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GADEL should urgently undertake ascertain UK and French views, offering following as preliminary US reaction:

(1) US continues prefer no UN resolution or action re transfer or spread of nuclear weapons. Believe any resolution of this type tends exert pressure upon Western governments to far greater extent than/USSR. US also dislikes lending color to impression there is any reasonable prospect achieving effective international control over transfer control of nuclear weapons through available or foreseeable inspection techniques. If there is any opportunity persuade Irish withdraw resolution or to avoid specific UNGA action on issue (which we consider very unlikely), believe we should be prepared to seize it.

(2) Despite foregoing, present US judgment is that issue of transfer and spread of nuclear weapons ~~ISSUE~~ will be raised, and in fact has been raised, and resolution on subject will be extremely difficult oppose. Believe latest version Irish resolution much better than previous versions. Seems far preferable to other possible resolutions, which might attempt put UNGA squarely

on record against any transfer or spread of weapons. In present form, Irish resolution is essentially referral resolution, requesting new 10 nation disarmament group to consider problem. Voting for this resolution would not involve commitment on substance. Moreover, referral this problem 10 nation committee

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handling of both  
committee might be useful precedent for ~~disarmament~~ Soviet QTE complete and  
and UK proposal.  
general UNQTE disarmament proposal. Therefore, while US position will not be  
finalized until UK and French views are known, we would urge UK and French Govern-  
ments be prepared support present version Irish resolution if developments indicate  
Aiken intends press it to vote. In addition, we believe Irish have now modified  
resolution to point where further opposition on part Western powers might result in  
less satisfactory text and loss tactical advantage.

(3) If agreement is reached to support Irish resolution, US would not wish make  
known position to Irish or other delegations at this time. Current consultations  
should be confined to French and UK.

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