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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Ambassador DeStaercke--ACTION MEMORANDUM

Ambassador DeStaercke will be in town for private meetings 7-11 October. He has not requested a meeting with you, but asked that you be notified in case you would like to see him. DeStaercke still has considerable influence in Brussels. I believe it would be useful for you to meet with him during his stay here. He could be of help to us on two major issues, among others: moving Europe and the Alliance toward closer ties with Spain, and keeping up NATO Defense budgets and ensuring a positive Alliance reaction to the growing Soviet/Pact threat.

Following are two options for a meeting with DeStaercke:

1. Simple meeting only, with you, Bob Ellsworth and one other accompanying DeStaercke, and myself; or

2. Short meeting and lunch. Luncheon guests might include Ambassador Van Cauwenberg on the Belgian side and perhaps others, and on US side Mr. Ellsworth, George Vest, and myself. The theme would be a get-together with old friends who were associated with DeStaercke at NATO.

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Assistant Secretary of Defense

ARRANGE MEETING AND LUNCHEON

ARRANGE MEETING ONLY

OTHER

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*Korea trip?*

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