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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KEYWORTH

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Application of SDI Technologies to
Conventional Force Modernization

There is a strong interest from Ambassador Abshire and his staff to endorse and promote the application of SDI technologies to NATO conventional forces. I've discussed this with LTC Hughes from his staff and told him that I was pursuing the same line. He was very solicitous. As you know, Abshire wrote a short article in the last NATO Review on the very subject but with little acclaim because of his uninformed comments on the technology aspects. Discussion with Dr. Martin from SDIO indicates virtually no thought on the subject. DOD Policy (Ikle, Pearl et al) are totally against the concept and have proposed a "study" which would kill the initiative through bureaucratism or an out and out policy statement against it.

I'll keep you informed of what transpires with the study proposal and my concept paper. The SDI/technology transfer issue needs important attention - NOW!