MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Date: December 19, 1963
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.
Place: Foreign Office

PARTICIPANTS:

United States
The Secretary of State
Ambassador Bruce
Mr. Tyler
Mr. Manning
Minister Jones
Mr. Lampson

United Kingdom
Foreign Secretary Butler
Colonial and Commonwealth
Secretary Sandys
Sir Harold Caccia
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Sir Geoffrey Harrison
Mr. Henderson
Sir Bernard Burrows
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Mr. Peck
Mr. Hadow

Subject: Consultation on the Use of Nuclear Weapons

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Butler raised this subject, recalling that, when he and Mr. Rusk had called on Sir Alec Douglas-Home the previous evening, he had suggested that the Prime Minister write President Johnson about it. Rusk said this created no problem. The President wanted this to be handled through direct personal contact between the Prime Minister and himself. It was a good idea to start with a letter. The problem could then be discussed in Washington in February. Meanwhile it would be understood that the understanding which had existed between President Kennedy and Prime Minister Macmillan would continue. Butler said this was very satisfactory.