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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS


SUBJECT: US Draft Chemical Weapons (CW) Treaty and
Mrs. Thatcher's Visit

The head of the UK Foreign Office arms control department has informed us that Mrs. Thatcher may raise her concern with the "anywhere, anytime" challenge-inspection provision in Article X of our draft CW treaty. We are told she personally believes that such a provision would jeopardize sensitive UK national security activities and would not be an effective deterrent against Soviet cheating. //

The UK is developing an alternative approach to challenge inspection and is consulting with us, France and the FRG. As you know, the latter two also have problems with Article X. The UK probably intends to present its proposal publicly in the Conference on Disarmament (CD) in early March.

If Mrs. Thatcher raises the Article X issue, the President may wish to note that:

- We take UK concerns very seriously.
- Main problem is not verification but whether Soviets are really willing to ban chemicals given their extensive chemical weapons program.
- If Soviets show serious movement, which they have not to date, we could then revisit the verification issues.
- Meanwhile it is important that we avoid a public display of disagreement on the verification issue.


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