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October 22, 1982

The Honorable William S. Casey
Director
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Dear Bill:

I think it is very important that you meet, however briefly, with our Center's European Working Group who will be in Washington on December 13-14 to discuss with senior policymakers their analysis and recommendations regarding current Alliance problems. I have attached a short statement of the purpose of the group and a list of its members. Such a meeting could be extremely beneficial since an unofficial and diverse group of senior Europeans of this kind can provide an unvarnished, realistic view of the critical state we have reached with our NATO partners.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Abshire
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To advance understanding and exchange with our European allies, CSIS has had in operation since 1979 a European working Group that was organized to follow up in Europe on the issues discussed during the Center's historic conference at the Palais d' Egmont in Brussels. Coordinated by Joseph Godson, CSIS Overseas Representative in London, this group is composed of a wide range of people from the business, academic, government, media and military communities who bring vastly different perspectives to the examination of the problems confronting the Alliance.

For the last year, this Group has been working on a written analysis of alliance problems and developing recommendations for their resolution. This analysis is especially noteworthy because the agreed recommendations reached by such a diverse group have a political realism that one-dimensional groupings may not achieve.

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