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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 302

MEMORANDUM TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Dispersal Plan for NORAD Air Defense Service

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/s/

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cc: Chairman, JCS  
Secretary of the Treasury

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 21, 1964

NOTE FOR: MR. BUNDY

It seems appropriate to use a NSAM to  
replace a NSAM. I have checked thoroughly  
and I am assured the Canadians will have no  
problem with this. OK

Bill Brubeck B



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WASHINGTON

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(cc cvc)  
2. [Signature]  
May 16, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Authorization to Discuss with Canada the  
Dispersal of Interceptors to Canadian Bases

CINCNOAD has a requirement to disperse nuclear-armed USAF interceptors to 21 bases in the United States and 9 bases in Canada. We assume that an enemy attack would be initiated by intercontinental ballistic missiles aimed at our retaliatory forces (i.e., the SAC bases), and that the enemy would then launch a follow-on attack by manned bombers. In those cases where the interceptors are now collocated with SAC units, CINCNOAD considers it essential to disperse them to insure their survival in order that they may meet the follow-on attack. Preparation of the 21 dispersal bases in the United States will be completed by July 1, 1965. However, we do not yet have Canadian agreement on the 9 recommended dispersal sites in Canada, and no satisfactory substitutes can be found for them in the United States. The Canadian portion of the interceptor dispersal program is approaching a critical point requiring decisions on operational planning, construction programming and related actions. Accordingly, we should know Canadian intentions concerning the NORAD requirement as soon as possible.

At their Hyannis Port meeting in May 1963 Prime Minister Pearson intimated to President Kennedy that the interceptor dispersal program would cause political difficulties in Canada. Subsequently, we were enjoined by NSAM 248 of June 3, 1963 from taking further initiative on the matter with Canada.

During the meeting last Fall, Canadian Defense Minister Hellyer raised the problem in an exploratory fashion with Secretary McNamara, suggesting that it might have become politically possible to consider interceptor dispersal. Shortly thereafter, at Canadian request, a Canadian Defense Ministry and RCAF team met in Washington with our Defense and Air Force representatives to discuss the program in detail, including specific dispersal sites and possible cost-sharing arrangements where appropriate. The Canadians predicted that Ottawa would

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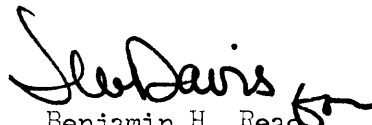
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take some action on the matter soon, and suggested that the United States await further Canadian initiative. In anticipation of discussions, we have prepared a draft agreement on the interceptor dispersal program.

Secretaries Rusk, McNamara and Dillon will attend a meeting of the United States-Canada Ministerial Committee on Joint Defense on June 25. This committee was formed to consider any major political and military problems arising out of the United States-Canadian joint defense efforts, and we consider that it would be an appropriate place to raise again the question of interceptor dispersal. In our preliminary discussions with officers of the Canadian Embassy, they have indicated they were aware that we would like to raise the question of interceptor dispersal and have not objected to our placing it on the agenda.

We request that the injunction against initiatives on this matter contained in NSAM 248 be rescinded and that the United States representatives to the Ministerial Committee be authorized to raise the subject of interceptor dispersal to Canada.

The Department of Defense concurs in this request. If the authorization is granted, the United States position will be carefully worked out with the Department of Defense and the USAF.

  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

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June 3, 1963

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 248

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Dispersal Plan for NORAD Air Defense  
Squadrons

The President believes that any proposal for dispersal of US air defense aircraft and associated nuclear weapons to Canadian bases will be one which the new Government of Canada will not consider to be included in its pledge to honor "existing commitments." He therefore does not wish to convey any idea that we are pressing the Canadian Government with this new proposal.

Accordingly, he further believes that we should immediately desist from initiating any further discussions of the dispersal proposal with the Canadians. If, because of the exchanges which have already taken place in military channels, the Canadians should query us about this proposal--for example, at the PJBD meeting which begins June 10--we should be prepared to explain the proposal but should make it explicitly clear that we are not requesting the Government of Canada to address itself to the dispersal proposal at this time.

Meanwhile, action can and should continue in response to the Canadian nuclear weapons draft proposals which were presented to Ambassador Butterworth on May 20.

*McGeorge Bundy*  
McGeorge Bundy

Copy for: Chairman, JCS

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