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Reviewed by: Ambassador W. W. Williams
 Date: 4/25/69

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of State

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

SUBJECT: US-French Military Relations

The President has noted speculation concerning alleged US-French negotiations about bilateral military cooperation. He has asked that I send you the following talking points, which he approved for my talk with British Defense Minister Healey:

1. Speculation that negotiations on US-French military and nuclear weapons cooperation were initiated in the President's conversations with General de Gaulle is inaccurate. The French have made no requests to us in these areas and we have made no offers. (CONFIDENTIAL)
2. The President is not aware of any indication that the French intend to approach us about cooperative arrangements. It is doubtful whether the General would want to put himself in what he would consider the position of a "demandeur." (CONFIDENTIAL)
3. If we should be approached, the President wishes to consider any proposition put to us on its merits, without preconceptions and with full consideration of the interests of our allies. (SECRET/NODIS/NOFORN)
4. In any event, at the President's direction we are initiating through the NSC machinery a systematic study of the pros and cons of possible bilateral military cooperation with France. (TOP SECRET/NODIS/NOFORN)

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I should like to call attention to the extreme sensitivity of points 3 and 4 above.

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