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Memorandum of Conversation

WHITE HOUSE
DATE: Nov. 3, 1954
12:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: NATO "New Approach" Studies

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PARTICIPANTS: The President
Secretary Dulles
Secretary Wilson
Adm. Radford
Gen. Collins
Adm. Davis
Col. Billups
Col. Goodpaster (White House staff)
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The meeting with the President was requested jointly by Secretaries Dulles and Wilson to present to and discuss with the President the memorandum entitled "Recommended U.S. Position on NATO Nuclear Strategy" signed by the two Secretaries.

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After a brief introduction of the subject, the Secretary of State suggested that General Collins describe the background of this project and its present status. Gen. Collins did so concisely but comprehensively. Toward the end of his presentation he pointed out that whereas the military view was that rights should be obtained immediately from our Allies for nuclear use of bases in their territories in event of war, the Joint Chiefs of Staff accepted the judgment of the Secretary of State (which was shared by General Gruenther) that it was undesirable to seek precise agreements at this time. There was no disagreement expressed with this view.

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General Collins then pointed out that for use in discussions at the military level with our Allies before the Council meeting and, in particular, for use at the Ministerial Council meeting of NATO in December, it was important to be able to give assurances that (a) the nuclear weapons to implement agreed NATO plans would be available to U.S. forces assigned to NATO Commanders, and (B) in presenting programs for military assistance to the Congress the

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