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In reply refer to:
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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Letter of Congratulations to New Norwegian Defense Minister --
ACTION MEMORANDUM

I recommend you sign the attached congratulatory letter to the new
Defense Minister of Norway, Rolf Hansen (Tab A).

Hansen, a member of the moderate or "traditional social democratic" wing of the Labor party, was appointed to the Defense post on 12 January by Prime Minister Odvar Nordli who was succeeding Trygve Bratteli. Hansen succeeds Alf Fostervoll who will return to his seat in the Storting.

Hansen has been Labor Party Chairman in Oslo. He has had considerable association with defense matters, having served on the party committee responsible for drafting the five-year defense plan. For fourteen years he served as an ombudsman in the Defense ministry. He is known as a strong supporter of NATO and is regarded as pro-US.


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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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The Honorable Rolf Hansen
Minister of Defense
Kongelige Forsvarsdepartement
Oslo, Norway

Dear Mr. Minister:

Please accept my congratulations and best wishes as you assume your post of Minister of Defense. I want very much to continue the close relationship on defense matters that our two countries have enjoyed for so many years. I know this will include concrete steps in the direction of standardizing weapons systems within NATO to improve Alliance defense capabilities--as most recently evidenced by our cooperation in the F-16 aircraft consortium and on the Roland II missile. You may be assured of my personal interest in seeing that these worthy projects go forward expeditiously.

I look forward to having an opportunity to meet you during the DPC meeting this Spring.

Sincerely,

