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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503
November 19, 1981

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM P. CLARK
Deputy Secretary of State

RICHARD V. ALLEN
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

FROM: ED HARPER 

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cc: Ed Meese
Martin Anderson
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Dik*
SUBJECT: Meeting with NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns
(November 16-17, 1981) (U)

I strongly favor State's recommendation (Tab A) that you meet with NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns when he visits here November 16 and 17.

Along with the factors which State cites in support of such a meeting, I would note that Luns' visit will occur very near to that of Brezhnev in Bonn - another reason for reemphasizing our firm links to the Atlantic Alliance. (C)

RECOMMENDATION:

That you meet briefly with NATO Secretary-General Luns during the period of November 16-17.

Approve _____ Date and Time _____
Disapprove _____

cc: Ed Meese
Mike Deaver
Jim Baker

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By AN NARA, Date 5/28/09

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 7, 1981

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT BY SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS

The Department of State recommends that the Vice President agree to meet with NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns, who will be visiting Washington on November 16 and 17.

Luns is not seeing the President on this trip. A meeting with the Vice President would be an important symbol of our continuing strong commitment to NATO and of our support for Luns himself as Secretary General. Luns is very well-disposed towards the United States and has always been extremely helpful and effective on behalf of our positions in the Alliance. This visit comes less than a month before the December NATO Ministerial meetings, where some divisive issues will be under discussion. Luns' assistance would take on added importance.

Please let us know whether the Vice President can receive Luns for a brief meeting.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER *JM*

SUBJECT: VP Meeting with NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns
(November 16-17, 1981)

Your memo to the Vice President (Tab I) endorses State's recommendation (Tab A) that he meet with NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns during the latter's November 16-17 visit here. (C)

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to the Vice President at Tab I.

Approve *JM* As Amended _____

Tab I Memo to the Vice President
A - State's Memo

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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III
Executive Secretary
The Department of State

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with
NATO Secretary General, Luns

Joseph

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Many thanks.

Charles P. Tyson

CHARLES P. TYSON
Deputy Assistant to the President
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(Coordination)

cc: Guhin

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

November 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL NANCE

FROM: Nancy Bearg Dyke *NBD*

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March 29, 1982

ACTION

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FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

SUBJECT: Ratification of Protocol to North Atlantic Treaty on Spanish Accession

Issue

Whether to sign the instrument of ratification of the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of Spain.

Facts

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RECOMMENDATION:

OK NO

✓ WPC

— That you sign in duplicate the instrument of ratification for Spain's NATO membership at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A Instrument of Ratification

Prepared by: James M. Rentschler

4/1/82: Inst. of Ratification (in duplicate)
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RONALD REAGAN

President of the United States of America

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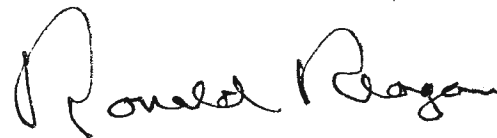
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MESSAGE

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FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Ratification of the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of Spain

Your memorandum to the President (Tab I) recommends that he sign (in duplicate) the instrument of ratification of the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of Spain. Prompt Presidential follow-through on this recommendation will help speed Spain's formal membership in the Alliance, an important U.S. objective.

RECOMMENDATION:

OK NO

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

Attachment

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Instrument of Ratification



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Ratification of the Protocol to the
North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession
of Spain

Attached for signature by the President is the instrument of ratification, in duplicate, of the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of Spain, signed on behalf of the United States at Brussels on December 10, 1981.

The Senate gave its advice and consent to ratification on March 16, 1982.

Spain's rededication to the values and purposes underlying the North Atlantic Treaty, and her decision to seek full partnership in the effort to maintain Western security, are historic developments and a source of inspiration in these troubled times. Spain's strategic location, and human and material resources, will make a major contribution to the security of the Alliance.

Prompt deposit of the instrument of ratification by the United States is highly desirable not only because we are the depositary for the Treaty but as an example for other parties to deposit their instruments of ratification, thus enabling Spain to assume a full partnership in the North Atlantic Treaty structure and institutions. The Department urges early signature by the President of the attached instrument of ratification.

L. Paul Bremer, III
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Instrument of
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

May 4, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL POINDEXTER

FROM: DENNIS BLAIR/SVEN KRAEMER

SUBJECT: NATO Force Comparison Paper, Press Statement

Attached for your approval is a proposed press statement to be issued by the White House at the regular noon briefing. Its purpose is to call attention to the NATO Force Comparison Paper (copy attached) released earlier this morning by NATO. We hope this paper, revised annually, will become the definitive East-West military balance reference.

Both State and Defense will be issuing statements in their regular briefings. This White House statement is based on the longer State guidance.

Once you approve, Mort Allin will ensure that the guidance statement is run through Dick Darman and then released at noon.

RECOMMENDATION:OKNO

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— That you approve the press statement at Tab I.

*Poindexter
Approved 5/4/82 10:00 JEF*

Attachments:

Tab I Proposed Press Statement

Tab II "NATO and the Warsaw Pact Force Comparisons"

N.B. Florence, please call Blair (X5732) once the Admiral approves.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE

NATO FORCE COMPARISON PAPER

Today in Brussels NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns released an Alliance publication entitled "NATO and Warsaw Pact Force Comparisons." This is the first unclassified document published by NATO comprehensively listing Alliance and Warsaw Pact conventional and nuclear forces in Europe.

The Force Comparison Paper contains a wealth of detailed data on the military balance. Its overall message is summed up in an introduction by Secretary General Joseph Luns: "The numerical balance of forces has moved slowly but steadily in favour of the Warsaw Pact over the past two decades ... It is clear that the trend is dangerous. Nevertheless the overall deterrent continues to safeguard peace."

The President believes strongly that the reversal of this dangerous trend is essential if we are to safeguard the interests of the United States and its allies and to provide the incentive to the Soviet Union to negotiate a stable military balance at reduced levels of force. He welcomes the contribution that this NATO paper makes in public understanding of the balance.