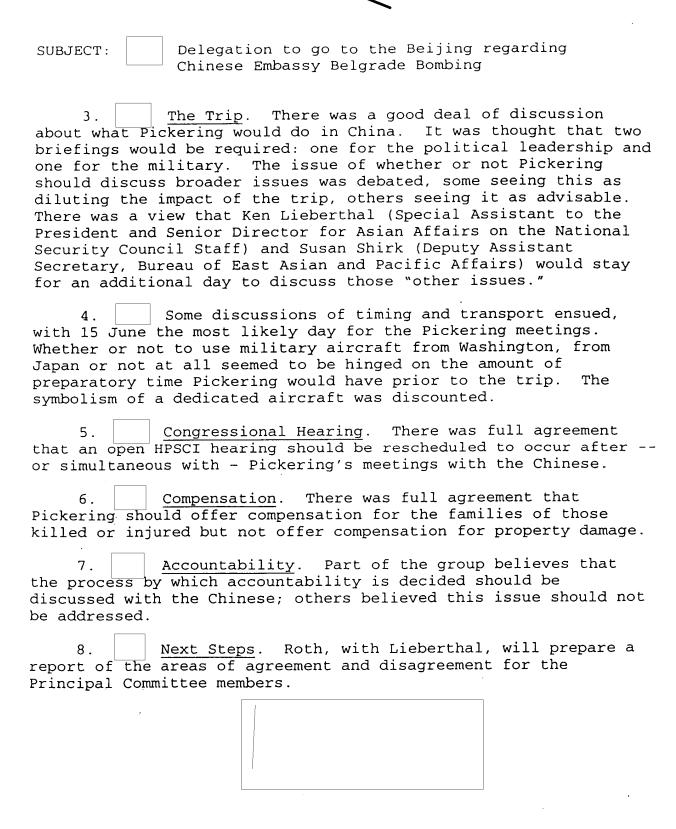


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
SUBJECT: Delegation to go to Beijing Regarding Chinese Embassy Belgrade Bombing
1. On 2 June at the request of the DDCI, I attended a meeting chaired by Assistant Secretary of State Stan Roth regarding the above subject. Roth stated that the meeting was an outgrowth of a 1 June Principals Committee meeting and that the tasking involved making recommendations for a "rollout strategy" to present the results of the US investigation into the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade. He noted that "how, when, the level of representation and the content of the explanation all matter." He then tabled an agenda to cover who should lead the delegation; who should support (i.e. who else should go); what conditions should be imposed; should we offer only a briefing or also provide a written report; what should be done regarding an open hearing now scheduled by HPSCI for 10 June; whether or not to use military air transportation; and whether or not to offer compensation to the Chinese.
2. Who. It is Roth's view that the head of the delegation should be below Cabinet rank but be a high ranking official who would go as special envoy from the President. All agreed that Under Secretary of State Pickering was the correct
choice.
The group believes this concern could be addressed by negotiating beforehand who would receive Pickering and by extracting agreement that the delegation would be treated well. There were no volunteers from DoD or the
IC to accompany Pickering.
When asked if we would send a briefer - State's strong preference - out that we would discuss the issue.
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