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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

ROBERT C. MCFARLAND

SUBJECT:

Agreement with the U.K. on Purchase

of the TRIDENT D-5 Missile

Attached for your signature is a memorandum to the President informing him that we have concluded an agreement with the U.K. on their purchase of the TRIDENT D-5 missile. Next week we will be receiving final word from London that the Prime Minister has approved the arrangements, and we will be requesting formal approval from the President.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

#### Attachment

Tab I Memorandum for the President

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Review on February 26, 1988

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 26, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

DENNIA C (BDAI)

SUBJECT:

Loose Ends on the D-5 Arrangements

Attached for your signature is a memorandum to Judge Clark forwarding a memorandum for him to sign to the President giving the news that we have concluded an agreement.

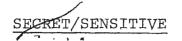
I have confirmed the following tasking for State and Defense:

- -- State and Defense: Review the four main letters to be exchanged one more time -- final comments/ clearance to me by next Wednesday, March 3.
- -- Defense: Draft final form of Weinberger letter to Nott on "two-way street." Submit by Tuesday, March 2, to send to U.K. for their final comments.
- -- State: Provide me by Wednesday March 3 final comments on the "open government" document to be cabled to London.
- -- State: Draft instructions to NATO and Ambassadors to be used when we brief the Alliance and the major Allies in Paris, Bonn, Rome.

In addition, we need to have the President's formal approval for the arrangment. We can either wait until we give him

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the letter to sign to Mrs. Thatcher, or else we can send him a memorandum next week from SecState and SecDef outlining the principles of the agreement, and requesting his approval. I recommend the latter.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That you sign the memorandum at Tab II for Judge Clark.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_
That I draw up a memorandum from Haig and Weinberger to the President requesting his approval of the D-5 arrangement.

Approve Disapprove \_\_\_\_

#### Attachments

Tab I Clark Memorandum for the President

Tab II Your Memorandum to Judge Clark

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Telephone Calls to Congressional Leadership

on Trident II

Attached at Tab I for your use are talking points for your phone calls to Senators Baker and Byrd and Representative O'Neill. I have made your talking points very short and general. For information, the more extensive talking points being used by Richard Perle and Richard Burt are at Tab II.

Perle will be calling Senators Tower, Stennis, and Hatfield; Representatives Price, Dickinson, Whitten and Brooks. Burt will be calling Senators Percy and Pell; Representatives Zablocki and Bloomfield. (C)

Richard Hastie-Smith just called from London. Due to press speculation, the British will confirm at the 11:00 a.m. (our time) briefing that there will be an announcement tomorrow in the Commons concerning the Trident II. I will inform Mort Allin, but we will go with our announcement tomorrow. (S)

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you call the Congressional leadership using the talking points at Tab I.

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April 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.

The Secretary of State

SUBJECT:

Cooperation with the United Kingdom

on Nuclear Matters

We have sent your message to Robert Armstrong on the Cabinet line, informing him that Larry Eagleburger will be the point of contact for handling sensitive issues of nuclear release and nuclear cooperation. Because of the large degree of personal involvement of the President in these matters, I would appreciate it if you keep me closely informed of developments in this area. Bud McFarlane will be the point of contact on the NSC Staff.

William P. Clark

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TO: SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

FROM: ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.

DEAR SIR ROBERT:

YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN FEBRUARY OF LAST YEAR I DESIGNATED BUD MCFARLANE TO WORK WITH YOU ON SENSITIVE BILATERAL ISSUES OF NUCLEAR RELEASE AND NUCLEAR COOPERATION. WITH BUD'S MOVE TO THE WHITE HOUSE, I HAVE ASKED LARRY EAGLEBURGER TO ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY. LARRY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES IN THE FUTURE, AS THE NEED ARISES.

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ALEXANDER M. HAIG. JR.

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#### MESSAGE TO UK CABINET SECRETARY SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Dear Sir Robert:

You will recall that in February of last year I designated Bud McFarlane to work with you on sensitive bilateral issues of nuclear release and nuclear cooperation. With Bud's move to the White House, I have asked Larry Eagleburger to assume this responsibility. Larry will be available to discuss these issues in the future, as the need arises.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

DENNIS CZ BLAIR

SUBJECT:

Memorandum to Secretary of State on Nuclear Cooperation with the United

Kingdom

Al Haig has asked us (Tab II) to notify Sir Robert Armstrong on the Cabinet line that Larry Eagleburger will be the U.S. Government point of contact for dealing with the British on nuclear cooperation matters.

Your memorandum to him at Tab I informs him that we have sent the message, and directs him to keep you closely informed of developments, through Bud McFarlane.

### RECOMMENDATION:

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That you sign the memorandum to SecState at Tab I.

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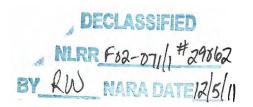
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SecState's Request

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

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SUBJECT: Message to UK Cabinet Secretary Armstrong

In accordance with your discussion earlier this year with Secretary Haig regarding the handling of sensitive issues of nuclear release and nuclear cooperation with the UK, the Secretary has designated Under Secretary Eagleburger to assume responsibility for any discussions with the UK on these matters. The Secretary would appreciate your transmitting the attached message from him to Sir Robert Armstrong, of the UK Cabinet Office, informing Armstrong that Under Secretary Eagleburger has assumed responsibility for dealing with the UK on these issues.

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Attachment:

Message to Sir Robert Armstrong

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MESSAGE TO UK CABINET SECRETARY SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

DEAR SIR ROBERT,

AS YOU KNOW, SECRETARY HAIG HAS ASKED ME TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON SENSITIVE ISSUES OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION. ONE MATTER IN THIS AREA HAS ARISEN RECENTLY WHICH I THOUGHT DESIRABLE TO DRAW TO YOUR ATTENTION. I PARTICULARY REGRET HAVING TO DO SO IN THE MIDST OF YOUR PREOCCUPATION WITH THE FALKLANDS' CRISIS.

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AS PART OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO EDUCATE PUBLIC OPINION ON NUCLEAR ISSUES, WE UNDERSTAND A FILM HAS BEEN PRODUCED WITH UK GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP ENTITILED "A BETTER ROAD TO PEACE." THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN THE FILM REPORT IT IS VERY WELL DONE. THE FILM'S NARRATOR ADDRESSES, HOWEVER, THE ISSUE OF NUCLEAR RELEASE, AND DOES SO IN TERMS WHICH WE FEEL ARE EXCESSIVELY EXPLICIT. SPECIFICALLY THE NARRATOR STATES "AMERICANS OPERATE AMERICAN WEAPONS ON BASES IN BRITAIN BY AN ARRANGEMENT THAT HAS WORKED PERFECTLY WELL FOR THIRTY YEARS. WE HAVE A STRICT UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY USE OF THOSE BASES IN AN EMERGENCY WOULD BE A MATTER FOR JOINT DECISION BETWEEN BRITAIN AND AMERICA."

AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE REPEATEDLY REQUESTED THAT THE CHURCHILL-MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

TRUMAN FORMULA, WHETHER IN COMPLETE OR ABBREVIATED FORM, NOT BE VOLUNTEERED IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF NUCLEAR RELEASE. INDEED WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE ISSUE OF NUCLEAR RELEASE NOT BE BROACHED BY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN IN PUBLIC FORA. SEVERAL OTHER ALLIES ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING TO OPEN ISSUES OF NUCLEAR RELEASE WITH US. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE CONSEQUENCE A WIDER ALLIANCE DEBATE ON THESE ISSUES WOULD HAVE FOR NATO COHESION, AND THE CREDIBILITY OF ITS NUCLEAR DETERRENT. THUS WHILE WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTIES YOU FACE IN YOUR PUBLIC DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE, WE MUST ASK ONCE AGAIN FOR HELP IN FORESTALLING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EVEN MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE ON THESE MATTERS.

I APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER, AND APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING TO INITIATE OUR CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS NEGATIVE NOTE.

SINCERELY.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

Message to UK Cabinet Secretary Sir Robert Subject: Armstrong on Nuclear Release

It would be appreciated if you would have transmitted to UK Cabinet Secretary Sir Robert Armstrong the attached message from Under Secretary Eagleburger on the issue of nuclear release arrangements.

> L. Paul Bremer, III Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Message to Sir Robert Armstrong

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Message to UK Cabinet Secretary Sir Robert Armstrong

Dear Sir Robert,

As you know, Secretary Haig has asked me to assume responsibility for exchanges between our two governments on sensitive issues of nuclear cooperation. One matter in this area has arisen recently which I thought desirable to draw to your attention. I particularly regret having to do so in the midst of your preoccupation with the Falklands' crisis.

As part of Her Majesty's Government's efforts to educate public opinion on nuclear issues, we understand a film has been produced with UK Government sponsorship entitled "A Better Road to Peace." Those who have seen the film report it is very well done. The film's narrator addresses, however, the issue of nuclear release, and does so in terms which we feel are excessively explicit. Specifically the narrator states "Americans operate American weapons on bases in Britain by an arrangement that has worked perfectly well for thirty years. We have a strict understanding that any use of those bases in an emergency would be a matter for joint decision between Britain and America."

As you know we have repeatedly requested that the Churchill-Truman formula, whether in complete or abbreviated form, not be volunteered in addressing the issue of nuclear release. Indeed we would prefer that the issue of nuclear release not



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be broached by government spokesmen in public fora. Several other Allies are currently seeking to open issues of nuclear release with us. You will appreciate the consequence a wider Alliance debate on these issues would have for NATO cohesion, and the credibility of its nuclear deterrent. Thus while we fully recognize the difficulties you face in your public debate on this issue, we must ask once again for help in forestalling the development of an even more serious problem within the Alliance as a whole on these matters.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and apologize for having to initiate our correspondence on this negative note.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. Eagleburger Under Secretary for Political Affairs

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