

November 18, 1975

FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM: DONALD LOWITZ

SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING
WITH THOMAS K. LATIMER AND
GENERAL JOHN A WICKHAM, JR.

Following our discussion today, these are some topics you may wish to take up with Latimer and Wickham tomorrow morning.

- Set up*
1. FY '77 Budget -- you have the DOD memo which was sent to you prior to your meeting with the Deputy Secretary.*
 2. FY '77 Posture Statement -- you have the memo prepared by Dr. Kaufman for Latimer which I gave you at our meeting. You must decide when to meet with Dr. Kaufman and also when to meet with Secretary Kissinger pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Kaufman to Latimer memo.

*Insertion: Presidential review of the budget with OMB Director Lynn begins Friday, November 21.

3. Your calendar at least through November 28. A copy of the proposed calendar is attached. Among other things, you may want to discuss the following meetings:

(a) Ltg. Allen, Director National Security Agency. In the past he has met with the Secretary every Friday. The suggestion is that you at least meet with him the first time.



Seeing Lin X
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Do once
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(b) The proposed courtesy call on General Brown, suggested for Friday, November 21.

(c) The meeting with George Carver of the CIA. You wanted to get a paper ahead of time on what the meeting concerned.

(d) Meeting with the JCS, which was tentatively suggested for Tuesday, November 25.

(e) The question of the weekly Armed Forces Policy Meeting. Attached is some information that Latimer sent over concerning the statute and the DOD directive. Based on this, it is my conclusion (and Latimer agrees) that the meeting is not mandatory. Page 2 of the directive, part V - Administration, indicates that the Council meets "upon call of the Secretary. . . or upon approval by the Secretary of Defense of a request by any individual member. . . ." You may want to consider an initial meeting with the group and then determine whether you want to continue on any sort of regular basis.

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4. Briefing on NATO - DPC. Per your November 17 memo, Latimer has been told that the December 9 and 10 dates are OK. He now wants to set up a briefing meeting for you. Attached is the DOD, November 15, memo concerning the DPC meeting.

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5. NPG meeting. Latimer seeks an early indication as to alternative dates for this meeting. He feels the earlier in January the better. You indicated you first wanted to know when Congress begins its session, the date of the State of the Union, etc. The DOD, November 15, memo is attached.

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6. SALT briefing. You may have already set a time for this.

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7. Security clearances. I advised Latimer that you wanted full clearance for Lee and Brenda, and that you could then discuss who else should be cleared and what type clearances you wanted.





8. Speeches and the Press. You may want to discuss with them your views concerning speaking invitations, press conferences, etc.

