

## ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON.D.C. 2030

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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Federal Republic of Germany's Participation in the NATO SEASPARROW Project Steering Committee -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

By memorandum at Tab B, the Secretary of the Navy (1) advises that the FRG desires to join the NATO SEASPARROW project; (2) points out that, as a preliminary step in the accession process, participating governments (Belgium, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and the United States) have been requested to approve, in principle, the FRG's participation and the related accession agreement; and (3) notes that obtaining early approval in principle would permit combining FRG procurement with that of the U.S. and the Netherlands in a forthcoming buy, resulting in savings for all three.

Secretary Middendorf recommends, and we concur, that you approve, in principle, of the FRG's accession and the related accession agreement and that you sign the memorandum at Tab A.

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