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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD
FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER *Walker*
SUBJECT: U.S. Delegation to
VE Day Celebration

The Soviet Union has invited the U.S. to send a delegation to Moscow to commemorate VE Day, May 8th.

I recommend, with the concurrence of the NSC, the following individuals to serve as members of the delegation:

HEAD OF THE DELEGATION

W. Averell Harriman

MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION

John S. D. Eisenhower

General Alfred M. Gruenther

~~George F. Kennan~~ *John McElroy*

Mrs. Llewellyn Thompson, wife of the former Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Oweta Hobby
Charles Robinson, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. During World War II, he served as a junior Naval officer on the Murmansk Run.

Mrs. Charles (Avis) Bohlen, the wife of the late Charles Bohlen who was President Roosevelt's Russian interpreter throughout World War II and later became Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

- Adl Lemnitzes -

As an alternate should any of the above be unable to attend, I recommend Foy Kohler, a former Ambassador to the Soviet Union (1962-1966) who worked on Soviet and Eastern European Affairs during World War II.

It is my understanding that the NSC, with your concurrence, has already asked Mr. Harriman to serve as head of this delegation, and he has accepted.

Approve BAF

Disapprove _____

Approve all but _____
