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BRITISH POLARIS

WASHINGTON (AP)-THE BRITISH WILL LAUNCH POLARIS MISSILES OFF THE U.S. EAST COAST SOON IN THEIR FIRST TEST FIRINGS OF THE ROYAL NAVY'S NEW POLARIS SUBMARINE, THE PENTAGON ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SAID THE ROYAL NAVY'S FIRST POLARIS SUB, HMS RESOLUTION, WILL ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES LATER THIS MONTH FOR FINAL "SHAKEDOWN" TESTS OF HER TWO CREWS AND THE MISSILE SYSTEM.

THREE OTHER BRITISH POLARIS SUBS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WILL COME TO THE UNITED STATES UPON COMPLETION.

THE RESOLUTION WILL PICK UP TEST MODELS OF POLARIS A3 MISSILES--CAPABLE OF CARRYING A NUCLEAR WARHEAD 2,800 MILES--AT THE U.S. NAVY BASE IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

THE MISSILES, MINUS THE NUCLEAR PAYLOAD, WILL BE LAUNCHED DOWN THE EASTERN RANGE OFF FLORIDA.

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WASHINGTON--ADD BRITISH POLARIS (97)

THE PENTAGON SAID THE BRITISH SUB WOULD BE BERTHED FOR ABOUT A MONTH AT PORT CANAVERAL, FLORIDA, PART OF THE CAPE KENNEDY COMPLEX.

A DEFENSE SPOKESMAN INDICATED THE RESOLUTION WOULD FIRE ONE POLARIS MISSILE FOR EACH OF ITS TWO CREWS.

AFTER THE LAUNCHES THE RESOLUTION WILL RETURN TO FASLANE, SCOTLAND, TO BEGIN ITS FIRST OPERATIONAL PATROL IN JUNE.

BRITAIN'S THREE OTHER UPCOMING POLARIS SUBS ALSO WILL EVENTUALLY OPERATE OUT OF FASLANE.

THE U.S. HAS 41 POLARIS SUBMARINES, THE LAST OF WHICH WAS COMPLETED ONLY LAST YEAR. THE ATOMIC-POWERED SUBS CARRY 16 LONG-RANGE MISSILES WHICH CAN BE LAUNCHED WHILE THE VESSEL IS SUBMERGED.

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January 10, 1968

NOTE FOR MR. W. W. ROSTOW

Walt --

I suggest that you may wish to send the attached memorandum to the President to inform him of this first visit by a British Polaris submarine pursuant to the Polaris Sales Agreement of April 6, 1963. I attach the file containing the memoranda to the President and to you from the Acting Secretary of the Navy. Also attached is a copy of the public affairs plan provided by the Navy Public Affairs staff.

C. E. Johnson

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cc sent Gen Ginsburgh



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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January 9, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Charles E. Johnson
The White House

Attached is a memorandum from the Under Secretary of the Navy for Mr. Rostow in response to your request for information on the public affairs planning for the forthcoming visit to the United States of the HMS RESOLUTION. In response to your request for a recommendation as to whether the President should send a message of welcome, Mr. Baird recommends that no such action be taken.

R. Eugene Livesay
R. Eugene Livesay
Staff Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT ROSTOW, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT

Subject: Public Affairs Planning for visit to U. S. of
HMS RESOLUTION (C)

(C) In accordance with your request the joint U.S. Navy-Royal Navy public affairs plan for the forthcoming visit to the United States of the British nuclear powered Polaris submarine HMS RESOLUTION is enclosed. This plan was prepared with the assistance of United Kingdom representatives. At the last minute the British asked that the press release scheduled for 5 January 1968 be delayed due to electrical difficulties on board the ship which could cause a slip in the scheduled arrival date.

(C) The British desire to hold publicity to a reasonable minimum so as not to reopen the political issue of the British nuclear deterrent in the United Kingdom or offend the press. Accordingly, it is not recommended that the President send a message of welcome to the RESOLUTION because of the attention that it could attract. It is intended that a suitable message be sent by the Chief of Naval Operations to the ship upon her arrival in the United States.

Charles F. Baird
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UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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C. J. Jensen

5 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Walt W. Rostow
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

SUBJECT: Visit of British Nuclear Powered Polaris Submarine
HMS RESOLUTION to U.S. Ports

The Acting Secretary of the Navy has prepared the attached informa-
tion memorandum for the President on the upcoming visit of HMS
RESOLUTION.

John M. Steadman
John M. Steadman
The Special Assistant

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Visit to U. S. Ports by British Nuclear Powered
Polaris Submarines

Arrangements have been made for the British nuclear powered Polaris submarine HMS RESOLUTION to visit Charleston, South Carolina, and Port Canaveral, Florida, during the period 24 January through 6 March 1968. The purpose of these visits is to conduct Polaris missile shakedown and firing operations. It is intended that each follow-on British Polaris submarine make similar visits for the same purpose. The visits scheduled for the RESOLUTION, and the follow-on visits, are necessary to carry out the United States and United Kingdom Polaris Sales Agreement of 6 April 1963.

The procedure for obtaining clearances of foreign nuclear powered warships into suitable U. S. ports, concurred in by you on 4 June 1964, has been followed. This procedure calls for acceptance of British nuclear powered warships into suitable U. S. ports under the same conditions as U. S. nuclear powered warships seek entry into British and other foreign ports - on the basis of a unilateral safety certification by the commissioning government and a demonstrated record of safety operation. These requirements have been met for the scheduled visits of HMS RESOLUTION. The British government has provided the necessary safety certification, and there is no information available which would bring into doubt the adequacy of the British assurances or the presumption of the ship's safe operating history. The required consultations between the Navy and the Atomic Energy Commission have been satisfactorily completed, and diplomatic clearance for the visits is being provided to the British government. Berthing and navigational requirements and port safety standards not covered by the assurances of the British government will be the same as those applied to U. S. nuclear powered warships.

The Atomic Energy Commission is advising the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy on this matter. A copy of this memorandum has been furnished to the Chairman, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

Charles F. Baird

CHARLES F. BAIRD
ACTING SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
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HMS DREADNOUGHT VISIT

A. YOUR 161534Z

1. HMS DREADNOUGHT WILL BE MOORED OUTBOARD USS ORION AS18 AT DES-SUB PIER 22.

2. IN PORT VISITING AS FOLLOWS:

A. MONDAY 22 JUN: 0900-1130 AND 1330-1630 ALL INTERESTED OFFICERS. FLAG OFFICERS ARE WELCOME AT ANYTIME; SPECIAL PERIOD FOR FLAG OFFICERS SET ASIDE FROM 1030-1130.

B. TUESDAY 23 JUN: 0900-1130 AND 1330-1630 WORKING LEVEL VISITS BY THOSE OFFICERS HAVING A PARTICULAR PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL INTEREST IN THE SHIP AND ITS EQUIPMENT.

3. ALL VISITS REQUESTED IN REF A ARE CONFIRMED. CIVILIAN VISITORS SHOW CREDENTIALS AND PICK UP BASE PASSES FROM MARINE SENTRY AT DES-SUB PIERS GATE ON HAMPTON BLVD. IF TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION IS PROVIDED WILL ARRANGE FOR PICKUP AT AIRPORT.

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Press Guidance HMS DREADNOUGHT Visit (C)

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Press Guidance HMS DREADNOUGHT Visit (C)

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1. Clearance has been granted for a visit by DREADNOUGHT to Norfolk from 19 to 24 June. No other US port visits scheduled. Since this first visit foreign-owned nuclear-powered warship to United States, it is important that press questions dealing with nuclear safety and liability be handled in a manner which will not prejudice US policy as set forth in reference A. Any implication that we accepted DREADNOUGHT visit as safe only because we built her reactor plant should be avoided.

2. The following press release which has been coordinated with the British Embassy Washington is releasable by action addres at 1200 ZULU 12 June. QUOTE

HMS DREADNOUGHT, Great Britain's first nuclear-powered submarine, will pay a visit to Norfolk, Virginia from 19 to 24

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June. She will be berthed at the Naval Base.

The DREAMBOUGHT is 244 feet long with a beam of 32 feet and a draft of 26 feet. She has a speed in excess of 20 knots and can dive to a depth greater than 400 feet. She displaces approximately 3,500 tons on the surface and 4000 submerged.

The DREAMBOUGHT's armament consists of six torpedo tubes, capable of firing modern British and American torpedoes. Her sonar is of a completely new British design, comparable to the new sonars used in American submarines. She is fitted with British inertial navigation equipment. The DREAMBOUGHT was laid down on 12 June 1959, launched on 21 October 1960 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and commissioned upon successful completion of sea trials on 17 April 1963. Since that time the ship has steamed over 20,000 trouble-free miles submerged -- a tribute to her builders as well as her crew.

The Captain of HMS DREAMBOUGHT is Commander B.F.P. (Peter) Samberne, Royal Navy, already a veteran of three submarine commands. He heads up a roster of 10 officers and 77 men.

The last British ship to bear the name DREAMBOUGHT was the battleship built in 1906 at the instigation of Admiral Lord Fisher to found a new concept in fighting ships. At that time she was the most powerful warship in the Royal Navy. UNQUOTE

3. In the event that press questions are received, addressees are authorized to draw on the following, the substance of which has also been provided to the British Government. Responses to questions on nuclear safety and liability should use the exact language given below and no further amplification should be provided.

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Q: Upon what basis did the US Government permit entry of this ship, the first nuclear-powered ship of another nation to visit the United States?

A: The United States has accepted the DREADNOUGHT on the same basis that port visits of US Navy nuclear-powered ships are accepted in other nations: on the basis of a record of safe operation as well as safety certification, in this case, from the British Government.

Q: Has the British Government given assurance of financial liability in the event of a nuclear accident?

A: The two Governments have independently stated that any claims arising in such cases shall be dealt with through diplomatic channels.

Q: How much did the DREADNOUGHT cost?

A: About sixty million dollars.

Q: Does the Royal Navy intend to build more nuclear-powered submarines?

A: Two more attack submarines have been laid down and there are plans to construct others at a later date. In addition five POLARIS submarines have been ordered.

Q: If a Labor Government is elected in October, will this change the plans?

A: We have no information on which to base any statement.

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Q: Will DREAMBOUGHT call at any other ports on this cruise?

A: No other U.S. ports are presently contemplated.

Q: Will she be exercising with U.S. forces?

A: Limited tactical exercises will be conducted with U.S. Navy forces.

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VISIT OF NUCLEAR POWERED BRITISH SUBMARINE HMS DREADNOUGHT (S)

1. HMS DREADNOUGHT, British Nuclear powered submarine will visit Norfolk, Virginia 19-24 June 1964. The ship will be available for in-port visiting by U.S. Navy sponsored guests on 22 and 23 June.

2. On 22 June visit invitations are open to Captain, Colonel, GS-15 or equivalent and above.

3. Visiting on 23 June will be open to working level visits for personnel of any rank or grade having professional interest in the ship and its equipments.

4. In addition on 24 June a day's cruise will be made for a very limited number of high level guests disembarking passengers in the afternoon to suitable boat for return to Norfolk.

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5. All visitors must possess a clearance for Confidential classified matter, ~~for general visiting to command and Restricted Data area of engineering spaces.~~ Those personnel having a need for access to Restricted Data should submit additional certification by proper authority.

6. Action addressees are requested to submit to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (Op-31) by message prior 15 June: name, agency, security clearance and requested day of visit for personnel of their command or organization.

7. Because of time and space limitations, all requests may not be granted. After processing, and subject to concurrence of the Royal Navy, addressees will be notified of those people who can be accommodated, together with details of time and place.

8. This message classified Confidential in view fact Royal Navy still holding visit classified. Expect declassification in near future. GP-4

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C. Johnson

Cap^t. Dowdell called
to read you a State-AEC-
Navy closed release
which UK putting out
on Dreadnought visit.
today

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June 4, 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

Mac --

The attached file covers an agreement by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Navy concerning the procedure for clearing visits by foreign nuclear-powered warships. Again we are dealing with a matter made urgent by the imminent visit of the H. M. S. DREADNOUGHT later this month, and the fact that the British are expected to request formal clearance today or tomorrow.

I believe the draft memorandum for the President contains the pertinent facts for your and his information.

Charles E. Johnson

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
Secretary of Navy

The President has noted and concurred in the procedure for the clearance of foreign nuclear-powered warships for entry into suitable U. S. ports, as stated in the letter from the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission to the Secretary of Navy, dated May 1, 1964, transmitted by memorandum of the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission dated June 4, 1964.

The President requests that he be kept informed of plans for marking the visit of the H. M. S. DREADNOUGHT and for the entertainment of her officers and men. He would welcome your suggestions for a statement that he might make.

/s/

McGeorge Bundy

cc: Secretary of State
Attorney General

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cc: CEJohnson

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June 4, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

The nuclear-powered submarine H. M. S. DREADNOUGHT will visit Norfolk sometime during the week of June 19 - 25. In anticipation of the visit and the implementation of the Holy Loch Memorandum of Understanding, the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Navy have developed a procedure described in the attached letter from Chairman Seaborg to Secretary Nitze covering the clearance of foreign nuclear-powered warships for entry to U. S. ports. The procedure has been reviewed as appropriate by the Departments of State and Justice and the office of the Secretary of Defense as well as the Secretary of the Navy.

In my opinion, the procedure proposed for your approval is workable and consistent with the traditional Presidential prerogative to admit foreign warships to U. S. ports.

The Joint Committee was informed at the time of the execution of the Holy Loch Agreement that we intended to follow this approach with the UK in clearing their nuclear-powered warships and at that time the Committee made no objection.

If you approve, I will send the attached memorandum to the Department of Navy and the Atomic Energy Commission.

/s/

McGeorge Bundy

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