MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

Brent,

Here's the history of the offending Nunn report on MBFR:

DOD draft:

It must be emphasized, however, that restructuring of NATO theater nuclear forces should be done on its merits, not because it will result in a better bargain with the WP. If this restructuring permits some reduction in forward-deployed nuclear weapons, then, of course, NATO should use this result to its advantage in MBFR. But in this event MBFR should control the timing of, but not be the sole motivating factor behind theater nuclear force restructuring and MBFR considerations should not be permitted to indefinitely delay streamlining of the European stockpile of nuclear weapons.

We proposed deleting the portions underlined. Cotter's staff agreed to delete the phrase underlined in blue, but insisted on retaining the sentence underlined in green/red. They did agree to substitute the following phrase for the green portion: "nor should there be indefinite delay in streamlining the European stockpile of theater nuclear weapons."

But this phrase is insignificantly different from the original, so we have continued to insist that the sentence come out.

Frankly, I see no way to waffle-word this. Either we stick with our position that any reductions will be made in the context of MBFR, or we change the position. This is clearly not the time to make such a change, and, in any event, this issue is not central to the Nunn report. George Vest's comments on the same sentence are attached.

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