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SECOND MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT on Op-611 ser 00016P61, 18 Jan 57

From: Vice Chief of Naval Operations  
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Guided missile sites in the Middle East

1. Forwarded, noting the thought in the First Endorsement to the basic memorandum that we must muster quickly a massive ship-based retaliatory capability. (See the underlining in paragraph 2.c.) My comments are three-fold:

a. First, our retaliatory capability is already pretty massive although relatively small in comparison with that of the Air Force; second, we are actively increasing our capability; and third, we have some important knitting of our own to do without casting envious eyes on the SAC side of the fence.

2. Each time the subject of increasing United States nuclear striking power comes up, I suggest that we hold a meeting with the fine people who are full of ideas so that we will run our railroad without suffering casualties due to switches being thrown by mistake.

H. D. FELT

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