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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Secure Telephone Conversation with Secretary Harold Brown on Wednesday, January 26, 1977 re the President's Reactions to my Memo entitled, "JCS Briefing: NSC Action Implications"

✓ 1. I informed Secretary Brown the President had directed the following, "Without public notice, I want nuclear weapons removed from South Korea. Submit plan to me."

ACTION: It was agreed that Secretary Brown would submit to me, within a week (by Tuesday, February 1, at the latest) the plan the President had requested. Secretary Brown will focus on the military implications (and mechanics) of such an action. I will focus on the political consequences. I mentioned to Secretary Brown that an alternative to removal may be more secure deployment.

✓ 2. I informed Secretary Brown that the President had requested, "an early brief analysis" of the interrelationship between effective deterrence and lower strategic levels, within "two or three days."

ACTION: It was agreed that Secretary Brown would have this analysis prepared by Friday, January 28, for me to give the President on Saturday, January 29. Victor Utgoff will work on this for me.

3. I informed Secretary Brown that the President had asked what "alternatives" existed in the event of a depressed trajectory attack on DC, with respect to decision procedures.

ACTION: Secretary Brown will provide a paper on this topic in two weeks (by Tuesday, February 8).

4. I informed Secretary Brown that the President had directed me to "pursue" an assessment of our ability to communicate effectively with the Soviets in the context of a crisis.

ACTION: Secretary Brown will provide this assessment in two weeks (by Tuesday, February 8). Victor Utgoff and Bill Odom will work on this for me.

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5. I informed Secretary Brown that the President instructed me, with respect to what seems to be limited integration between the SIOP and the proposed LNO's and RNo's, to "work on this -- keep me informed."

ACTION: Secretary Brown will submit a progress report to me on what's being done on this item.

6. With respect to planning integration and innovation, I informed Secretary Brown that the President concurred with my remarks (contained in the memo) and instructed me to "Set up with Brown a schedule of two-hour briefings for me."

ACTION: Secretary Brown will submit a proposal of two-hour briefings, to include briefings on the integration between our Atlantic war planning and our Central European war planning and adjustments in our war planning and deployment because of the termination of our involvement in the Southeast Asian conflict.