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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(International Security Affairs)

SUBJECT: National Security Study Memorandum (NSSM) 59

The NSSM 59 study constitutes the first full-scale, detailed review of the chemical warfare and biological research area in almost a decade. It serves the interest of the Department of Defense (DoD), as you will agree, for this study to be as thorough, complete, and well-reasoned as possible.

In order for the DoD positions to be as cogent as possible, I believe we must solicit and give consideration to the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the individual Services, and numerous elements of the OSD staff. I am especially interested in seeing that, in addition to the more purely military views, the Secretary of the Army inputs, as well as the DDR&E, the Systems Analysis, and the Installations and Logistics views, receive full consideration.

The inputs DoD makes, even on a "working paper" level, will be important in the formulation of the final positions offered for full NSC consideration. I would appreciate your insuring (a) that the views of the various interested DoD elements are incorporated in the "working papers" and (b) that on this vital issue I am consulted as the DoD papers on key policy issues are formulated.

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*Warren*  
*Do you know I requested this study and Jim not interested in it - hope the item I discussed at Monday staff meeting is handled as per my instructions.*  
*Def Sec*

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