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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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January 15, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

COLONEL R. J. AFFOURTIT  
Executive Secretary  
Department of Defense

C. WILLIAM LASALLE  
Chief of the Executive Secretariat  
United States Information Service

SUBJECT: U.S. Strategy for World War II Anniversaries ~~(S)~~

We are increasingly concerned that we do not have a coherent strategy concerning our official participation in the various commemorations marking the 40th anniversary of the end of World War II. This year is also the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Austrian State Treaty and the West German entry into NATO, as well as the tenth anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act. The State Department informed the President (in a memo dated November 29, 1984) of its plans to commence discussions with major allies aimed at developing a common approach for handling these various commemorative events. Bud McFarlane's reply urged the State Department to develop specific suggestions. ~~(S)~~

Proper handling of these events will require a great deal of time, effort and coordination. There is much to be organized in a relatively short period of time. In this regard, we ask that the Department of State take the lead in preparing a coordinated paper that makes specific policy recommendations for commemorating the World War II anniversaries. It should take into account Allied plans and attitudes. ~~(S)~~

The paper should include as an addendum a detailed listing of the major (repeat major) events that will occur this year, with our tentative participation delineated. The paper should also specify which agencies have assumed responsibilities for coordinating the logistics for the particular events. We would appreciate receiving the requested paper no later than January 25, 1985. ~~(S)~~

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*Robert M. Kimmitt*  
Robert M. Kimmitt  
Executive Secretary

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

January 11, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *we*

FROM: JACK MATLOCK/TYRUS W. COBB/PETER R. SOMMER

SUBJECT: U.S. Strategy on World War II Anniversaries

As noted in our separate memo (Tab B), we are increasingly concerned that the U.S. Government has not directed sufficient attention to the manner in which we will commemorate the numerous events associated with the 40th Anniversary of the end of World War II. This year also marks the 30th Anniversaries of the Austrian State Treaty, the West German entry into NATO, and the establishment of the Warsaw Pact.

At our insistent urging, State had Secretary Shultz send the President a memo (dated November 29, 1984) providing background on the numerous events, an analysis of the policy implications, and their intention to consult with our Allies. You wrote George on December 6 (Tab C) concurring with his memo and noting that we needed to now develop some specific suggestions. While State addressed the anniversaries in general terms during Shultz's bilaterals on the margins of NATO's Ministerial meeting in Brussels, the Department still has not sent us any specific policy recommendations. We have continued to voice our concern to EUR that the USG has no definitive plan for commemorating these anniversaries.

There is a real danger that the Soviets will move quickly to propose a joint commemoration of key events, particularly V-E Day, and take the initiative from our hands. On a lesser scale, we note that DOD, in contrast to the extensive work that had been completed by this time last year for the events surrounding D-Day, has not directed serious attention to these events.

Attached at Tab A is a memo from Kimmitt to Platt, Affourtit and LaSalle, directing State, DOD and USIA to furnish us a coordinated, specific plan and recommended policy guidelines for commemorating the events associated with the end of World War II.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Bob Kimmitt to sign the memo at Tab A to the Agencies.

Approve           

Disapprove           

*Steve* Steve Steiner, *SRS* Steve Sestanovich, and *Don* Don Mahley concur.

Attachments

- Tab A - Kimmitt to Agencies Memo
- Tab B - Memo to McFarlane
- Tab C - Memo to Shultz

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *Peter*

SUBJECT: World War II Anniversaries

Last week I attended a EUR-chaired interagency meeting which focused on the public diplomacy aspects of the multitude of World War II anniversaries that will occur in 1985. Steve Steiner had also planned to attend, but could not because it conflicted with your press briefing on the Geneva talks.

Some of the anniversary events, especially V-E Day on May 8, are closely linked to the President's European trip and we will address them in that context. There are a number of other important commemorative events that will occur well in advance of the President's trip. Don Fortier and Steve Sestanovich have already sent you a memo (Tab A) suggesting various approaches to the 40th anniversary of Yalta. For Yalta, the interagency group is working on possible op ed pieces and State's historian is drafting a 2-3 page fact sheet for distribution to the media and schools. Don and Steve feel this is not adequate; and we are working on a separate Yalta tasker which would ask the interagency group to consider the pros and cons of a more visible effort.

The interagency group also plans to propose a brief paragraph for inclusion in the President's Inaugural Address, which would highlight the President's desire to improve U.S.-Soviet relations and try to set a positive tone by noting that Inauguration Day (January 21) is the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. I told the group that we would be willing to consider such a suggestion and urged them to submit proposed language. The Speechwriter's office has indicated informally that this sort of language could not be easily woven into any of the three draft Inaugural speeches, and suggested that the State of the Union Address would be more appropriate. Given the coincidence of the Auschwitz anniversary and the President's Inaugural Address, we think we should give this proposal further consideration once we see the suggested paragraph.

Proper handling of these various anniversaries will require a great deal of time, effort, and coordination. We are pleased that the interagency public diplomacy process for the WWII anniversaries is finally underway. Nonetheless, we still have a long way to go in a short period of time and are concerned that our overall policy approach to the WWII anniversaries has not been defined. We have tried to nudge both State and Defense into getting organized, a la D-Day preparations. However, it is becoming increasingly apparent that it will take a formal tasker from you to Shultz, Weinberger, and Wick if we are to prepare adequately for these important commemorative events. We are forwarding you such a tasker under separate cover.

Ty Cobb, Paula Dobriansky, Steve Steiner, Steve Sestanovich, and Don Mahley concur.

*(rest of team)*

Attachment

Tab A Fortier and Sestanovich Memo

cc: Jack Matlock  
 Don Fortier  
 Ron Lehman  
 Bill Martin

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 1984

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2. WW II Anniversaries

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ  
The Secretary of State

SUBJECT: U.S. Strategy on World War II Anniversaries (U)

Chancellor Kohl's invitation for the President to extend his stay in Germany for two days beyond the Bonn Economic Summit, i.e. May 5 and 6, 1985, to participate in ceremonies commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the end of World II offers us an opportunity to develop a coordinated Allied approach. Your recent memo aptly outlined the various policy considerations. We now need to develop some specific suggestions. (S)

We believe we should consider approaches which could preempt a Soviet invitation aimed at embarrassing our German Allies. One idea which you may wish to consider is for the Western Allies and West Germans to invite the Soviets and East Germans to a joint commemoration ceremony celebrating the end of World War II and the defeat of Nazism -- perhaps in Berlin (in both East and West). Our central theme would be reconciliation. Although the Soviets would likely reject such an invitation, its extension would preempt Soviet efforts to secure high-level Western participation in ceremonies directed at German "militarism" and "revanchism." (S)

Your trip to Brussels offers an opportunity to begin consultations. Indeed, you may wish to inform the British and French in advance so they would be in a position to respond. If you consider the idea outlined above sound, you may inform the British and French that the President has asked if it would not be best to seize the high ground by inviting the Soviets and East Germans to participate in a joint ceremony. You could also inform the British and French of Kohl's invitation for the President to extend his stay in Germany, and that the President is inclined to accept, schedule permitting. Following your discussion with the British and the French, we ask that you seek German views on proposals that might be made to the East. (S)

We are concerned that the Soviets could put us in a defensive position by extending invitations to the Western Allies before we have developed a coordinated Allied approach. Therefore, we

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would greatly appreciate a memo, shortly after your return, making specific recommendations concerning the President's participation in anniversary ceremonies, Allied and Soviet participation, and the extension of the President's stay in Germany. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



Robert C. McFarlane

cc: Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger