




February 9, 1998

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

S/S

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

TO: The Secretary

FROM: S/NERO - Jeremy Rosner 

SUBJECT: NATO Enlargement: Presidential Rollout Event
State Department, Franklin Room
February 11, 1998, 12:15 p.m.

I. OBJECTIVES

To build momentum for Senate ratification of the first round of enlargement. The President, joined by the Vice President, Senate leadership (participation still being confirmed), and you, will announce the transmittal to the Senate of the accession protocols you signed in Brussels last December. The audience will be over 200 leaders from Congress, ethnic groups, business, labor, and policy institutions who have supported enlargement (invitation list attached).

II. APPROACH/SCENARIO

General outlines are as follows (still being worked by the White House): the foreign ministers of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic arrive at 11:45 and hold in the Monroe Room. You will greet the President when he arrives and accompany him for a photo op with the foreign ministers. Vice President Gore will attend, but it is not yet clear whether he will accompany the President or arrive separately.

You and the Vice President will take your place on the dais in the Franklin Room. Senate leadership is invited and may take part as well. You will introduce the Vice President (your remarks being prepared by speechwriters), who will introduce Senate leaders if they take part; they will in turn introduce the President.

The President will give his speech, sign the transmittal documents, and depart.

III. PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

Being worked by PA with White House Press. Remarks will be on the record.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

On dais, President, Vice President, possible Senate leadership, and you. In front row, three foreign ministers; in the audience, invitees as listed in attachment.

Attachment:

Draft Invitation List

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**A Presidential Ceremony
Transmitting to the United States Senate
the Protocols of Accession
to the Washington Treaty
for Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic
11 February 1998
Washington, D.C.**

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(as of 1200, 6 Feb 98)

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Ambassador Kozminski

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Ambassador Banlaki

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Czech Republic

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*On the occasion of
the accession of the
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to the
North Atlantic Treaty Organization*

*The Secretary of State
requests the pleasure of your company
at a ceremony
with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the
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Pre-Kick-off: Build momentum	Kick-off I: Begin launch in State of Union	Kick-off II: Complete launch at WH	Nat. Security: Stress benefits to the U.S.	Taking it to the public:	Hearings:	Europe's View:	Final push & victory:
12/2 - NAC/D Ministerial 12/16 - NAC Ministerial	1/22 - Finish transmittal: IWG agreement on documents to submit to Senate	2/2 (T) - WH Kick-off: POTUS w/ VP, Nat Security team; former POTUSs, SecStates/Deis; constituency leaders; transmit to Senate	2/7 - POTUS Budget: POTUS sends budget to Hill; narrative stresses NATO+, lays out cost	[2/14-22 - Senate on recess] 2/16 - Talk radio blitz: WH event with talk radio hosts and key admin. officials to make case to the public	2/24 - SFRC hearing (T): SFRC does only hearing with MK/A, Cohen, and Gen. Shelton to lay out basic rationale	3/7 - CEE leaders (T): leaders from 3 invited states (incl. Polish PM Buzek) and other CEE (e.g., Bulgarian Pres. Stoyanov) likely in DC, meet with key members; endorsements by visiting CEE leaders throughout this period.	3/10 - Cabinet to Hill: MK/A, others on nat sec team go to Hill; POTUS, VPOTUS, nat sec team calls to key Senators, as needed.
12/7 - Briefing for SNOG staff on ministerials, studies	1/26 - Congress returns	2/4 - Military/vets endorsements: vets/MSO groups + retired mil. leaders to stress national security stakes	2/6 - SecDeis op-ed? Op-ed signed by one or more former SecDeis, stress nat security	2/17 - Ed board conference call: MK/A or other official do conference call w/ ed boards	3/3-8 - POTUS op-ed? (T): states rationale and asks for Senate support	3/2-6 - Op-eds by European leaders (T): Op-eds in key papers by Blair, Kohl, Solana, etc. on need for NATO+	3/10 (approx) - Floor debate begins: Lott, Helms, Biden kick off floor debate; stress reasons for support. Reservations considered and modified/defeated
TBD - Briefings for ethnic groups	TBD - Press year-in-review pieces: work N+ into year-in-review stories	2/3 - Albright speech? (T): in or outside of DC, stressing strategic rationale	2/10 - Coalition press event: press conference by full NATO+ coalition; each part stress why they favor (business, labor, human rights, etc.)	[Administration pamphlet on NATO+ will have been distributed nation-wide by this point]	2/24-3/6 - SASC/SAC hearings?: focus on NATO+ costs; testimony by DoD	3/2-6 - Op-eds by European leaders (T): Op-eds in key papers by Blair, Kohl, Solana, etc. on need for NATO+	Final passage: POTUS press remarks same day
1/7 - Review transmittal w/ key Hill staff	1/16 - Baltic Charter signing	2/2-6 - Speeches by other principals, top retired military leaders (T)	2/9-13 - Coalition op-eds: articles by different segments of the coalition stressing the case for NATO+ from their perspective	TBD - compilation of outreach: have summary stats on extent of admin outreach on N+	2/25 - House event? (T): Event with House members stating support, stressing acceptance of cost	3/5 - SFRC report: SFRC approves NATO+, adopts report stressing case for NATO+	Next day news conference and follow-up events: Admin officials do press conference, For. Press Center, stressing lessons learned from NATO+ debate. Articles by key officials follow drawing "lessons."
1/26 - AFL-CIO Endorse: Exec. Council adopts resolution	TBD - Finish briefing books for Congress; publish pamphlet on NATO+ for public and press						

Throughout: breakfasts/mtgs. w/ Senators w/ POTUS, VPOTUS, SecState, SecDef, NSA, DepSecDef, as required