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Message to the President from Secretary Rusk

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Summary:

In this message, Secretary Rusk reported to President Johnson that the Soviet non-transfer principle, which ruled out MLF-type arrangements but left open other alternatives, was a “good formulation” that would be “acceptable” to the incipient West German “Grand Coalition” government.

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~~Date: FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM SECRETARY RUSK~~

You should know that the Soviet negotiator on nuclear proliferation has suggested, as one alternative, language based upon earlier U.S. language.

Following is text of crucial section:

"Each nuclear-weapon state party to this treaty undertakes not to transfer nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosives to any recipient whatsoever directly, or indirectly; not to relinquish to any recipient whatsoever its control over its nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosives; and not in any way to assist, encourage, or induce any non-nuclear-weapon state to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosives."

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I am having careful analysis made of effect of such language and am not asking you to make any decision until you have that analysis in front of you. My own first reaction is that this is a good formulation in that the "transfer" clause relates to nuclear weapons themselves and the "control" issue is limited to our not relinquishing our control. If there is to be a "grand coalition" in Germany, I believe this would be acceptable there. We and the Soviets would have some problems with the Indians and possibly other non-nuclear countries. I emphasize these

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were described by the Soviet representative as "tentative suggestions."
Moscow may not accept them.

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