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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Gerry Smith had called me on the telephone to say that there were he thought some important reservations not expressed in the paper on the Strauss-Plowden memorandum. Smith thought I should be sure the British understood this.

I spoke of this to the President and he said he had explained it to Macmillan. At this point Mr. Macmillan joined us and the President said that there were a few, about four, applications of such high secrecy that very few people in our own government knew about them and he did not think these could be the subject of joint pooling unless and until we were satisfied that the Soviets themselves knew about them. He said he thought there were about two of these the Soviets knew about now, which reduced to only about two the data which would continue to be restricted. Mr. Macmillan expressed his understanding and acceptance of this.

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