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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Meeting with State Secretary Dr. Siegfried Mann, Ministry of Defense, Federal Republic of Germany -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

Siegfried Mann will visit the United States during the period 14 to 22 September and plans to be in Washington on the fifteenth. He has requested appointments with you and/or Bill Clements; will see Mal Currie, Bill Middendorf, Norm Augustine and Jim Plummer; and hopes to make a courtesy call on Bob Ellsworth. Mann is interested in discussing the tank harmonization program with you and a variety of other topics (e.g., armaments cooperation, standardization of weapons and ammunition, the ROLAND II program, AWACS, the AIM-9L co-production agreement and the NATO Guided Missile Patrol Hydrofoil (NATO PHM)) with others.

Following his day in Washington, Dr. Mann plans to visit San Jose (Food Machinery Corporation), Buffalo (Niagara Falls) and Detroit (XM-1 Project Office, General Motors and Chrysler).

Mann is one of three State Secretaries (roughly equivalent to our Deputy Secretaries) in the FRG's Ministry of Defense and serves as Georg Leber's principal advisor in the field of weapon systems research, development, production and procurement. He also is responsible for security planning, including medium- and long-range planning, implementation of the new force structure for the Bundeswehr, and such strategic activities as MBFR, SALT and nuclear policy.

I recommend you meet with Dr. Mann on 15 September. Alternatively, if your schedule will not permit seeing Mann, I recommend that Bill Clements see him. In either case, I suggest that Mal Currie and I join in the meeting. We also plan to ask one of the Deputy Secretaries to host an official luncheon for Mann. Finally, we recommend that Mann be invited to the NATO Corridor dedication ceremony and to your reception just following.

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