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TO: Dina Powell  
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*  
SUBJECT: Van Galbraith

I understand Nick Burns is going to be leaving NATO. I think Van Galbraith would be a candidate. He is there, he knows the issues, he's been serving as the Defense Department Representative in Europe, he's a strong supporter of the President. I'll give you a call about him. Attached is his background sheet.

Thanks.

**Attach.**  
**Background Sheet on Van Galbraith**

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# Evan Galbraith

Galbraith, Evan Griffith (b. 1928) Born in 1928. U.S. Ambassador to France, 1981-85. Adviser to the U.S. mission to NATO. Class of Skull & Bones 1950. Member of the Center of Security Policy/ Bohemian Club, San Francisco.

Quote: "The State Department desperately needs to be vigorously harnessed. It has too big a role to play in the formulation of foreign policy, and foreign policy is too important to be left up to foreign service officers." -On resigning after four years as ambassador, *NY Times* 13 Feb 85

## Biography:

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has appointed Evan G. Galbraith as his representative in Europe and the defense advisor to the U.S. mission to NATO.

Galbraith was ambassador to France under President Ronald Reagan and has lived in Europe more than twenty years, primarily as an investment banker. He currently is an advisory director of Morgan Stanley, chairman of the board of National Review and a member of the board of the Groupe Lagardere S.A. **Paris.**

Galbraith has served on several commercial boards and until 1998 was chairman of the board of LVMH Moet Hennessy Locus Vultton Inc. New York. The Groupe Lagardere S.A. controls, together with Daimler Benz, EADS (European Aerospace and Defense Systems), Europe's largest defense contractor and principal owner of Airbus.

Galbraith is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, and currently lives in New York, where he is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He and his wife Marie will be stationed in Brussels.

Galbraith served on active duty in the Navy from 1953-1957 attached to the Central Intelligence Agency. In 1960-1961, he was the confidential assistant to the secretary of Commerce.

