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Talking Points for Discussion With Senators Fulbright and Symington re Subcommittee Hearings on US Commitments Abroad

Further to my talking paper this morning on points for discussion with Senators Fulbright and Symington and with reference to the conclusions of the Interdepartmental Group on what privileged information should not be given to the Symington Subcommittee, this afternoon I chaired a meeting of the witnesses who will be appearing before the Subcommittee on the Philippines. Specifically with regard to the item on nuclear weapons, the witnesses were unanimous in stressing the disastrous effect on US-Philippine relations if it should be divulged that nuclear weapons were stored in the Philippines and without prior consultation with the Philippine government -- as is the case.

The question then boiled down as to what was the best technique of keeping this matter absolutely secret. All agreed that ideally to say nothing officially was the best policy. However, since Senator Symington's aides, Pincus and Paul, know the facts of nuclear weapons in the Philippines, the possibility of a leak to the press cannot be excluded.

It was recommended, therefore, as a fall-back position from the recommendation that no comment whatever be given on nuclear weapons, that if there is indeed danger of a leak, the Secretaries of State and Defense should get in touch with the Senators on the Symington Subcommittee, tell them the facts off the record without any transcript being taken, and enjoin the Senators under no circumstances to reveal this highly sensitive information.

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