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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter will inform the Committee of developments which have taken place since my letter of January 27 concerning further implementation of the plan for a NATO stockpile of United States atomic weapons under which the weapons would be readily available to the Alliance in case of need, and for cooperation with other countries under Sections 91c and 111b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Shortly after I wrote my letter January 27, agreements were signed with Belgium and the Netherlands to establish stockpiles in those countries. Negotiations for an agreement with Italy are continuing. The stockpile agreement with France for atomic support of French forces stationed in Germany committed to NATO has nearly been concluded. Only one relatively minor point of difference between the French and ourselves remains to be clarified. An agreement was concluded in April with Belgium to provide atomic support for its NATO committed forces in Germany, and negotiations are currently in progress with the Netherlands to provide similar support for its NATO committed forces there. Negotiation of an agreement with the United Kingdom whereby atomic support might be provided to all United Kingdom NATO forces in Germany requiring it, as well as those stationed in other NATO countries, has been started. This agreement would also lay the basis for subsequent agreements to provide atomic support for the NATO committed forces of other NATO countries stationed in the United Kingdom.

As I have noted to you on previous occasions, all the above-mentioned agreements, which are secret, explicitly provide that the custody of any stocks of atomic weapons provided by the United States will be the responsibility of the United States and that United States personnel will be assigned in the respective countries for that purpose.

In addition to the above-mentioned agreements we have under consideration negotiation of an agreement with Portugal for the establishment

of a NATO

The Honorable
Thomas E. Morgan,
Chairman, House Foreign
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of a NATO stockpile in that country. General Norstad, in his capacity as Supreme Allied Commander Europe, in March requested the agreement in principle of the Portuguese Government to such a stockpile. General Norstad is awaiting the Portuguese Government's reply to this approach. We are awaiting the Canadian Government's reaction to the military discussions, noted in our previous letter, concerning a possible agreement for the storage of United States atomic weapons in support of Canadian forces assigned to SACEUR, SACLANT and NORAD. We understand that the matter is still the subject of discussion within the Canadian Government.

An agreement with Italy for cooperation under Sections 91c and 114b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, was initialled in Rome on August 10. The text conforms to the pattern of agreements we have previously concluded with Germany, the Netherlands, Greece and Turkey, and will be submitted to the Congress in due course. In April we offered to negotiate a similar cooperation agreement with France. We do not anticipate any substantial problems in reaching agreement with the French once the agreement for the stockpiling of atomic weapons in Germany for French NATO forces has been concluded. We are considering the desirability of a new cooperation agreement with NATO which would in effect update the existing agreement. We expect also to negotiate cooperation agreements with Belgium and, if a stockpile agreement is negotiated, with Portugal.

I am similarly informing the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Secretary

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