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TO: SECRETARY RUMSFELD

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*

1. I agree with you that it would be prudent to have an NSC meeting prior to HAK's visit to Moscow. It would also be appropriate to have a VP meeting in preparation for the NSC meeting.

2. As I see it, the VP meeting should take place in Brussels. All of the principals will either be in Brussels on the 11th or will be represented there, except Colby. I would anticipate that VP meeting would resolve the issues or put them in the proper framework for decision by the President at an NSC meeting. In the event a further VP meeting were necessary, it could, of course, take place in Washington. I would, therefore, recommend that you plan to stay in Brussels through the morning of 11 December and that we schedule a formal VP meeting at that time. We can set a precise date of the NSC meeting following the VP meeting. In the event HAK does not return to Washington during that period, he could be represented at the NSC meeting by Sonnenfeldt.

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3. If you wish the President's meeting with the JCS to be budget oriented, I see no reason that cannot be arranged. I will reconfirm with Jim Lynn/the formal budget session with the President and, unless I hear further from you, will schedule the President's meeting with the JCS prior to that.

4. Would appreciate your concurrence or views on the above SALT meeting schedule ASAP in order that HAK can firm his own schedule.

5. Warm regards.

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