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Dear Mr. Hockaday,

The Minister of Defence has instructed me to inform you that the need to effect savings on exploitation costs has led him to decide on an immediate reorganization of nuclear delivery units in the Royal Army.

All nuclear units will be organized in the artillery of the Army Corps instead of the divisions as thus far. The corps artillery will include 2 battalions Honest John with 4 launchers each and a battalion of 8 inch howitzers, consisting of 2 batteries with 4 pieces each. As a result of this reorganization 2 batteries Honest John (2 launchers each) could be abolished.

This reorganization has been effected on October 1st 1967 and should therefore be included in the Defence Planning Review 1967.

Yours sincerely,

(N. van Dijl).

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