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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: PROPOSED STORAGE OF NUCLEAR ASW WEAPONS IN THE U.K. FOR DUTCH FORCES.

The Atomic Stockpile Agreement with the U.K. (August 3, 1961) provided for the storage of nuclear weapons in support of U.S., U.K. and other NATO forces. Specifically, the storage of ASW weapons for the Dutch was contemplated. However, the stockpile agreement did not set out consultation and release procedures, but merely stated that once released these weapons would be used in accordance with NATO plans. The Circular 175 Memorandum for the Stockpile Agreement took note of this fact and stated that in general consultation and release were already provided in certain highly classified understandings. This is true for U.S. and U.K. forces, however, no provision was made for consultation or release with regard to third country forces.

The British are now suggesting that consultation and release procedures in effect for U.S. and U.K. forces be applied to use of nuclear weapons stored in the U.K. in support of Dutch ASW forces.

Does beyond this - want veto on their use anyway

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