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February 25, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR BUD MCFARLANE

FROM:

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DENNIS BLAIR/BOB LINHARD *RLW*

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SUBJECT:

Meeting with UK Delegation on Murphy-Dean Agreement Monday, February 28, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Eagleburger's Office

Larry Eagleburger will chair the meeting with the U.K. delegation headed by David Goodall, Robert Wade-Gerry's successor. The U.K. delegation will include a representative from both the FCO and MOD. A DoD representative, probably Fred Ikle, will join you and Eagleburger on the U.S. team. (S)

The purpose of the meeting is to update the 1958 Murphy-Dean agreement, which specifies the procedures for and the forces covered under the U.S.-U.K. nuclear control agreement (The Truman-Churchill agreement of 1952). We believe that the Murphy-Dean agreement is fine in concept, and needs only updating of the nomenclature to take into account today's weapons, including the GLCMs. (TS)

If the Brits have the same limited objective for the meeting that we do, it will be an easy meeting. If on the other hand they wish either to publicize this meeting or to discuss broader issues of nuclear weapons control, then we will object. We do not want bilateral meetings of this type to be publicized, and we are not yet ready to discuss new arrangements for control of nuclear weapons. Contingency talking points on these topics are included in the attached tabs. (S)

For your preparation for the meeting, the following materials are attached: (S)

- Tab A: Talking points for the meeting;
- Tab B: Murphy-Dean agreement, annotated with updates acceptable to U.S.;
- Tab C: Eagleburger/Armstrong exchange of cables setting up the meeting;
- Tab D: President's message to Mrs. Thatcher on nuclear control issue;

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-- Tab E: Background paper prepared by Linhard/Blair group on the overall dual key question.

Blair will be standing by to attend the meeting in your stead if you cannot make it. In any case, both of us will be available for quick turnaround of any issues which arise in the morning meeting and have to be resolved in a follow-up afternoon session. (U)

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REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER

Subject: Procedures for the Committing to the Attack of Nuclear Retaliatory Forces in the United Kingdom

1. Pursuant to the suggestion made by the Prime Minister to the President on April 24, 1958, representatives of the United States and United Kingdom Governments, led respectively by Mr. Robert Murphy and Sir Patrick Dean, have met in Washington. They studied how procedures of the two Governments might be concerted for reaching a decision to respond to a Soviet attack by committing nuclear retaliatory forces to the attack from the United Kingdom. The present report summarizes the results of these talks.

2. The basic understanding between the United Kingdom and United States Governments, regarding the use of bases in the United Kingdom by United States forces, provides that such use in an emergency shall be a matter for joint decision by the two Governments in the light of the circumstances at the time. A similar provision is incorporated in the Agreement of February 22, 1958, pursuant to which certain intermediate range ballistic missiles are to be provided to the United Kingdom Government by the United States Government. Decision by both parties would also be required in order to commit to the attack aircraft of the Royal Air Force Medium Bomber United Kingdom Force carrying nuclear weapons of United States origin.

3. If Western retaliation is to be successful, there must be mutually understood procedures for ordering the retaliatory forces referred to in paragraph 2 above into action with the minimum delay.

4. An outline of United Kingdom procedures is attached at Annex A, and an outline of United States procedures at Annex B. Representatives of the two Governments are satisfied that these procedures, which are designed to be put into effect with the minimum delay, are mutually understood and mutually consistent.

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It will be seen that the "joint decision" required by the basic understanding between the two Governments would be taken by the President and the Prime Minister, who would speak personally with each other.

5. It should also be noted that the attached procedures relate only to the committing to the attack of retaliatory forces referred to in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 6 below. They do not deal with the employment of United States retaliatory forces located outside the United Kingdom or with the employment of United Kingdom retaliatory forces other than those specified in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 6. The United States Government, of course, retains the right in accordance with normal procedures to withdraw from their United Kingdom bases United States Air Force units deployed in the United Kingdom, and to redeploy such units elsewhere.

6. The categories of retaliatory forces to which the attached procedures apply are as follows:

- (a) Aircraft of the Royal Air Force ^{and Navy} [Medium Bomber Force] which would carry nuclear weapons of United States origin when committed to the attack;
- (b) [Royal Air Force IRBM force to be created pursuant to the Agreement of February 22, 1958];
- (c) Units of the United States [Strategic] Air [Command] located in the United Kingdom.

These include

~~In addition, there are also located in the United Kingdom~~ certain United Kingdom and United States tactical [bomber] units committed to SACBUE and having a nuclear retaliatory capability. The use of the bases in the United Kingdom or which United States tactical [bomber] units are located falls under the basic understanding referred to in paragraph 2 above. Some adaptation of the attached procedures may be required to make them applicable to the NATO-committed tactical [bomber] units referred to earlier in this paragraph. Accordingly, the two Governments have agreed that they will respectively review as soon as possible their procedures covering such units. After consultation with SACBUE, they will make any additions and/or modifications to the attached procedures that may prove necessary in order to make such procedures applicable to all categories of retaliatory forces, including tactical [bomber] units, located in the United Kingdom.

Robert Murphy
Robert Murphy

P. Dean

Patrick Dean

Washington, June 7, 1958.



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Joint Report to the President and Prime Minister on Procedures for Launching Nuclear Retaliation from the United Kingdom

Last month Prime Minister Macmillan suggested that the United States and United Kingdom Governments should hold talks on the question of launching nuclear retaliation from the United Kingdom. The purpose of such talks was to insure that procedures existed for the employment, with the minimum delay, of United States and United Kingdom retaliatory forces located in Britain. You replied to Prime Minister Macmillan that you were in accord with his suggestion.

These talks were held in Washington on June 3-7 between United States and United Kingdom representatives, led respectively by Mr. Robert Murphy and Sir Patrick Dean. The United States and United Kingdom procedures have been examined and found to be mutually understood and mutually consistent. A copy of the report covering the talks, with the procedures attached as annexes, is transmitted herewith. This report is to be signed jointly by Mr. Murphy and Sir Patrick Dean, and the signed original will be laid before the Prime Minister and yourself during the talks which are to begin June 9.

As you know, under existing arrangements with the United Kingdom, United States forces located in the United Kingdom, and certain categories of British forces, can not be committed to the attack without a joint decision of the two Governments. Both the British procedures and our own provide that such a joint decision would be taken by yourself and the Prime Minister, through personal communication with each other.



John Foster Dulles

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MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER

I. Interdependence: U.S./U.K. Relationship -

General review of Anglo-American cooperation.

France

II. Middle East, including aid, military and economic to Arab Union and Lebanon.

III. Nuclear Questions -

- 1. Proposed Bilateral Agreement: Strauss/Plowden Report.
- 2. Suspension of Tests and Disarmament.
- 3. Tripartite Intelligence Alerts: Allen Dulles/Dean Report.
- 4. Procedure for Launching Nuclear Reprisal: Murphy/Dean Report.

IV. Preparations for a Summit Meeting.

V. The Economic Threat and How to Meet it.

VI. The Propaganda, Subversive Threat and How to Meet it.

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM UNDER SECRETARY
LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBURGER TO SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

FEBRUARY 1, 1983

DEAR SIR ROBERT:

AS YOU KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS BETWEEN GEORGE SHULTZ AND FRANCIS PYM, AND BETWEEN CAP WEINBERGER AND JOHN KNOTT ON THE ISSUES RELATED TO CONTROL OF GROUND LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES TO BE BASED IN THE UK. WE ARE AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS FACED ON THIS ISSUE, AND APPRECIATE THE FIRM PUBLIC LINE WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER, AND DEFENCE SECRETARY HESELTINE HAVE TAKEN. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ISSUE REMAINS UNDER CONSIDERATION WITHIN YOUR GOVERNMENT.

I KNOW YOU APPRECIATE THAT MATTERS RELATED TO CONTROL OVER NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE A MOST SENSITIVE AND DIFFICULT ISSUE IN ALL OF THE INF BASING COUNTRIES, AND INDEED IN ALL OF THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE LOCATED. I KNOW

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YOU ALSO SHARE OUR OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE, WHICH IS TO SUSTAIN THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF THESE FORCES, AND AGREE THAT WE MUST AVOID ANY STEP WHICH WOULD CALL INTO QUESTION THEIR POSSIBLE USE, IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET AGGRESSION, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES ENVISAGED IN AGREED ALLIANCE STRATEGY.

WE ARE ANXIOUS TO WORK WITH YOU TO SUSTAIN BRITISH AND EUROPEAN PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR INF DEPLOYMENT. IN THIS CONTEXT WE ARE READY TO EXAMINE HOW WE CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS ABOUT CONTROL OF THESE NEW NUCLEAR SYSTEMS. THE LINE TAKEN BY YOUR PRIME MINISTER IN THIS REGARD -- THAT THE PROCEDURES OF THE PAST 30 YEARS HAVE BEEN AND WILL REMAIN FULLY SATISFACTORY -- STRIKES US AS THE BEST AND PERHAPS ONLY SUSTAINABLE AND SAFE LINE OF DEFENSE. IF THERE ARE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN HELP YOU MAKE THIS CASE, WE ARE READY TO CONSIDER THEM.

IN OUR VIEW WE MUST AVOID ANYTHING WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT OR WILL NOT BE SATISFACTORY. NEW ARRANGEMENTS COULD NOT BE LIMITED TO ONLY ONE ALLY, NOR INDEED TO ANY ONE CLASS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS SYSTEMS. TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION WOULD CONSEQUENTLY UNDERMINE THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF AMERICA'S THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES IN A COMPREHENSIVE WAY. PERHAPS EQUALLY IMPORTANT, THE LACK OF TRUST WHICH SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD SUGGEST WOULD WEAKEN PUBLIC FAITH IN OUR COMMON COMMITMENT TO COLLECTIVE DEFENSE AND STRIKE A MAJOR BLOW AT ALLIANCE COHESION.

WE HOPE IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS TO COMPLETE OUR OWN REVIEW OF THIS ISSUE WHICH WE INITIATED AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH SECRETARY SHULTZ AND WEINBERGER HAVE HAD WITH YOUR MINISTERS. WE WILL THEN BE IN A POSITION TO WORK WITH YOU CLOSELY TO SUSTAIN A DEFENSIBLE PUBLIC POSTURE ON THIS DIFFICULT ISSUE.

BEST REGARDS,

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DEAR MARGARET:

I AM WRITING BECAUSE OF MY CONCERN ABOUT AN ISSUE WHICH
COULD UNDERMINE ALLIANCE SECURITY UNLESS IT IS HANDLED WITH
EXTRAORDINARY CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY: THE ISSUE OF THE
PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE RELEASE OF U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM
ALLIED SOIL. GEORGE BUSH HAS INFORMED ME THAT FOLLOWING THE
GERMAN ELECTIONS YOU WISH TO REVIEW THE PROCEDURES BETWEEN OUR
COUNTRIES. WE ARE OF COURSE PREPARED TO CONDUCT SUCH A REVIEW,
BUT I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU MY INITIAL THOUGHTS ON THE ISSUE.

IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE DEBATE OVER THE DEPLOYMENT OF
NEW AMERICAN MISSILES IN EUROPE HAS PLACED THIS ISSUE UNDER A
BRIGHT SPOTLIGHT. IN OUR OPEN SOCIETIES, THERE IS OBVIOUSLY
LITTLE WE CAN DO TO CONTAIN PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION.
BUT I FEEL STRONGLY THAT WE MUST WITHSTAND THE PRESSURES TO
ALTER EXISTING PROCEDURES OR EVEN TO DIVULGE MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT THOSE PROCEDURES.

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I CAN THINK OF NO LEADER WHO WOULD AGREE WITH ME MORE COMPLETELY THAN YOU THAT OUR FIRST DUTY, INDEED OUR SUPREME DUTY, IS TO ASSURE THE SECURITY OF OUR PEOPLES. WHAT CONCERNS ME SO IS THAT THAT SECURITY WILL BE UNDERMINED IF THE SOVIETS CONCLUDE THAT OUR NUCLEAR DETERRENT IS NOT CREDIBLE BECAUSE OUR PROCEDURES MAKE RELEASE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE. I FEAR THAT ONCE WE BEGIN TO ALTER PROCEDURES ON ONE PARTICULAR WEAPON SYSTEM IN ONE OR TWO COUNTRIES, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE, LOGICALLY AND POLITICALLY, TO DRAW THE LINE. IN THE END, THE VERY PURPOSE OF THE U. S. NUCLEAR PRESENCE IN EUROPE COULD BE DEFEATED. THE FOUNDATION OF OUR STRATEGY COULD BE FATALLY WEAKENED. EVEN IF THE RISK OF SUCH A DEVELOPMENT IS SMALL, THE CONSEQUENCES ARE SO SEVERE THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO RUN THAT RISK.

AS YOU HAVE SO COGENTLY ARGUED BEFORE PARLIAMENT, WE HAVE BOTH ALLIANCE AND BILATERAL PROCEDURES THAT HAVE SERVED US WELL FOR SOME THIRTY YEARS. I KNOW AS WELL AS YOU THAT YIELDING NO FURTHER GROUND ON THIS QUESTION WILL BE POLITICALLY PAINFUL. IT MAY EVEN COMPLICATE OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN SUPPORT FOR INF DEPLOYMENT. BUT KNOWING THE EFFECTS AND RISKS, WE MUST RESIST ANY CHANGE IN PROCEDURES, AS YOU HAVE SO STALWARTLY DONE SO FAR.

THIS IS A CRITICAL YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE ALLIANCE. I KNOW WE ARE UNITED IN OUR RESOLVE TO EMERGE MORE SECURE AND MORE CONFIDENT THAN EVER.

SINCERELY,

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