

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 28, 1977

18

TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE

XX 7118

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI ✓

FROM: WILLIAM ODOM WO

SUBJECT: Your Monday Meeting With Harold Brown

The following items in my area are on Harold Brown's agenda:

Revised SIOP format. The example General Jones showed you enroute to SAC last Saturday is very close to the version that Harold Brown will bring for discussion on Monday. If I can get a copy for you in advance, I shall do so.

Counter-Terrorism. You are already aware of the plan to send a DOD team to study Colonel Weggener's operation. And you know of Warren Christopher's "Senior Advisory Group" at State and the plan for me and Heyward Isham to go to Bonn.

As you perhaps know now, DOD does have troops and staff support earmarked and trained for counter-terror operations. We also have a limited but effective capability for locating nuclear explosive devices.

Precisely what aspect of these matters Harold Brown will choose to emphasize is unclear but I personally sense a danger in expecting to find a panacea in the German counter-terror techniques. The so-called flash grenades apparently blinded the commandos as well as the terrorists. Enticing the terrorist to come to the same location, near the cockpit first, before the assault was the key to their success.

LNOs/RNOs. Reportedly this will be a discussion of the briefing paper at Tab I, the one you took on the SAC trip. I am doing a separate memo for you on LNOs/RNOs, based on, among other things, a discussion with General Jones on the return trip from SAC. He certainly is not in love with either LNOs or RNOs.

For this discussion, I believe the best position is to see them as useful staff exercises but not products for actual Presidential choice. The real issue, if the President wants a number of options short of the SIOP variants, is the speed with which lesser strikes (i. e. LNOs) could be staffed by JCS/SAC in a crisis and in response to the unique political guidance at that time.

TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE