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TO: The Under Secretary
THROUGH: S/S
FROM: NEA - Armin H. Meyer *AM*
SUBJECT: Control Mechanisms for IRBM's in Turkey

In your absence Secretary McNamara (Tab B) responded to your letter of July 22 (Tab C) expressing your concern that a program be formulated to ensure that the Turks could not make effective use of IRBM's without our cooperation during the life of the weapons. Mr. McNamara cited the conclusion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and of his Assistant Secretary for Atomic Energy that the best feasible methods of control were being implemented, and reported that a committee had been created to study how these methods could be improved as technical advance is accomplished.

There is attached a draft acknowledgment for your signature expressing your gratification at the information imparted by Mr. McNamara, and your hope to be informed from time to time as further progress is made (Tab A).

Recommendation:

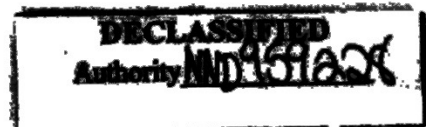
That you sign the letter.

Attachments:

Tab A - Suggested reply.
Tab B - Letter from Secretary McNamara.
Tab C - Letter to Under Secretary of
Defense.

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Dear Bob:

I very much appreciate your letter of July 29 relative to control mechanisms designed to preclude unilateral firing of the IREM's by the Turks. I am glad to know that the Joint Chiefs of Staff and your Assistant Secretary for Atomic Energy have concluded that current measures are as satisfactory as possible under existing technical capabilities. I am also relieved that a competent group is engaged in a study of how these measures may be improved in the light of technical advances.

I would be pleased, from time to time in the future, to be informed of such progress as the group under Dr. Stern is able to make.

With my warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Under Secretary

The Honorable
Robert S. McNamara,
Secretary of Defense.

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