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TO: J - Ambassador Johnson (3)

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SUBJECT: White House Discussions on Post-Apollo  
Cooperation with Europe--BRIEFING  
MEMORANDUM

Attached is a memorandum of talking points on the foreign policy considerations bearing on post-Apollo cooperation with Europe. These were prepared by SCI and EUR for your use in the White House discussions which will take place, presumably next week, on this subject.

I hope it will be possible for Marty Hillenbrand and me to review this subject with you briefly at a 10:00 AM meeting on Monday, May 10.

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Talking Points for Ambassador Johnson on Post-Apollo Cooperation

1. Foreign Policy Considerations May be Decisive

--The State Department believes cooperation with Europe in the development of the space transportation system would be of considerable value to relations with our European allies. In the absence of other decisive factors, foreign policy benefits may be determining in the decision on whether we should proceed with the proposed program of cooperation.

2. The Cooperative Program would Strengthen Ties with Europe

--Our ties with Europe continue to be the cornerstone of our efforts to build a peaceful world.

--Europe's industrial, economic and technological strength is critical to the existing balance of power, and Europe is making substantial progress toward unity, particularly in the economic sphere. As Europe gains in unity and economic strength it becomes all the more important that we aggressively seek closer ties in areas of advanced industry and technology, where cooperative efforts can continue to provide the Atlantic Alliance with a solid foundation of common economic interests. Space programs and space industries on both sides of the Atlantic are still flexible enough to accommodate themselves to meaningful cooperation. Achievements in space, particularly in the Post-Apollo program, offer highly visible and dramatic symbols of the fruits of partnership.

--Our negotiating position is strengthened by the fact that the post-Apollo program appeals to Europe's strongly felt desire to stand in the front rank of technological development. A successful joint effort of this magnitude and importance would serve as a landmark in the new and more mature partnership we must achieve with the Europeans during the years ahead.

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--Europe will have a space program of significant magnitude in the coming decade. Without post-Apollo cooperation, Europe's program will be organized around France. We would have little input and little influence on such a program. Post-Apollo cooperation, on the other hand, would permit us to develop a common orientation and common goals. At the same time the Europeans could realize their national and regional goals while participating in an historic effort of world importance; our interest lies in this direction.

3. Set a Precedent for Cooperation in Other Areas

--In other areas of advanced technology, such as the development of "breeder" reactors and uranium enrichment facilities, Western Europe is on the brink of deciding whether to advance in unison, perhaps in partnership with the United States, or whether to drift apart and pursue diverse goals. These decisions will have a profound, long term effect on Europe and on its relations with the USA. Successful multi-national cooperation in post-Apollo will improve our ability to influence Europe's decisions in these other fields.

4. Urgency of Continuing Discussions

--Resumption of post-Apollo discussions with the Europeans is a matter of some urgency. Our silence during the three months since the February meeting with Lefevre has caused much of the previous momentum to be lost. Friendly contacts in London and Bonn report that this silence reinforces the French contention that cooperation with the USA on acceptable terms is not a real possibility, and thereby strengthens the French campaign for the development of a completely independent European launch capability. If we are unable to resume negotiations fairly soon, the opportunity for engaging substantial European participation in the post-Apollo program may evaporate completely.

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