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Deliver following message to Prime Minister Macmillan from President. Advise date and time delivery.

QUOTE October 27, 1960

Dear Harold:

I am delighted that agreement has been reached on the project for berthing facilities for our Polaris tender in the Clyde area. I deeply appreciate your splendid cooperation in making a tender site available at Holy Loch which our Navy considers most satisfactory for their purpose.

With reference to the launching of missiles from U.S. Polaris submarines, I give you the following assurance, which of course is not intended to be used publicly. In the event of an emergency, such as increased tension or the threat of war, the U.S. will take every possible step to consult with Britain and other allies. This reaffirms the assurance I gave Foreign Secretary Eden on March 9, 1953.

Again,

RR:RA:RFessenden

OSD/ISA:JDStoddart:jmr

Telegraphic transmission and
by 10/27/60

S/S - Mr. Mr. Swank

The White House
(General Goodpaster)

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Again, may I express my gratification for your important contribution to the future success of our Polaris submarine program, which is so important to the security of the NATO alliance and the Free World generally. Your efforts in this regard reflect the understanding and close working relationships between our two countries which we both consider so essential to perpetuate.

I agree entirely with the view expressed in your letter of October 25 that it is undesirable to allow this project to become linked with the public discussion of a NATO MRBM force. During the course of the debate, I believe it would be useful for you to take an opportunity to say that this agreement will be a support to NATO. You could then go on to say that there is no connection between this project and the premature speculative stories which have appeared in the press about a possible NATO MRBM program. However, if you prefer to omit mention of NATO in your original announcement, we would fully support your decision.

I plan to issue a brief statement confirming your announcement. We will give your Embassy a copy of the proposed text.

Regarding your letter of October 25 on Skybolt I will furnish you a response shortly.

With warm personal regard,

Sincerely,

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