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TO: The Secretary  
The Under Secretary  
The Under Secretary for Political Affairs  
The Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Affairs

THROUGH: S/S

FROM: J/PM - *Ronald I. Spiers*

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

1. Senator Fulbright's Query on FMS

Senator Fulbright has requested specific justifications for each of the 78 countries recently determined by the President to be eligible for purchases under Section 3(a)(1) of the 1968 Foreign Military Sales Act. (Section 3(a)(1) stipulates that no defense article or service shall be sold by the USG to any country or international organization unless the President finds that the furnishing of such articles and services would "strengthen the security of the United States and promote world peace"). In his letter the Senator expressed the view that Section 3(a)(1) is meant to be restrictive and hence the list of 78 countries is too long. In our draft reply we propose to submit the earlier Presidential Determinations under which 89 countries and 7 international organizations were previously eligible; to point out that the eligibility of each country and organization was again reviewed for the present Determination although no specific justifications were prepared; that, as a result, 11 countries and 4 organizations lost their eligibility; and that the Executive has been responsive to the intent of Congress of keeping Foreign Military Sales under close supervision.

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2. Major Disposal of German Excess Equipment of U.S. Origin

We have agreed to the first major disposal of excess U.S. origin equipment in the hands of an ally. We have given our consent to a German proposal for the disposal of 969 tanks, and 300 tank recovery vehicles. A third of the tanks will be cannibalized and scrapped, nearly half will go to Italy, and the balance to Turkey and Greece. Of the vehicles, over half will be cannibalized, and the rest divided between Italy and Greece. However, no deliveries to Greece will be made pending further decisions.

The proposal also envisages the distribution of packages of spare parts among the same recipients plus the U.S. Army which is reviewing the lists to determine its needs. We are working our procedures to insure continuing controls over possible future transfers of this equipment.

3. Consultation With UK on Use of Nuclear Weapons

In a letter signed on September 17, 1969, the President confirmed to Prime Minister Wilson that the understandings existing between the US and the UK with regard to consultation on use of nuclear weapons will remain in full effect under his Administration.

4. Nuclear Testing at Amchitka (Project MILROW)

We understand from the Atomic Energy Commission that the White House staff has told the AEC to proceed with final preparations to execute Project MILROW between October 2 and 20. These preparations, which are now in progress, include emplacement of the device and work to fill and tamp the test hole and emplace the instrumentation. However, we do not have confirmation of formal presidential approval.

The Japanese have left with us a paper expressing their "regret" at our intention to conduct nuclear tests on Amchitka but have also told us that in light of the briefings we

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volunteered to them, their demarche is something less than a formal protest. On September 18, the first Soviet critical comment since April appeared in a Pravda editorial which made particular reference to the Japanese demarche.

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