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May 11, 1959.

Thank you for your letter of May 6 regarding the proposed addendum to the Joint Report, approved by the President and the Prime Minister on June 9, 1958, on "Procedures for the Committing to the Attack of Nuclear Retaliatory Forces in the United Kingdom".

I note that the amendments suggested in my letter to you of April 2 are acceptable to the United States Government, subject to retention, which I accept, of the quotation marks setting off the term "positive control" in sub-paragraph 4 (a) of Annex B in the addendum.

I accordingly agree that your letter under reference above and my present reply to it shall constitute final agreement between us on the text set out in the enclosure to this letter.

I note that you will be informing SACEUR through United States channels of the agreement we have reached. I shall suggest that Her Majesty's Government shall do the same.

The Honorable Robert Murphy,
Department of State,
Washington D.C.

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ADDENDUM TO REPORT DATED JUNE 7, 1958, TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE
 PRIME MINISTER ON PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMITTING TO THE
 ATTACK OF NUCLEAR RETALIATORY FORCES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

In accordance with the agreement cited in paragraph 6 of the Report, the two Governments, after consultation with SACEUR, have agreed upon the changes to Annexes A and B of the Report which are described below. The categories of retaliatory forces to which the attached procedures now apply include, in addition to those specified in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Report, the following:

- (a) United States tactical bomber units located in the United Kingdom which are committed to SACEUR and have a nuclear retaliatory capability.
- (b) United Kingdom tactical bomber units located in the United Kingdom which are committed to SACEUR and which would carry nuclear weapons of United States origin when committed to the attack.

The changes to Annexes A and B are as follows:

Annex A

- 1. Paragraph 2, add:
 "(d) SACEUR."
- 2. Paragraph 3, add at end of paragraph:
 "SACEUR will be notified of action taken to increase the readiness of the tactical bomber force."
- 3. Paragraph 5, add:
 "(d) Commander, Third Air Force."
 "(e) SACEUR"

Paragraph 7, change to read:

The following procedures are applicable:

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"a. On receipt of tactical warning, the Chief of the Air Staff will order the medium bomber force to immediate readiness for take-off. At his discretion, he may order the force into the air under 'positive control' procedure if he deems such action necessary to avoid loss on the ground by enemy action. In this sense, 'positive control' means that aircraft will fly on prearranged routes toward targets, but will not pass beyond a specified line pending the receipt of further definite instructions. The time at which aircraft are scheduled to reach this specified line will be made known to the Prime Minister and the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff. The Commander of S.A.C. units in the United Kingdom and SACEUR will be informed of this action."

"b. On receipt of tactical warning the Chief of the Air Staff will order the RAF tactical bomber force assigned to SACEUR to immediate readiness. At his discretion SACEUR may order the tactical bomber force into the air under the above-mentioned 'positive control' procedure, if he deems such action necessary."

5. Paragraph 8, add:

"(c) The Tactical Bomber Force."

6. Paragraph 9.

For "Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee" read "Chief of the Defence Staff".

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Annex B

7. Paragraph 4, change to read:

4. Upon receiving tactical warning, (1 b above),

the following procedures are applicable:

"a. The Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command, may launch, under 'positive control' procedure, his Alert Force, which will proceed on pre-arranged routes towards targets but will not pass beyond a specified line without further definite instructions."

"b. At his discretion SACEUR may order his supporting strike forces into the air under the above-mentioned 'positive control', if he deems such action necessary."

8. Paragraph 5 c, change to read:

"The Joint Chiefs of Staff will simultaneously despatch prepared alert messages to all field commanders including CINCEUR and CINCSAC; the Members of the NATO Standing Group; major NATO commanders; the United Kingdom Chief of the Defence Staff; and the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee, Canada."

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