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TO : [REDACTED] PASS TO THURSTON AND USRO

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REFERENCES :

- (A) [REDACTED]
- (B) Immediately preceding airgram

1. Department has considered ideas presented in subparas A through D of para 6 of [REDACTED] and agrees that US counterproposals to [REDACTED] regarding conditions of use should not at this time go beyond position as set forth in para 5 of US draft (para 6 of Dept's G-160). We believe, as does Embassy, that [REDACTED] did not appreciate import of Secretary's remarks and that best way to bring matters into clearer focus is to present DUS counter-proposals.

2. Share your opinion that implementation Secretary's concept is hold card to be played in utmost care and we intend further refine our own thinking before broaching subject again to any of our allies. Should [REDACTED] refer to Secretary's remarks to [REDACTED] on this subject, you should say you will report [REDACTED] views promptly, and refer to Department for guidance.

3. As next step in reducing Secretary's concept to sharper definition, we would appreciate it if General NORSTAD - on US EYES ONLY Basis - could set forth what he would consider to be key elements in implementation of concept, essence of which may be described as follows:

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President of UNITED STATES possesses power assure that, in event armed attack, US nuclear weapons will be available for use by US and allied forces acting in accordance NATO concept that attack upon one is attack upon all. Accordingly, US prepared undertake maintain nuclear weapons in NATO countries (Providing they so desired of character and quantity, and at locations, recommended by appropriate NATO authorities and approved by the host, user and US Governments, for use by qualified NATO forces in the event of an armed attack. Such weapons will be immediately available for use in accordance with previously established NATO military doctrine if the host, user or US forces in Europe are actually subjected to major attack by a nation or ally of a nation, possessing nuclear weapons. Any arrangements made or understandings reached along the foregoing lines would be subject to any future international agreements or relevant legislation by countries concerned.

4. We will, of course, take no decision re procedures that might be followed in seeking acceptance this concept until we have benefit of General NORSTAD's thinking re implementation. In addition to considerations contained paras 6 B, D and D of ref tel, it occurs to us that presentation through Standing Group might have advantage of demonstrating to [REDACTED] that procedures for [REDACTED] US, UK military coordination already are an important feature of NATO higher command structure.

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5. Department recognizes of course that problems of advance authorization for use and transfer of US nuclear weapons would be involved in implementation of above concept and that important policy as well as legal considerations are involved.

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[REDACTED]	SMC IN 36225	11 JUL 58	J-4

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