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- Believe it preferable proceed negotiate third party agreement on basis present text amended insofar as possible meet Dutch comments contained Embassy G-223 of March 27, 1960. While Embassy unaware details floating concept, we question desirability its inclusion third party agreement unless Department envisages Dutch personnel aboard a non-US, non-Dutch In addition, introduction floating stockpile concept would doubtless cause considerable delay even though we consider Dutch would probably agree, in principle, to idea.
- Re floating stockpile concept, Embassy points out that US-Dutch agreement of January 26, 1960 already accepts SACIANT authority to determine location stockpiles "in the Netherlands" While it may not be possible or desirable stretch this to inglude storage aboard Dutch ship, it seems here that it might be more appropriate seek understanding about or amendment of January 26 agreement instead of delaying third party one or opening new negotiations. As indication probably Dutch attitude it is recalled that SACLANT included January 26 agreement at Dutch initiative. YOUNG

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