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ACTION

February 4, 1986

MEMORANDUM TO JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: *Bill* BILL WRIGHT/*Bob* BOB LINHARD

SUBJECT: Letter to Allied Heads of State on Responding to Gorbachev

With the departure of the Rowny/Linhard and Nitze/Lehman parties to consult in Asian and European capitals tomorrow pursuant to NSDD-210 (Tab A), it is appropriate to send a Presidential letter to Allies to foreshadow the President's proposed response and facilitate the discussions with the Ambassadors in capitals. This was the next step in our consultation plan.

Since the NSDD has been given very limited distribution, we have crafted the proposed letter (Tab B) to cover the subject in more generalized language, in order to orient their thinking, but leaving the strict handling of the decision up to the Presidential teams. The initial cut of the letter came from State without knowledge of the decision. It has been modified accordingly, but not coordinated in its present form with any agency. We recommend that you seek the President's approval of the text of the letter. If he approves the text, we will have State send it electronically as "White House Text" (no signed original to follow) on Wednesday.

As a related matter, Chancellor Kohl has written the President (Tab C) with his views on the Gorbachev proposals. We understand you have already discussed this input with him. Our review of the correspondence reveals nothing inconsistent with the President's decision; we have acknowledged receipt in the tailored version of the letter for Bonn.

Recommendation

That you obtain Presidential approval to send the draft letter at Tab B to Allied Heads of State providing his views on a response to Gorbachev.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Concurrence: *DM* Don Mahley and *Notamir* Peter Sommer

Attachments

- Tab A NSDD-210 (TS)
- Tab B Proposed Presidential Letter
- Tab C Chancellor Kohl's Letter

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