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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT KIMMITT
Executive Secretary
National Security Council

FROM: Don Gregg *DG*

SUBJECT: Inclusion of French and British Nuclear
Weapons Systems in Arms Control Negotiations

As you know, the Soviets have taken the position that French and British nuclear systems must be taken into account in the INF negotiations in Geneva. Our position is that they cannot be included for many reasons. There is increasing public debate on the issue, and it will almost certainly be raised publicly and privately with the Vice President during his trip to Europe. We would appreciate it if you could provide us a coordinated paper which addresses the issue and provides suggested talking points for both private and public use. In particular, the paper should address these questions:

- Why should not French and British systems be included in the INF talks?
- If not included in the INF talks, will they be considered in the START negotiations?
- If not in these negotiations, where and when do you think they most appropriately should be considered?
- Are you consulting with your allies on this issue?

We would appreciate the paper by COB Tuesday, June 21, 1983, so that it can be used in pre-trip background briefings for the Vice President.

Thank you.

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