SUBJECT: NATO Atomic Stockpile

LIMIT DISTRIBUTION

There are enclosed, for the attention of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, the following documents relating to the understanding between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States on the establishment of stocks of nuclear weapons by the United States for United Kingdom forces assigned to or earmarked for NATO and for NATO forces of other countries in the United Kingdom:

1. The original of a Note from the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, dated August 3, 1961 (Enclosure Number 1).

2. A certified copy of the reply of the American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, dated August 3, 1961 (Enclosure Number 2).

Additional copies of the enclosures to this despatch are being pouched separately to the Department, attention HNA.

For the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim:

[Signature]
William C. Trueheart
First Secretary of Embassy

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AUG 13 1961
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LEGAL ADVISER
AUG 13 1961

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The action office must return this permanent record copy to DC/R files with an endorsement of action taken.
Sir,

I have the honour to refer to articles 20 and 21 of the Communiqué issued by the North Atlantic Council on December 19th, 1957 concerning the establishment of stocks of nuclear weapons to be readily available for the defence of the North Atlantic alliance in case of need, and to arrangements which have been drawn up by the Major Commanders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for the support of NATO units with United States nuclear weapons.

The Honourable G. Lewis Jones,
&c., &c., &c.,
24-31 Grosvenor Square,
W. 1.
If you confirm that the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, I propose that this note together with your reply to that effect should be regarded as placing on record the understanding of our two Governments in this matter.

I have the honour to be with high consideration,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

[Signature]

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"If you confirm that the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, I propose that this note together with your reply to this effect should be regarded as placing on record the understanding of our two Governments in this matter."

I have the honor to inform you that the proposal made in your note is acceptable to the Government of the United States and to confirm that your note, together with this reply, shall be regarded as placing on record the understanding of our two Governments in this matter.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration,

G. LEWIS JOHNS

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