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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

January 10, 1983

FOR:

ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

DENNIS CAIR

SUBJECT:

Ditchley Foundation Conference entitled "The Atlantic Partners: Cooperation and Diversity", March 25-27,

1983

There are two sets of considerations in considering this Ditchely invitation. From a substantive point of view, this is just one more conference on the ever-popular subject of the Atlantic Alliance. It will undoubtedly have a strong set of participants, but they will be largely strong Atlanticists who don't need any further convincing about the importance of the Alliance.

However, from the personal point of view, Ditchley conferences are extremely enjoyable. They are held over weekends in order to minimize time away from the office, and they are happy to have wives along. They will give you one of the big rooms in the Ditchley house, possibly the one in which Winston Churchill slept (Churchill apparently slept in all the bedrooms at Ditchley), and it is a good way to steal a short vacation with one's wife and pick up a few interesting new insights into whatever the subject of the conference is. On balance, then, I would go if I were you, and if you decide not to perhaps you could make the invitation available to Don Fortier, Sven Kraemer or me.

RECOMMENDATION

OK NO

That you attend the Ditchley conference
March 25-27, 1983

Or, that you make the invitation available to other NSC staff members

Attachment:

Tab I

Invitation to you from Ditchley Foundation

AMERICAN DITCHLE FOUNDATION

39 East 51st Street, New York, N.Y. 10022 Phone (212) 752-6515 Telex 236554 Cable Address: MURDENCO

The Hon. Robert C. McFarlane, Deputy Assistant to President for National Security Affairs The White House

Dear Mr. McFarlane:

Washington, D. C. 20500

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Dr. Donna E Shaia a

Donald F. McHenry

The Ditchley Foundations will hold a **27**, 1983

Lord Harlech, former British Ambassador will chair the meeting and the Terms of Reference are enclosed.

If you would let me know that you can attend, I will advise Sir Reginald Hibbert. I would appreciate your mailing me a brief biography for use with the list of participants.

We look forward to having you at Ditchley Park.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Muller

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DONALD FORTIER TO WILLIAM CLARK, RE: YOUR MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR LOUIS THURSDAY, MARCH 10; 2:30 P.M.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

March 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

DENNIS CARLAIR

SUBJECT:

Request for Meeting by Dennis Healey, Shadow

Foreign Minister for U.K. Labor Party

Dennis Healey will be visiting Washington March 10-14. He would like to meet with you during that time. State Department considers it worthwhile to schedule the meeting, since Healey may well succeed Michael Foote as leader of the Labor Party. I do not think you need to meet with Healey; the Vice President met with him in London during his trip, so he has had recent White House attention.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize me to tell the British Embassy that you will not be able to meet with Dennis Healey.

Approve	Disapprove
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1983

Dear Harold:

Dennis forwarded to me the framed picture and quotations from the President's visit to the Houses of Parliament last year. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in giving this present to me and to the President.

I am sure you noted the President's strong condemnation of the violence that afflicts your country and of those Americans who support it. It is up to responsible politicians like you to work out solutions to the problems by peaceful means. In these efforts you have the full support of all those in the United States who care about Ireland.

Sincerely,

William P. Clark

The Honorable Harold McCusker, MP House of Commons London

MEMORANDUM

ACTION

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 22, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

DENNIS C. BLAZRE tal

SUBJECT:

Gift from Harold McCusker

SIGNED

Harold McCusker, leader of the more moderate unionist faction in Northern Ireland visited a couple of days ago. He left for you as a present this framed momento of the President's Westminster speech. I said I would forward it to you. Attached for your signature at Tab I is a thank you note to Harold.

RECOMMENDATION

1.	That you sign the thank you note at Tab I.
	ApproveDisapprove
	If you don't want to hang this in your office, I will be to hang it in mine.
	Your office My office

Tab I Thank you note to McCusker

British Embassy Washington DC

15 March 1983

The Hon Judge William P Clark

Dear Judge Clark

I enclose a copy of a letter to the President which I have sent to him together with what I hope he will find a handsome momento of his historic visit to Westminster. I wanted you to have this, the last remaining copy, yourself.

Yours sincerely

Harold McCusker

Member of Parliament for Armagh

Enc.



15 March 1983

The President of the United States of America

Dear Mr President

I had the privilege of listening to your address the combined Houses of Parliament in the Royal Gallery, Palace of Westminster last year during your visit to the United Kingdom.

Because of the historic significance of this event, the first time a President of the United States of America had thus visited the Mother of Parliaments, I decided to accumulate a few momentoes of the occasion.

I have now had them mounted and framed and feel that you might wish to have this as a remembrance of the splendour and pageantry of your visit which will long be remembered by all who were present.

Yours sincerely

Harold McCusker

Member of Parliament for Armagh

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MARCH 23, 1983

DEAR MARGARET:

FOR SOME TIME YOU AND I HAVE BORNE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE FOR OUR PEOPLE'S SECURITY AGAINST THE MOST AWESOME THREAT IN HISTORY. THIS REQUIRES DIFFICULT DECISIONS WHICH EVEN NOW, YOU AND I ARE TRYING TO SUSTAIN AGAINST CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION. WE MUST SUCCEED IN THIS FOR IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT THERE IS NO NEARTERM ALTERNATIVE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF STRONG READY FORCES TO DETER THE SOVIET UNION.

AS I HAVE ENGAGED IN THE DEBATE IN THE UNITED STATES, IT HAS BEEN CLEAR THAT MUCH OF THE EMOTIONAL CRITICISM IS BASED UPON FEAR WHICH ITSELF, RISES FROM THE PERCEPTION THAT WE APPARENTLY HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE PERPETUAL BUILDING OF MORE AND MORE OFFENSIVE WEAPONS. AS I HAVE PONDERED THE REALITIES AND UNKNOWNS OF WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY IT SEEMS UNLIKELY TO ME THAT THERE IS ANY NEAR-TERM ALTERNATIVE. YET I AM CONVINCED THAT WE MUST INSURE THAT EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF OFFENSIVE SYSTEMS MUST BE PURSUED. RECENTLY MY ADVISORS -- INCLUDING THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF -- HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT WE MAKE A MORE VIGOROUS EXAMINATION

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OF THE POTENTIAL OF DEFENSIVE TECHNOLOGIES, THUS HOLDING OUT THE LONG-TERM HOPE FOR OUR PEOPLE -- ALL THOSE UNDER NATO'S NUCLEAR UMBRELLA -- THAT SOMEDAY WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SECURE OURSELVES WITHOUT THREATENING ANYONE OR THEIR TERRITORY.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, I AM EXTREMELY CONSCIOUS OF THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY ANY FOCUSSED EFFORT UPON STRATEGIC DEFENSE. ARE WE GOING TO A FORTRESS AMERICA> DO WE INTEND TO VIOLATE THE ABM TREATY IN ANY WAY OR DEPART FROM OUR COMMITMENTS TO ALLIES> ARE WE GOING FOR A FIRST STRIKE CAPABILITY> ALL OF THESE NOTIONS ARE OF COURSE UTTER NONSENSE.

BECAUSE THEY ARE NONSENSE AND BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE MUST EXPLORE EVERY AVENUE WHICH OFFERS OUR PEOPLE HOPE FOR A MORE STABLE FUTURE, I HAVE DECIDED TO EXAMINE DEFENSIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN A MORE VIGOROUS WAY. NO ONE EXPECTS THAT WE WILL SEE THE BENEFIT OF THIS IN MATERIAL TERMS UNTIL THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. SURELY THE BENEFITS WHICH ACCRUE WILL BE SHARED WITH OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES. IN THE MEANTIME AND BEYOND WE MUST SURELY MAINTAIN THE BALANCE AND STICK TOGETHER AS WE ALWAYS HAVE. TONIGHT I WILL ADDRESS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THIS VEIN. IN DOING SO I WANTED YOU TO BE AWARE OF MY THINKING WHICH, AS ALWAYS, IS MOTIVATED BY A DEEP CONCERN FOR OUR COMMON SECURITY.

SINCERELY,

RON

BEGIN TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

A CALL FOR A BOLD DEFENSE :

THUS FAR TONIGHT I HAVE SHARED WITH YOU MY THOUGHTS ON THE PROBLEMS OF NATIONAL SECURITY WE MUST FACE TOGETHER. MY PREDECESSORS IN THE OVAL OFFICE HAVE APPREARED BEFORE YOU ON OTHER OCCASIONS TO DESCRIBE THE THREAT POSED BY SOVIET POWER AND HAVE PROPOSED STEPS TO ADDRESS THAT THREAT. BUT SINCE

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THE ADVENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THOSE STEPS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD DETERRENCE OF AGGRESSION THROUGH THE PROMISE OF RETATLIATION -- THE NOTION THAT NO RATIONAL NATION WOULD LAUNCH AN ATTACK THAT WOULD INEVITABLY RESULT IN UNACCEPTABLE LOSSES TO THEMSELVES. THIS APPROACH TO STABILITY THROUGH OFFENSIVE THREAT HAS WORKED. WE AND OUR ALLIES HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING NUCLEAR WAR FOR THREE DECADES. IN RECENT MONTHS, HOWEVER, MY ADVISORS, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, HAVE UNDERSCORED THE BLEAKNESS OF THE FUTURE BEFORE US.

OVER THE COURSE OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS, I HAVE BECOME MORE AND MORE DEEPLY CONVINCED THAT THE HUMAN SPIRIT MUST BE CAPABLE OF RISING ABOVE DEALING WITH OTHER NATIONS AND HUMAN BEINGS BY THREATENING THEIR EXISTENCE. FEELING THIS WAY, I BELIEVE WE MUST THOROUGHLY EXAMINE EVERY OPPORTUNITY FOR REDUCING TENSIONS AND FOR INTRODUCING GREATER STABILITY INTO THE STRATEGIC CALCULUS ON BOTH SIDES. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS WE CAN MAKE IS, OF COURSE TO LOWER THE LEVEL OF ALL ARMS, AND PRATICULARLY NUCLEAR ARMS. WE ARE ENGAGED RIGHT NOW IN SEVERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION TO BRING ABOUT A MUTUAL REDUCTION OF WEAPONS. I WILL REPORT TO YOU A WEEK FROM TOMORROW MY THOUGHTS ON THAT SCORE. BUT LET ME JUST SAY I AM TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THIS COURSE.

IF THE SOVIET UNION WILL JOIN WITH US IN OUR EFFORT TO ACHIEVE MAJOR ARMS REDUCTION WE WILL HAVE SUCCEEDED IN

STABILIZING THE NUCLEAR BALANCE. NEVERTHELESS IT WILL STILL BE NECESSARY TO RELY ON THE SPECTER OF RETALIATION -- ON MUTUAL THREAT, AND THAT IS A SAD COMMENTARY ON THE HUMAN CONDITION.

WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER TO SAVE LIVES THAN TO AVENGE THEM> ARE WE NOT CAPABLE OF DEMONSTRATING OUR PEACEFUL INTENTIONS BY APPLYING ALL OUR ABILITIES AND OUR INGENUITY TO ACHIEVING A TRULY LASTING STABILITY> I THINK WE ARE --

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INDEED. WE MUST!

AFTER CAREFUL CONSULTATION WITH MY ADVISORS. INCLUDING THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, I BELIEVE THERE IS A WAY. LET ME SHARE WITH YOU A VISION OF THE FUTURE WHICH OFFERS HOPE. IT IS THAT WE EMBARK ON A PROGRAM TO COUNTER THE AWESOME SOVIET MISSILE THREAT WITH MEASURES THAT ARE DEFENSIVE. LET US TURN TO THE VERY STRENGTHS IN TECHNOLOGY THAT SPAWNED OUR GREAT INDUSTRIAL BASE AND THAT HAVE GIVEN US THE QUALITY OF LIFE WE ENJOY TODAY.

UP UNTIL NOW WE HAVE INCREASINGLY BASED OUR STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE UPON THE THREAT OF RETALIATION TO DETER SOVIET AGGRESSION. BUT WHAT IF FREE PEOPLE COULD LIVE SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR SECURITY DID NOT REST UPON THE THREAT OF INSTANT U.S. RETALIATION TO DETER A SOVIET ATTACK; THAT WE COULD INTERCEPT AND DESTROY STRATEGIC BALLISTIC MISSILES BEFORE THEY REACHED OUR OWN SOIL OR THAT OF OUR ALLIES>

I KNOW THIS IS A FORMIDABLE TECHNICAL TASK, ONE THAT MAY NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE THE END OF THIS CENTURY. YET, CURRENT TECHNOLOGY HAS ATTAINED A LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION WHERE IT IS REASONABLE FOR US TO BEGIN THIS EFFORT. IT WILL TAKE YEARS, PROBABLY DECADES, OF EFFORT ON MANY FRONTS. THERE WILL BE FAILURES AND SETBACKS JUST AS THERE WILL BE SUCCESSES AND BREAKTHROUGHS. AND AS WE PROCEED WE MUST REMAIN CONSTANT IN PRESERVING THE NUCLEAR DETERRENT AND MAINTAINING A SOLID CAPABILITY FOR FLEXIBLE RESPONSE. BUT IS IT NOT WORTH EVERY INVESTMENT NECESSARY TO FREE THE WORLD FROM THE THREAT OF A NUCLEAR WAR> WE KNOW IT IS!

IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE REAL REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR ARMS, NEGOTIATING FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH THAT CAN BE ENSURED ONLY BY MODERNIZING OUR STRATEGIC FORCES. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF A CONVENTIONAL MILITARY CONFLICT ESCALATING TO

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NUCLEAR WAR BY IMPROVING OUR NON-NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES. AMERICA DOES POSSESS -- NOW -- THE TECHNOLOGIES TO ATTAIN VERY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR CONVENTIONAL, NON-NUCLEAR FORCES. PROCEEDING BOLDLY WITH THESE NEW TECHNOLOGIES, WE CAN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE ANY INCENTIVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION MAY HAVE TO THREATEN ATTACK AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OR ITS ALLIES.

AS WE PURSUE OUR GOAL OF DEFENSIVE TECHNOLOGIES, WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR ALLIES RELY UPON OUR STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE POWER TO DETER ATTACKS AGAINST THEM. THEIR VITAL INTERESTS AND OURS ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED -- THEIR SAFETY AND OURS ARE ONE AND NO CHANGE IN TECHNOLOGY CAN OR WILL ALTER THAT REALITY. WE MUST AND SHALL CONTINUE TO HONOR OUR COMMITMENTS.

I CLEARLY RECOGNIZE THAT DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS HAVE LIMITATIONS AND RAISE CERTAIN PROBLEMS AND AMBIGUITIES. IF PAIRED WITH OFFENSIVE SYSTEMS. THEY CAN BE VIEWED AS FOSTERING AN AGGRESSIVE POLICY AND NO ONE WANTS THAT.

BUT WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS FIRMLY IN MIND, I CALL UPON THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY WHO GAVE US NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO TURN THEIR GREAT TALENTS TO THE CAUSE OF MANKIND AND WORLD PEACE: TO GIVE US THE MEANS OF RENDERING THESE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IMPOTENT AND OBSOLETE.

TONIGHT, CONSISTENT WITH OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE A.B. M. TREATY AND IN RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH OUR ALLIES, I AM DIRECTING A COMPREHENSIVE AND INTENSIVE EFFORT TO DEFINE A LONG-TERM RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT WILL MOVE US A LONG STEP TOWARD OUR ULTIMATE GOAL OF ELIMINATING THE THREAT POSED BY STRATEGIC NUCLEAR MISSILES. THIS COULD PAVE THE WAY FOR ARMS CONTROL MEASURES TO ELIMINATE THE WEAPON'S THEMSELVES. WE SEEK NEITHER MILITARY SUPERIORITY NOR POLITICAL ADVANTAGE. OUR ONLY PURPOSE -- ONE ALL PEOPLE SHARE -- IS TO SEARCH FOR WAYS TO REDUCE THE DANGER OF

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MY FELLOW AMERICANS, TONIGHT WE ARE LAUNCHING AN EFFORT WHICH HOLDS THE PROMISE OF CHANGING THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY. THERE WILL BE RISKS, AND RESULTS TAKE TIME. BUT WITH YOUR EFFORT, I BELIEVE WE CAN DO IT. AS WE CROSS THIS THRESHOLD, I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

GOOD NIGHT AND GOD BLESS YOU!

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DENNIS BLAIR TO MCFARLANE, RE: YOUR MEETING WITH DAVID GOODALL...MARCH 30, 1983

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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April 4, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

DENNI LAIR

SUBJECT:

Reply to Mrs. Thatcher's Letter on Airline

Antitrust Investigation

On March 29, Mrs. Thatcher wrote to the President requesting him to suspend the Justice Department's investigation of antitrust charges against British Airways and British Caledonian Airways (the investigation also covers Pan Am, TWA, Lufthansa, Swissair and Laker). Mrs. Thatcher wants the issue to be resolved through government-government consultations under our bilateral air agreement. (C)

Both the Justice and State Departments agree that there is no provision in the bilateral air agreement to cover consultations on antitrust investigations. The negotiation record shows clearly that the British requested such a provision and we specificially rejected it (Tab 5). The Justice Department feels that it must uphold the law, and that there are substantial grounds for pressing the investigation. Justice held off on its investigation for five weeks while two rounds of talks were held with the British under OECD antitrust procedures, but the British put forward no information or arguments which persuaded our officials that they should hold the investigation further. (C)

Mrs. Thatcher is concerned that information developed in this investigation will be used in another civil suit being brought against the same U.K. companies by Laker Airways. If that suit is successful, it will cost a great deal of money for British Airways, and make more difficult the British Government's plan to denationalize the company. (C)

Attached for your signature is a memorandum to the President forwarding a reply for him to approve to Mrs. Thatcher. I have rewritten State's lengthy proposed reply to make it more succinct.

Speechwriters have reviewed the draft. Henry Nau concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

OK

NO

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT:

Reply to Mrs. Thatcher's Letter on Airline

Antitrust Investigation

Issue

Whether to send a message to Mrs. Thatcher turning down her request to suspend the Justice Department's investigation of British Airways, and to resolve the issue through bilateral consultations.

Facts

Mrs. Thatcher has written to you (Tab B) concerning the Justice Department's investigation of price fixing by two national British airlines (two U.S. companies and two other foreign airlines are also involved). She asks that you suspend the investigation and resolve the matter through governmentgovernment consultations under the U.S.-U.K. airline agreement. The U.S.-U.K. airline agreement does not have a provision for consultation of this sort, and one was specifically rejected by the United States during the negotiation of the agreement.

Discussion

Mrs. Thatcher is concerned that the Justice Department investigation will turn up damaging evidence of price-fixing. The now defunct Laker airways has a civil suit pending against British Airways. The British government fears that the evidence in the Justice Department antitrust investigation, if used in the civil suit, will cost British Airways a great deal of money, and make more difficult their plan to denationalize the company. The Justice and State Departments have already made several gestures to British concerns in this invetigation, and they feel that government-government consultations can go on in parallel with the investigation, but that it would be wrong to suspend it. The reply for your approval at Tab A tells Mrs. Thatcher that you do not feel you can suspend the Justice Department investigation, but offers to have consultations as it proceeds.

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RECOMMENDATION

OK NO

That you approve the attached message to Mrs.

Thatcher.

Tab A Message to Mrs. Thatcher
Tab B Mrs. Thatcher's message to you

Prepared by: Dany's Flair

Dear Margaret:

Your message of March 29, regarding the antitrust investigation of airline price-fixing, reached me just as I left Washington for a few days in California. I wanted, however, to respond as soon as possible, as you asked.

After checking with my officials, I am afraid that we cannot defer any longer the antitrust investigation by our Justice Department of British and other air carriers. There are substantial allegations involved, including fixing and raising air fares without the approval of our aeronautical authorities, and it is my clear obligation to see that our antitrust laws are enforced.

We have reviewed whether this matter should be handled under our bilateral avaiation agreement, and have concluded that the agreement does not provide an exception to our antitrust laws. We therefore feel that we can defer the investigation no longer, and will issue subpoens unless the carriers agree to provide the required information voluntarily.

The continuance of the Justice Department investigation does not preclude further rounds of consultations between our officials on this issue, although the correct format will have to be worked out. I have asked George Shultz to be in touch with Francis Pym to make the necessary arrangements.

You know how highly I value our personal relationship and the unique cooperation between our countries on important matters. However in this case I feel that I do not have the latitude to respond to your concerns. I would emphasize that at this point the Justice Department is only investigating

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allegations, but it is my responsibility that the investigations proceed. Knowing your personal interest, I will stay abreast of development in this case.

Sincerely,

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MCFARLANE TO JOHN POINDEXTER, RE: EAGLEBURGER-GOODALL DIALOGUE ON UPDATING...

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Dear David,

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As I noted in our very useful discussions on March 30, the public line you have proposed raises serious problems for us. I recognize the political difficulties faced by HMG in managing this issue. At the same time, I am sure you understand and share our equally serious concerns about—the impact this issue could have on the credibility of our deterrent and our relationship with other Allies.

It is perfectly natural for the British public, which is accustomed to the UK being an independent nuclear power, to expect that their government has special bilateral procedures in force with the United States regarding release of nuclear weapons. However, highlighting such arrangements with the UK could lead other Allies to demand analogous bilateral arrangements for themselves, or leave them in the politically difficult position of having to explain and defend to their publics the absence of such arrangements.

Any public suggestion that the unique American-British understandings had been extended, modified, or updated subsequent to elaboration of the NATO procedures would simply be intolerable to other Allies — and especially to other INF basing countries. In this context, even drawing attention to the unclassified 1952 Truman-Churchill communique and its references to "joint decision" presents problems, despite the fact that the understanding in the communique significantly pre-dates Alliance-wide arrangements such as the Athens guidelines and subsequent statements.

In formulating my comments below, I have tried to take full account of your own concerns, as well as our own. I know you will accept them in that spirit.

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Unfortunately, a statement that procedures had been updated
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In light of these concerns, I would suggest for your consideration an HMG statement along the following lines:

"In light of the planned deployment of United States ground-launched cruise missiles, the United Kingdom and United States have reviewed existing arrangements for United States use of bases in the UK, and U.S. forces to be deployed there. They agreed that these arrangements, which have been satisfactory to all British governments for the last three decades. Would apply fully to U.S. cruise missiles based in the UK, whether those systems were on- or off-base. The Government of the United Kingdom is therefore fully assured that use of these systems, would be in accordance with the understanding contained in the 1952 communique, would be a watter of joint decision of the two governments."

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As always, I appreciate the candor and spirit of cooperation that have marked our discussions. I look forward to your reaction to my suggestions and to prompt agreement on how to handle public discussion of this sensitive issue in a manner which best serves our mutual concerns.

With warm regards,

Lawrence S. Eagleburger

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April 5, 1983

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Mr. Robert C. McFarlane MEMORANDUM FOR:

National Security Council

Dr. Fred C. Ikle

Department of Defense

Subject:

US-UK Review of Murphy-Dean Agreement

In follow up to our March 30 meeting, David Goodall has written to me to reiterate British views on public handling of the ongoing review and updating of the Murphy-Dean agreement. He has asked for a prompt response in order to help prepare HMG for renewed questioning on the nuclear control issue when Parliament resumes on April 11.

A proposed response to Goodall is attached for your review. The letter reiterates our concerns about the British desire to indicate publicly that special bilateral procedures for joint US-UK decision on nuclear control had been reviewed and updated. In addition, to help shape British thinking on a public line--and to make clear what we could or could not accept--the letter contains a proposed text for a British statement on the subject. At the same time, it offers a future U.S. acknowledgment that we had reviewed existing understandings, without, however, suggesting that we had "updated" specific bilateral control procedures.

I would appreciate your comments no later than 10:00 a.m. April 6, so that the response to Goodall can be transmitted early enough to provide time for resolving any differences before Parliament resumes next week.

Attachments

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