPERPOWERS, BUT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE NATO AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, WE COULD EXACERBATE THE PROBLEM THAT MOSCOW MAY ALREADY HAVE WITH MANY OF ITS SATELLITES, THE PROBLEM OF THEIR CURRENT ABSOLUTE EXCLUSION FROM DECISION-MAKING IN THESE MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH -- AN EXCLUSION WHICH, I SUSPECT, RANKLES.

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9. I KNOW THERE ARE MANY OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPROACH, STARTING WITH THE EACT THAT THE USSR WILL NOT ACCEPT IT. THAT DOES NOT BOTHER ME. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN

THE ATTRACTIVE GOAL FOR THE FUTURE THE ERESIDENT COULD OFFER AND THE LACK OF ANY COMPETING VISION ON THE EART OF THE SOVIETS, COULD REVERSE THE TIDE OF THE WAR FOR PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT.

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1Ø. THIS IS THE EOSITIVE POINT I WOULD MAKE -- SEIZE

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THE PROPAGANDA INITIATIVE BY RESTATING THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR A NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-FREE WORLD, NOW.

11. OBVIOUSLY WW WOULD HAVE TO BE PREPARED WITH ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS BOUND TO BE PROVOKED BY A CALL FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD. THE FACT THAT SOME COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE U.S. AND THE USSR NOW HAVE, AND OTHERS COULD ACQUIRE, NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH, PRESUMABLY BY A COMBINATION OF ENCOURAGEMENT, BY EXAM-

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PLE OR COERCION, FOR THEM TO FOLLOW SUIT. THIS PROBLEM MIGHT ALSO BE A JUSTIFICATION FOR RETAINING SOME DEFENSES AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS EVEN IF THE GREAT TOWERS ABANDON THEM.

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12. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THE IMBALANCE IN CONVENTIONAL STRENGTH BETWEEN EAST AND WEST WHICH WOULD BE UNMASKED, AND BECOME MUCH MORE SIGNIFICANT, IF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE TO BE ABANDONED. IT SEEMS CLEAR TO ME THAT ONE CAUSE OF THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE WEST TO DEVELOP ADEQUATE CONVENTIONAL DEFENSES HAS BEEN THE SENSE OF SECURITY CREATED BY THE EXISTENCE OF A NUCLEAR ARSENAL, AND BY THE POSSIBILITY OF DETERRENCE OF WAR THAT ARSENAL CREATES. I WOULD ARGUE THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE WEST WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE OF CONVENTIONAL SECURITY IF THEY BOUGHT WITH IT SECURITY FROM A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST.

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13. BUT, TO CONCLUDE, I DO NOT EXPECT A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD TO SPRING FULL-BLOWN FROM NEXT MONTH'S MEETING IN GENEVA. MY CONCERN IS THAT THE PRESIDENT ENTER THAT MEETING ON EQUAL -- OR BETTER -- TERMS WITH GORBACHEV. AN APPEAL FOR AN END TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS SEEMS TO ME A WAY TO APPEAL TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, AND TO TRUMP GORBACHEV. THIS IDEA IS THE PRODUCT OF MY ANGUISH OVER THE WAY THE PROPAGANDA BATTLE HAS BEEN GOING, AND OF MY CONFIDENCE THAT, GIVEN SUCH A AROPOSAL, THE PRESIDENT CAN SELL IT LIKE NO ONE ELSE IN THE WORLD. TIME IS SHORT, HOWEVER -- AND THAT IS WHY I AM DIRECTING THIS MESSAGE TO YOU.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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October 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL POINDEXTER

FROM: BAERBEL HOUCK

SUBJECT: Interview Requests for Paul Nitze

Karna asks if -- in Mr. McFarlane's absence -- you would okay the following appearances by Paul Nitze:

ABC evening news regarding Geneva meeting _____

CBS evening news regarding Geneva meeting _____

NBC evening news regarding Geneva meeting _____

Christian Broadcast Network, 15-minute taped interview on "History of Past Summits" -- to be broadcast November 11 _____

Overseas Writers Club wants Nitze to speak to them prior to the summit on "Long-range Strategy and on Issues Relating to the Summit" _____

Ambassador Nitze is very much inclined to do all of these, unless he hears from us otherwise. Also, his staff says he would welcome any points we would like for him to get across. We will work with Steve Steiner on this.

These are ok with me but you should coordinate with Karna in NY so we don't interfere with anything they have planned there. Also Nitze should be given an advance copy of NSDD President signed on Geneva. See Bill Martin.

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October 25, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: AMBASSADOR PAUL NITZE
SPECIAL ADVISOR FOR ARMS CONTROL
ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Draft NSDD on Geneva Summit (S)

Attached for your information, per Admiral Poindexter's request is an advance copy of the proposed NSDD on the President's Geneva meeting with Gorbachev. This NSDD has been signed but not yet issued and must be closely held. (S)

This NSDD is for your background use preceding your interviews with ABC, CBS, NBC, the Christian Broadcast Network and the Overseas Writers Club. All of these interview have been approved. (C)

William F. Martin
Executive Secretary

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Themes and Perceptions for Public Presentation

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Leading from Strength

The President's hand is strong: he has reversed the decline in American strength and has a robust economy, a united public and strong alliances behind him. He is able to defend us whatever the Soviets do. But he wants more: he wants to lower arms levels, reduce tensions and create a more cooperative relationship with the USSR.

Promoting Democratic Ideals

The President will speak out for democracy, freedom, justice and decency everywhere since these values are the surest foundation of a just and peaceful world in the future. He does not attempt to impose our political or economic system on others, but will insist that the Soviet Union also refrain from attempts to dominate others.

Probing Soviet Intentions

We can have a more cooperative relationship with the Soviet Union only if the Soviet leaders also want it. The Geneva meeting will determine whether there has been a change in Soviet policy or only in Soviet style.

Realistic but Determined Effort

The President is preparing seriously for the meeting in Geneva. He has no illusions about the profound differencies in our philosophies and societies but will go the extra mile for enduring peace and a safer world. He will bring creative and ambitious ideas to the meeting. His efforts will not end when the Geneva meeting is over. He is in this for the long haul.

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