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FROM: JCS WASH DC
TO: USARMA OTTAWA CANADA
INFO: CINCINNATI ENT AFB COLO
NR: JCS 977109

DATE: 16 MAY 60

FROM US JCS: USARMA PASS TO CHAIRMAN, CANADIAN CHIEFS
OF STAFF COMMITTEE

1. Subject is Command Readiness Conditions.

2. US JCS were directed last night, 15 May 1960,
by US Sec Def in Paris to order quietly a higher than normal
state of command readiness on a minimum need-to-know basis.

3. JCS thereupon directed U.S. forces to assume
DEFCON 3. We are still on quiet alert, although some public
notice has occurred.

4. We have no information as to reasons for directive
cited in paragraph 2 above. Therefor U.S. JCS are making
no request or suggestion that Canadian Air defense forces
assume similar alert status.

ORIGIN: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

DISTR: GEN TWINING (CJCS), GEN WHEELER (DJS), GEN HILLYARD
(SJCS), GEN LEMNITZER (CSA), ADM-BURKE (CNO), GEN
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