

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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Memorandum for RADM Holcomb

SUBJECT: Visit of NATO SYG Luns

Honors Ceremony

-Briefing Officer available

-Meet SYG Luns at 1145 outside (timed arrival)

-Very simple ceremony: Honors, Inspection of Troops.

-To Dining Room 3 E 912

Luncheon -

Secretary Rumsfeld Mil Asst. RAdm Holcomb **Deputy Secretary Clements** Deputy Secretary Ellsworth CJCS General Brown Actg ASD/ISA Mr Jordan

Spl Cons to the President. Dr Robt A. Goldwin

NATO SYG Luns Cabinet Director Van Campen Asst Miss Borgman-Browwer

Rep Cederberg (R. Mich) Rep Wilson, Bob (R. Calif) Rep Stratton (D, NY) (tentative) Rep Findley (R. III)

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SUBJECT: Honors for SYG Luns of NATO

As discussed, I have arranged for a Joint Armed Forces Full Honors Ceremony hosted by SecDef in honor of NATO Secretary General Joseph M. A. H. Luns. The ceremony has been scheduled for the River Entrance Plaza at II45 Monday 9 February, just prior to the Secretary's Luncheon in honor of Luns, scheduled for I200-I330. Due to Luns' position, and as this will be SecDef's first honors ceremony I would like to comment further:

- -As Secretary General of NATO, Luns is in an unusual position as far as receiving honors. The Military District of Washington Ceremonies Division and I have discussed this at length and they agree that Luns merits honors, including 19 gun salute (same as SecDef) and I have mollified their concern as to precedent by saying that the NATO SYG is not the same (nor is US participation) as the CENTO or SEATO SYG. In short, it is entirely proper, and State and ISA are enthusiastic about Secretary Rumsfeld providing honors, as they know Luns will appreciate it. He has not received honors at the Pentagon previously.
- -The format is simple. SecDef meets SYG and joins on reviewing stand.

 19 gun salute followed by inspection of troops. No anthems in this case.

 No speeches necessary unless SecDef would like to have brief exchange.
- -In the event of rain, we'll have an honor cordon of troops line front steps for Luns' arrival.
- -The Media will cover the ceremony and Pentagon workers are invited by flyer distributed through chains of command.

-Would the Secretary like me to invite the congressional luncheon invitees to come in time to observe the honors? Yes____No___

-An MDW Officer will be available to brief the SecDef on the country ceremony.

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