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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

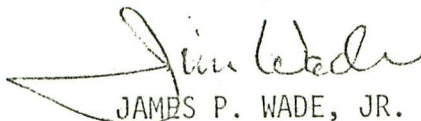
SUBJECT: Invitation to Meet with the General Advisory Committee
on Arms Control and Disarmament (GAC) - ACTION MEMORANDUM

The GAC is a group of prominent citizens appointed by the President to provide him with independent views on arms control matters. The present Chairman is Harold Agnew, the Director of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. Its membership includes Dean Rusk, John McCone, I. W. Abel, William Scranton and Gerald Smith.

The Chairman of GAC has invited you to meet with the Committee in early February.

The attached letter prepared for your signature expresses your regrets that the Budget Hearings will not permit your meeting with the Committee in February but holds out the prospect of a meeting later in the year. The letter also expresses your support for the work of the GAC.

I recommend you sign the letter which leaves the responsibility for arranging the meeting in the hands of your immediate staff and the GAC Staff Director.


JAMES P. WADE, JR.
Director
DoD SALT Task Force

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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Mr. Harold M. Agnew
Chairman, General Advisory Committee
on Arms Control and Disarmament
Washington, D. C. 20451

Dear Mr. Agnew:

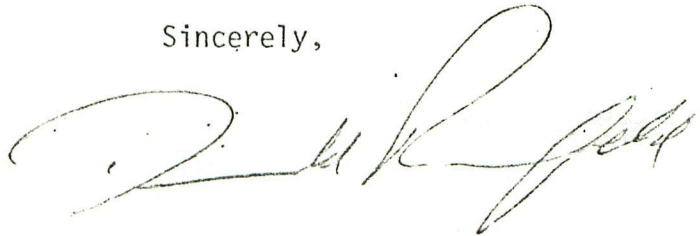
I appreciate very much the opportunity recently extended to me, in your letter of December 15, 1975, to meet with the General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament for the purpose of conveying my views on current national security issues.

Regrettably, my responsibilities regarding the Budget Hearings will preclude my meeting with the Committee in early February, but, if possible, I would appreciate having the same opportunity on another occasion, later in the year. I believe it essential that the President have independent advice on matters affecting arms control and disarmament, and I therefore strongly support the purposes for which the GAC was established.

My immediate office has been in touch with the GAC's Staff Director on this matter, and I am hopeful that a mutually satisfactory date can be arranged.

I am looking forward to the meeting.

Sincerely,





GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20451

December 15, 1975

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
Room 3E 880, The Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The next meeting of the General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament (GAC) will take place in Washington on Monday and Tuesday, February 2-3, 1976, in the Principals' Conference Room on the 7th Floor of the State Department Building. By Statute, the GAC provides independent advice to the President, the Secretary of State, and the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency on matters affecting arms control and disarmament. The members are appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. A list of the present membership is attached.

I have cited our Charter as a means, hopefully, to induce you to meet with the Committee on either February 2 or 3, to convey such views as you might wish on the impact of present U.S. defense programs on arms control issues, or any other subject which you would think might be useful for discussion between the Committee Members and yourself. We have had an excellent working relationship with the Department of Defense and the Military Services, and have appreciated the cooperative and frank attitude of those senior DOD officials, both civilian and military, who have met with the GAC in the past, including your immediate predecessor.

I sincerely hope that this open and collaborative relationship will continue under your leadership and am convinced that we would benefit from your direct interest and participation whenever possible. As an indication of both the range and the specificity of the Committee's role, I have asked the NSC Staff to send you directly a copy of the Committee's most recent letter to the President, dated November 20, 1975. This may be useful to you, in terms of a future meeting with the GAC.

To facilitate arrangements for this meeting, your staff may wish to communicate directly with the GAC's Staff Director, Mr. Howard Meyers, at the State Department (Telephone Number 632-1866). I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Most sincerely,


Harold M. Aquew
Chairman

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GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARMS CONTROL
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Harold Brown, President, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena,
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William C. Foster, businessman and former Director of ACDA, Washington, D.C.

Lane Kirkland, Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

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Carl Marcy, former staff director of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee,
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