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Dear Harold:

Thank you for your prompt response to my message about facilities for our POLARIS submarines. Please be assured that there was no misunderstanding at Camp David on the question of location. I mentioned only Scottish ports; all of our technical problems concerning specific locations have been handled on other intergovernmental levels.

Our Navy still insists that Loch Linnhe won't do from a technical standpoint and I therefore am happy to accept your offer to reconsider the question. Indeed, this has become a matter of some urgency, as we need a firm basis now for locating the submarine tender this fall either in the Gareloch or elsewhere. Although our Navy is keeping the drydock

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drydock in the U.S. this year, we would expect to locate it in the Gareloch next spring if you find Gareloch can be used for the tender.

You were also kind enough to ask for a frank expression of my views on the other questions you have raised. First, on the question of control, we agree that our POLARIS missiles would not be launched within your territorial waters without your consent. To extend any form of dual control beyond territorial waters would, however present us with a number of problems, some of which I believe might be of concern to you as well. For example, the one hundred-mile proposal could form a most difficult precedent with respect to the utilization of weapons in other waters, such as the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. We are of course prepared to work out such coordinating measures as may be necessary.

As you know, we believe that a successful MRBM program is of importance to NATO. A bilateral arrangement with the U.K. on POLARIS missiles outside the NATO framework could jeopardize favorable consideration of the NATO MRBM program. For this reason, I heartily support the initial discussions of our respective Defense

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Ministers along the lines that the acquisition of POLARIS submarine missile systems by the U.K. should constitute a British contribution to the NATO MRBM program. Such a procedure would avoid serious NATO repercussions and also meet your need for a cooperative POLARIS submarine undertaking. The prospect of such a British contribution to the NATO MRBM program it seems to me should be discussed in NATO before it is revealed publicly. I am sure that we can later reach agreement on the handling of this matter.

I was glad to have your expression of support with regard to Cuba, and have written you separately on this most serious situation.

We have followed with interest recent developments in the Cyprus negotiations and were gratified to learn of their successful conclusion. This seems to me a high tribute to the long and patient effort you have devoted to this difficult problem.

With warm personal regard,

As ever,

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