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Minutes of meeting on April 16 at 10:30 a. m.

Present: The President, Secretary Rusk, Secretary McNamara,
and Mr. McGeorge Bundy

The meeting opened with discussion of the question of possibility of
giving NWTs to France

Secretary Rusk explained that this is not essentially a matter of our
having a special policy toward France. We have rather a standing
policy which de Gaulle is now trying to get us to change, although
neither he nor his Foreign Minister has ever asked for nuclear weapons

Secretary Rusk believed that centrally -----
----- In his pursuit of this
objective he was standing alone among the -----

The Secretary believed we must recognize that if we go in de Gaulle's
direction in these matters we will have very great difficulties with our
other Allies. -----

At the same time the Secretary believed that our existing policy should
be carefully delineated. He had restrained some of his own people
who wished to extend a policy -----

As for consultation, the Secretary felt that de Gaulle consulted only on
matters that were of primary interest to others. There had been no
consultation on such matters in his own sphere as North Africa

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In _____ he wished consultation without responsibility, since
_____ himself had explained to the President that there would be
no _____ in that part of the world.

Secretary McNamara, after remarking that he agreed that changing
our attitude _____ would not change _____ advanced
his position in terms of what he called a "narrow military view."
The Defense Department believed _____

At the same time, the _____ posture has three disadvantages from
the point of view of the Department of Defense. First, there is a
persisting weakness _____

There followed some discussion of what
might think. _____

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Bundy