

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
FROM: DEFENSE POLICY COORDINATION
SUBJECT: Evening Report

Thatcher Visit. I had a non-call from John Weston, UK Embassy, asking if he could assume a "no surprise" content to discussions on Diego Garcia. I replied positively in the sense that David had spoken to Wade-Gery on Monday on this subject. I added, however, that I could not be certain of the substance of that call. He seemed mildly satisfied but did not pick up on my offer to follow-up. (C) (Welch)

SALT History. Would you believe it! I have essentially completed the SALT history. I am going to let it sit for a day and then give it a final tune-up on Friday and get it to you by the weekend. (U) (Molander)

TNF. Along with the Brussels decisions, today's TNF traffic contains some noteworthy items:

- (1) A CIA analysis observes (gratuitously) that much political toil lies ahead of us and that actual deployment is hostage to very ambiguous definitions of success and failure in arms control.
- (2) An INR (State) analysis observes (insightfully) that the Soviets might, if recent public comment is indicative, open negotiations on TNF with a documented argument that a balance of US and Soviet LR TNF in Europe now exists.
- (3) Reports on the Norwegian Laborite (Steen's) trip to Moscow have Suslov taking a pretty hard line, but leaving the path to talks open and placing them in the context of, rather than separate from and prior to, SALT III.
- (4) The Soviets are saying privately to listeners in West and East Europe that TNF is an issue on which the US can be isolated from Europe, and that the Soviets will have to respond to any deployments to preserve "the military superiority" of the Warsaw Pact.

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(5) Brandt reportedly joins Egon Bahr in woeful ignorance about current East-West military realities and the solidity of our intelligence on them. He predicts that the TNF imbalance will disappear like the missile gap of the late 1950s. It's hard to believe he came through years as Foreign Minister and Chancellor without learning better.

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(Ermarth) (S)

Press Contact. Dan Sutherland (Christian Science Monitor), courtesy call, although we did talk for a long time about trouble spots around the world. I pressed the White House statement (6 December) on Kampuchea on him and urged him to cover it. (He had missed it.) He was particularly keen on "new thoughts on deterrence," meaning abandonment of narrow assured destruction as an adequate criterion. I kept this theme going long enough to give him a pretty good lecture. He left pleased.

(Welch) (U)

J.U. Have you reviewed how the Center people are being used; It is redundant; She
need to do more - or less,
etc. ?
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