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SUBJECT: Transmitting Documents Constituting Military Atomic Stockpile and "Consent" Agreements.

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There are transmitted herewith the documents listed in the enclosure which constitute the Atomic Stockpile Agreement and the "Consent" Agreement effected by exchanges of notes dated January 13, 1962. The Embassy's notes were signed by Outerbridge Horsey, Charge' d'Affaires ad interim, and the Italian notes by the Foreign Minister, Antonio Segni.

With reference to the Department's G-748, the following observations are made. The Foreign Office accepted all the proposals for changes in both English and Italian texts contained therein, which are therefore reflected in the enclosures, with one exception. In Article 6 of the Stockpile Agreement note, the Italians insisted on use of the words "le intese" as a translation for the word "arrangements", which was accepted by the Embassy, after discussion, as authorized.

By prior agreement the Embassy furnished the Foreign Office with initialed agreed translations in Italian of both of its notes and received from the Foreign Office initialed English translations of both of the latter's notes, in addition to the English and Italian versions constituting the normal exchange.

In addition to furnishing certified copies of the Embassy's notes and the originals of the Italian notes, as required by 4 FSM 326.1, reproducible mats constituting a complete set in English of the notes comprising this agreement are also transmitted herewith for the Department's convenience in furnishing copies to interested parties.

For the Charge' d'Affaires ad interim:

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Enclosures: *all*

- ✓ 1. Certified Copy of Embassy Note No. 690 of January 13, 1962 embodying Atomic Stockpile Agreement.
- ✓ 2. Certified Copy of Agreed Italian Translation of the above.
- ✓ 3. Certified Copy of Embassy Note No. 691 of January 13, 1962 embodying "Consent" Agreement.
- ✓ 4. Certified Copy of Italian Translation of above.
- ✓ 5. Original of Italian Foreign Office Note No. 21/88 of January 13, 1962 embodying Atomic Stockpile Agreement.
- ✓ 6. Original of English translation of above.
- ✓ 7. Original of Italian Foreign Office Note No. 21/89 of January 13, 1962 embodying "Consent" Agreement.
- ✓ 8. Original of English translation of above.
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Rome, January 13, 1962.

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to Articles 20 and 21 of the Communiqué issued by the North Atlantic Council on December 19, 1957 and to conversations which have taken place between the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and the Government of Italy and between the Supreme Allied Commander Europe and the Government of the United States regarding the stockpiling of atomic weapons in Italy. It is the understanding of my Government that in the course of these conversations agreement in principle was reached to the establishment in Italy of elements of a stockpile of atomic weapons to be provided by the United States to meet the requirements of forces assigned to NATO.

In order to implement this agreement in principle my Government suggests the following arrangements:

1. The location of the stocks will be determined by SACEUR in accordance with approved NATO military plans and in agreement with the Italian and United States military authorities.
2. Except as otherwise agreed, the costs of construction development and maintenance of the storage sites and associated facilities, including those required for the support of the United States special weapons custodial and support personnel, shall be borne by the nation for the support of whose forces the storage sites are intended. The costs of providing the land involved will be the responsibility of the Italian Government. To the extent that the North Atlantic Council agrees to the NATO infrastructure funding of NATO atomic stockpile construction costs, including the cost of these installations, the apportionment of costs will be subject to NATO infrastructure procedures. Installations and facilities for atomic weapons storage and maintenance will be built and maintained in accordance with NATO standards and criteria. Installations and facilities for normal logistic support (housing, messing, offices, etc.) which may not be specified under NATO criteria will be built and maintained in a manner comparable to United States standards and as mutually agreed.
3. It is recognized that the custody of any stocks of atomic weapons provided by the United States will be the responsibility of the United States and that United States personnel will be assigned in Italy for this purpose. The status of such personnel will be governed by the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Italian Republic Regarding Bilateral Infrastructure in Implementation of Article III of the North Atlantic Treaty.
4. When the weapons are released by appropriate authority, they will be employed in accordance with procedures established by SACEUR.

His Excellency
 Antonio Segni,
 Minister of Foreign Affairs,
 Rome.

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5. United States armed forces will be responsible for the maintenance, surveillance and assembly of the atomic weapons, including the provision of personnel and technical equipment for the performance of these functions.

6. External security of all atomic weapons in storage or during movement in Italy will be the responsibility of Italy. The details of external security arrangements will be determined by the appropriate United States and Italian military authorities in accordance with the directives of SACEUR.

7. United States armed forces will be responsible for movement of the atomic weapons to points of entry in Italy and from points of exit for intra-theater redistribution of weapons as determined by SACEUR. Italian armed forces will be responsible for the transportation of weapons within Italy, subject always to the provisions of Article 3 above.

8. A reliable means of signal communications will be provided by the Government of Italy to meet the purposes of this agreement. To the extent that the North Atlantic Council agrees to NATO infrastructure funding of communications facilities, the apportionment of costs will be subject to NATO infrastructure procedures.

9. Italy will, in general, provide at no expense to the United States Government administrative and logistical support for United States armed forces in support of Italian units. This support will include common items of supply, organic transportation, and such other support as may be mutually agreed.

10. Supplementary service-to-service technical arrangements, within the scope of the agreement, to define specific responsibilities of the respective United States and Italian services pertaining to the various delivery systems and associated installations, will be negotiated separately between the designated military representatives of the United States and of Italy.

I propose that if the foregoing is acceptable to your Government this note and your reply indicating such acceptance will constitute an agreement between the two Governments on this subject, the agreement to enter into force on the date of your note in reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Outerbridge Horsey
 Charge d'Affaires ad interim

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No. 691

Rome, January 13, 1962.

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the agreement between our two Governments effected by an exchange of notes signed today relating to the stockpiling of United States atomic weapons in Italy for possible use by NATO atomic capable forces under the direction of the Supreme Allied Commander Europe. In this connection the Italian Government has raised certain questions with respect to decisions to employ United States atomic weapons located in Italy and procedures for keeping it informed of the numbers of weapons scheduled for location. Discussion of these questions by Italian and United States officials has determined that the questions of the Italian Government would be satisfied by the following arrangements.

1. In connection with the stockpiling of United States atomic weapons in Italy, it is understood that the decision to employ these weapons will be taken only in agreement with the Governments of Italy and the United States of America. The agreement of the two Governments would be given in the light of circumstances at the time and having regard to the undertaking they have assumed in Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty.

2. Since NATO procedures for the command and control of nuclear weapons which might be established at some future date could affect the procedures agreed in this note, it is understood that on request of either of our two Governments the procedures will be reviewed to take account of any such future NATO procedures.

3. The procedures whereby authorities of the Government of Italy will be kept informed as to numbers of weapons scheduled for location in Italy in furtherance of NATO plans will be arranged with the Italian military authorities.

If the foregoing is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, this note and Your Excellency's reply concurring therein will constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Outerbridge Horsey
Charge d'Affaires ad interim

His Excellency
Antonio Segni,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

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Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri

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Rome, January 13, 1962

N. 21/88

Mr. Charge' d'Affaires,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Note No. 690 of January 13, 1962, which states as follows:

(full text of Atomic Stockpile Agreement)

The Italian Government concurs in the above and agrees that Your Note referred to and this Note in reply will constitute an agreement between our two Governments, entering into effect as of this date.

Accept, Mr. Charge' d'Affaires, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

(initialed by Minister Segni)

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Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri

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Rome, January 13, 1962

N. 21/89

Mr. Charge' d'Affaires,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Note No. 691 of January 13, 1962, which states as follows:

(full text of "Consent" Agreement)

The Italian Government concurs in the above and agrees that Your Note referred to and this Note in reply will constitute an agreement between our two Governments, entering into effect as of this date.

Accept, Mr. Charge' d'Affaires, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

(initialed by Minister Segni)

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