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AUGUST 15, 1974

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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 as amended, I am submitting to the Congress an authoritative copy of an amendment of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes of July 3, 1958, as amended. The Amendment was signed at Washington on July 22, 1974.

The Agreement as previously amended includes a provision (Paragraph A of Article III bis) under which the Government of the United States agrees to transfer to the Government of the United Kingdom for its atomic weapons program prior to December 31, 1974 in such quantities and on such terms and conditions as may be agreed non-nuclear parts of atomic weapons and atomic weapons systems as well as source, by-product and special nuclear material. A second provision of the existing Agreement (Paragraph C of Article III bis) stipulated that the Government of the United Kingdom agrees to transfer to the Government of the United States for military purposes such source, by-product and special nuclear material, and equipment of such types, in such quantities, at such times prior to December 31, 1974 and on such terms and conditions as may be agreed.

Under the Amendment submitted herewith the period during which the provisions of Paragraph A and C of Article III bis of the Agreement for Cooperation remain in force would be extended for five years so that transfers could be made any time prior to December 31, 1979. The continued authorization of the two Governments to cooperate with each other in these respects would contribute to our mutual defense, particularly in the North Atlantic Treaty area.

The Amendment also would delete references in the preamble and Article XI (H) of the Agreement to the UK Atomic Energy Authority, since that Authority no longer has any direct responsibility in the field of nuclear defense.

I am also transmitting a copy of the Secretary of State's letter to me accompanying authoritative copies of the signed Amendment, a copy of a joint letter from the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Secretary of Defense recommending approval of this Amendment, and a copy of my memorandum in reply thereto, setting forth my approval.

GERALD R. FORD

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
August 15, 1974

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AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF  
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
FOR COOPERATION ON THE USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE PURPOSES OF JULY 3, 1958

The Government of the United States of America and the  
Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern  
Ireland;

Desiring to amend in certain respects the Agreement for  
Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense  
Purposes, signed at Washington the third day of July 1958, as  
amended;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The preamble to the Agreement for Cooperation shall be amended as follows:

The words "on its own behalf and on behalf of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority" shall be deleted.

ARTICLE 2

Article III bis of the Agreement for Cooperation shall be amended as follows:

The words "December 31, 1974" in paragraphs A and C thereof shall be deleted and the words "December 31, 1979" shall be substituted therefor.

ARTICLE 3

Article XI of the Agreement for Cooperation shall be amended as follows:

Paragraph H shall be deleted.

ARTICLE 4

This Amendment, which shall be regarded as an integral part of the Agreement for Cooperation, shall enter into force on the date on which each Government shall have received from the other Government written notification that it has complied with all statutory and constitutional requirements for the entry into force of this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized, have signed this Amendment.

DONE at Washington this twenty-second day of July, 1974, in two original texts.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

*George S. Vest*  
*J. P. Keenan*

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND:

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1974

Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit with a view to its submission to the Congress for appropriate action pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, an Amendment to the 1958 Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense purposes, as amended. The Amendment was signed at Washington on July 22, 1974 on behalf of the United States pursuant to the authorization granted in your memorandum of July 16, 1974 to the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, a copy of which was received by me.

The Amendment provides for extension for five years of those paragraphs authorizing in such quantities and on such terms and conditions as may be agreed: (a) the transfer to the United Kingdom for its atomic weapons program of non-nuclear parts of atomic weapons and atomic weapons systems as

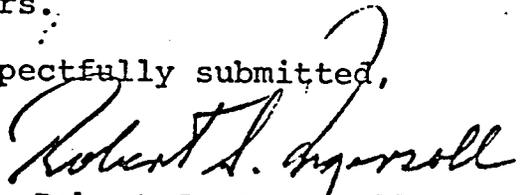
The President,

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well as source, by-product and special nuclear material, and (b) the transfer by the Government of the United Kingdom to the Government of the United States for military purposes of source, by-product and special nuclear material, and equipment.

In addition, the Amendment deletes references in the preamble and in Article XI (H) of the Agreement to the UK Atomic Energy Authority, since that Authority no longer has any direct responsibility for nuclear defense matters.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert S. Ingersoll  
Acting Secretary



UNITED STATES  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

The President  
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

There is hereby submitted for your consideration and approval a proposed Amendment to the 1958 Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes.

The proposed Amendment will extend, under the authority of Section 91.c. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, those provisions of the 1958 Agreement, as amended, which provide for the transfer of materials and equipment for research on, development of, or use in atomic weapons. Further information on the materials and equipment to be transferred, or authorized for transfer, by the United States during the effective period of this Amendment (i.e., from December 31, 1974, through December 30, 1979) are covered in a supplementary classified letter. These materials and equipment can be made available without adverse effect on our defense programs.

Article III bis (Paragraphs A and C) which provides for the exchange of materials and equipment, terminates on December 30, 1974, and an amendment is required to extend this provision. A five-year extension is proposed since the Agreement provides for reconsideration every five years of the decision to exchange classified information under the provisions of Article II.

As is required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the United Kingdom is participating with the United States pursuant to an international arrangement by substantial and material contributions to the mutual defense and security. The United Kingdom's nuclear forces are virtually all committed to NATO.

The President

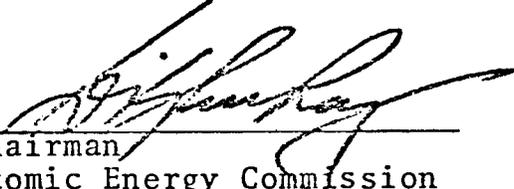
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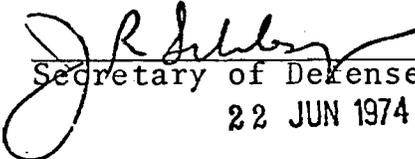
It is recommended that you:

- a. Approve the proposed Amendment to the 1958 Agreement;
- b. Determine that cooperation under the proposed Amendment will promote and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to the common defense and security; and
- c. Authorize the execution of the proposed Amendment for the Government of the United States in a manner specified by the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State concurs in the foregoing recommendation.

Respectfully yours,

  
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Chairman  
Atomic Energy Commission

  
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Secretary of Defense

22 JUN 1974

Enclosure:  
Proposed Amendment to U.S./U.K.  
Mutual Defense Agreement