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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI *UB*
SUBJECT: NSC Weekly Report #97

1. Information

Prime Minister Thatcher

I had lunch today with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The more interesting points were the following:

The new Prime Minister is extremely energetic, literally sleeps only three hours a night, and the pace of work in the Cabinet has quickened enormously. At meetings, Thatcher tends to dominate and to do most of the talking. Her technique is not to ask questions but to make assertions, which she hopes others might contest. She is very much defense-oriented, but will support you on SALT. However, she has some misgivings, and I will ask Cy to speak to her specifically about SALT. If he does not have the time to provide her with an adequate briefing, I will arrange to send someone from here for a separate briefing.

She recently met with Schmidt and discussed TNF. Schmidt's discussion implied tacit acceptance; no more reservations about the impropriety of reaching Soviet targets from German soil. Schmidt concentrated instead on what should be the system, what should be the timetable for it, and indicated that for political reasons he would like to settle the matter this year.

The Prime Minister would like to be heavily engaged in Allied decisions on gray areas and hopes that no decisions will be made at the Vienna Summit. [REDACTED]

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