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SUBJECT: Working with Europe

If the U.S. and Western Europe worked together, through our coordinated political and economic efforts we could do a great deal in the world towards stopping proliferation, reducing weapons of mass destruction and contributing to peace and stability—to the great benefit of all our people and, indeed, all the people of the world.

The fact that the U.S. and Europe are not in a cooperative mode today weakens us all. Europe, under the lead of France, seems often to want to be positioned away from us and toward an Iraq, a China etc. The effect is to weaken what we are trying to achieve politically and diplomatically, and leads to less success in countering proliferation and in stopping WMD and greater risk that the U.S. will end up having to use kinetic activity rather than diplomacy to achieve goals all our people will benefit from.

Let's talk about this.

Thanks.

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