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Re Dublin's Despatch 48 and Dublin's tel 55.

UK Emb called to seek Dept views on preliminary draft Irish res transmitted ref despatch which they felt "much more dangerous" than last year's and awkward to deal with since copies have been passed SOVs and French. Main British difficulty is res speaks of "not to give" rather than of "not relinquishing control" as did last year's. In UK view this incompatible with present NATO arrangements. Furthermore UK does not like explicit reference to four nuclear powers since this may raise difficulties with France. UK wishes convey following points to Irish soonest and hopes for US support:

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1) UK feels it preferable use phraseology of fourth preambular para of last year's res as substitute for second operative para new Irish proposal;

2) Draw Irish attention to new US declaration which uses language very close to last year's res and suggest that best action for Irish is to support US draft;

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3) Make clear from beginning that even if UK comments accepted, no commitment to support res could be given.

Dept is advising UK Emb that we have no objection to UK making above points but that for our part res contained ref despatch would be acceptable with substitution words "not to relinquish control over" for "not to give" in operative para 2. With this change we would be prepared indicate to Irish we could support res provided UK and French also prepared to support. However, we would also be ready support if UK succeed in obtaining substitution recommended for present operative para 2. We have no particular difficulty with explicit ref to four nuclear powers.

We intend to suggest following wording in event UK presses point 1 above:

"Calls in particular for an international agreement, subject to inspection and control, whereby the ^{Powers} ~~States~~ producing nuclear weapons would refrain from relinquishing control of such weapons to any nation not possessing them and whereby Powers not possessing such weapons would refrain from manufacturing them;

Third operative paragraph would then have to be changed by dropping the word "other."

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