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To: EUR - Mr. William R. Tyler *mmf.*

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I refer to Ivan's telegram number 610, sent you EYES ONLY and received this morning. I am very much heartened by this initiative on the part of the Canadians, which has for some months been predictable, in view of our constant pressure on them in which we have identified failure to act on nuclear weapons as a major obstacle to good relations. I believe we should take immediate advantage of the offer, in the following fashion:

- 1) Promptly negotiate an agreement for the Canadian NATO forces in Europe, apart from the other aspects of the matter.
- 2) We should then proceed to discuss the question of nuclear warheads for F-101's and BOMARC's, and we should seek agreement on storage of weapons at United States bases in Canada as the price of our willingness to allow warheads for F-101's and BOMARC's to remain in the United States.
- 3) We should insist that training of Canadian forces in use of both F-101 weapons and BOMARC's be comprehensive and effective, as an adjunct to any agreement. The training could presumably take place in the United States.

I have no idea how the military will react to this matter, but I am sure that they will need help in taking advantage of a basically very encouraging initiative, the benefit of which could quickly be lost by an intransigent attitude.

I regard the suggestion about "letting Diefenbaker off the hook" as possibly the reverse of the situation. I think we have an opportunity to get Mr. Diefenbaker on the hook by agreeing for the moment to what is proposed, as indicated above. I think other results would follow later.

I think we should immediately take the matter up with the Defense Department, assure secrecy, work out a government position, and arrange for negotiators to go to Ottawa to help Ivan. In the course of our preparation, it should, of course, be possible to bring in Ivan and the other people from Ottawa.

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