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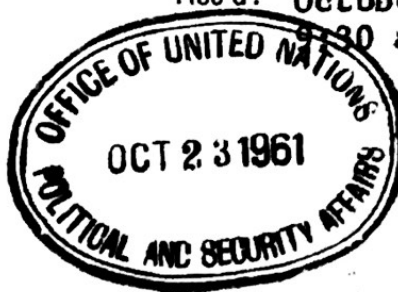
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Irish resolution nuclear weapons.

1. Re POLTO 473.

Feel bound to point out any interpretive statement volunteered by USDEL during UNGA debate which would highlight problem discussed reference telegram could provoke awkward discussion here. Could lead to charges US guilty of disingenuous attempt to mislead world in stage one C of US disarmament plan and could also throw whole problem of NATO sharing arrangements into GA. Since terms of US plan and of Irish resolution are quite clear as they now stand, we would hope we would not have to precipitate such a discussion.

2. Like Strikker, Belgium and Netherlands, Canadians here are troubled by Irish resolution call on states not possessing nuclear weapons not to accept them. They hope language can be brought more closely into accord with President's plan.

3. Tait (Canada) has given us following redraft of OP paragraphs 2 through 4 text contained TOPOL 519, USUN 872:

"Calls on the states possessing nuclear weapons to use their best endeavours to secure the conclusion of an international agreement

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agreement containing provisions under which the said states would undertake to refrain from relinquishing control of nuclear weapons to states not possessing such weapons, and provisions under which states not possessing nuclear weapons would also undertake not to accept or to make such weapons;

"(3) Urges all states to cooperate to this end and to facilitate the measures of inspection and control required to ensure that each of them is fulfilling its undertakings."

Tait said Canada Permanent Representative instructed make presentation next NATO meeting along following lines:

(1) Both nuclear and non-nuclear powers should be bound to international agreement. Present language Irish resolution did not accomplish this since undertaking by non-nuclear power contained in separate paragraph (OP 3).

(2) Important to link undertakings by both nuclear and non-nuclear powers to international agreement to avoid impression states could take unilateral actions apart from international agreement and therefore disarmament.

Tait remarked surely US support this year of Irish resolution predicated on assumption arrangements to prevent spread nuclear weapons would be accomplished within context disarmament, that is under appropriate international agreements and controls. Said Canada believes language change they suggesting would meet difficulties member NATO countries having problems with Irish resolution. Canada also believed US should not have to resort to interpretive statement in NATO if could be avoided because Soviets sure to exploit by accusing US of paying only lip service to idea preventing spread nuclear weapons while at same time intending give them to NATO allies.

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GADEL officer called attention to fact US already had indicated its support for similar approach and that US Permanent Representative had been authorized inform NAC at meeting October 11 (TOPOL 519, repeated USUN 872).

Tait said Canada had considered showing its new draft language to Roman (Ireland) today. GADEL officer noted US and UK both instructed approach Irish re language changes but holding off until outcome NATO discussions known. Tait replied Canada proceed to talk with Irish but do so only in general terms and would not show Roman draft of Canadian language.

4. New Canadian language seems tighter than language suggested TOPOL 519. Department comments requested.

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