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10 Downing Street
Whitehall

August 5, 1965

My dear Mr President,

SACLANT has recently proposed to Her Majesty's Government that United States nuclear depth bombs, destined for release in an emergency to maritime aircraft of the Netherlands, should be stored in the special ammunition store at St. Mawgan in Cornwall. Similar weapons for release to United States and British aircraft are also to be stored there.

Release of these nuclear weapons in an emergency for use by United States and British forces based in the United Kingdom would be the subject of a joint decision taken by the President and the Prime Minister in accordance with the terms of the understandings, as amended, which were confirmed by your letter of December 8, 1964. I am proposing that

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We should tell SACLANT that we have no objection to the proposed storage of United States nuclear weapons at St. Mawgan for Netherlands forces - or for the forces of other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. We should do this on the assumption that these weapons would not be released in advance of the joint decision on release to United States and British aircraft. I should be grateful for confirmation that this assumption is correct.

Yours ever,

Harold Wilson

The President of the United States of America.

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