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The Honorable Thomas S. Gates
The Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Tom:

I have read with a great deal of interest the draft NSC statement on US arms control policy which you sent me under cover of a copy of your letter of 19 November to Secretary Herter. I note that you propose its early consideration by the Principals.

We will review it carefully, and will be happy to participate in inter-agency consideration through the Interdepartmental Working Group and subsequently at the Principals level.

Cordially,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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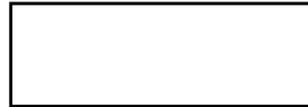
SUBJECT : Secretary Gates' Letter enclosing draft
NSC Policy Statement on Arms Control

1. While it is desirable in principle that US arms control policy be set forth in a single NSC paper, it seems rather inappropriate to do so on the basis of a JCS draft when the new USDA has just been established largely to formulate policy in this field. A decision on such a major issue also seems inappropriate just before a new administration comes in.

2. Moreover, the JCS draft seems substantively questionable in so many respects as to make futile its use as the basis for review by the Principals. Its statements with respect to Soviet attitudes are not wholly consistent with our own thinking. Para. 51 on Intelligence seems unduly restrictive. The policy proposals seem so hedged to protect the Defense position as to rob the US of any flexibility. They represent an attempt to fix our policy before it has been adequately researched and analyzed. In sum, the Defense proposal seems quite premature as a basis for policy determination, especially by the imminent deadline proposed by Mr. Gates.

3. I understand that State plans simply to reject the proposal as a basis for Presidential decision and to say that no early Principals meeting is necessary. It will thank Mr. Gates for his draft and assure him that the USDA will take it into account in its own policy review.

4. Recommendation. Since Mr. Gates' letter is essentially a paper for consideration at a Principals meeting, acknowledgment seems unnecessary. State's response will probably dispose of this matter for the moment. Should you wish to respond, however, a proposed noncommittal reply is attached. We will also be prepared to brief you if a Principals meeting is called.



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Concurrence:

Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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*Concur without having read the paper
can do so if you desire.*

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter of 19 November 1950 to Secretary Herter proposing for early consideration a draft NSC statement on US arms control policy.

A comprehensive statement of such importance naturally raises many issues which seem to deserve thorough staffing at the working level before consideration by the Principals. We will review it carefully, and believe it would also be beneficial to have the views of the new US Disarmament Agency before considering it either in the Interdepartmental Working Group or subsequently at the Principals level.

Cordially,

CTC - M. Sullivan

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Dear Tom:

I have received your letter of November 19 in which you express the view that U.S. disarmament policy should be set forth in a single document which could be kept current as revisions may occur from time to time. I agree that it would be useful to have such a document, which would be in effect a codification of the present U.S. substantive position on disarmament.

I do not believe that such a paper should attempt, at this time, to incorporate the results of a new examination of U.S. disarmament policy. The new Administration may wish to conduct such a review. What would be useful at this time would be a unified document stating the present U.S. position rather than an attempt now to put forth revisions of that position.

The drafts which you attach to your letter involve a revision of U.S. policy and would thus be more useful in connection with the on-going process of policy review in preparation for future disarmament negotiations. I am accordingly referring the papers you sent for examination by the United States Disarmament Administration, which, as you know, was established by direction of the President to assist the Secretary of State in formulating policies and basic positions with respect to disarmament for consideration within the Government.

In codifying present policy, I believe it would be best to work on the basis of the March 6, 1960 paper, developed for that purpose jointly by the Department of State and the Department of Defense and which, with the exception of three points, appeared to have been agreed between the two Departments. This paper and I, of course, have to be invited to take account of subsequent

developments

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developments in the course of the 10-Nation Conference and of proposals subsequently made in the United Nations by Ambassador Lodge and the President. I have asked the United States Disarmament Administration to prepare an up-to-date revision of the March 6th paper. Representatives of the United States Disarmament Administration will be in touch with appropriate officials in the Department of Defense and other interested agencies in the near future with the view to producing an inter-departmentally agreed version of this paper.

I am sending copies of this letter to the other Principals for their information.

With warmest personal regards,

Best sincerely,

/s/ Chris

Christian A. Herter

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Attached is revised letter of acknowledgment of Gates letter on US arms control policy.

I did not include offer to designate one of our people to work with DOD on this because Mr. Gates proposes it be staffed in the regular Interdepartmental Working Group on which we are already represented (by me).

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Remarks:

The boss has read the attached and feels we should make a reply to Secretary Gates somewhat along the following lines -- that he (DCI) had read the Defense paper with a great deal of interest, had noted it had gone to the Secretary of State for action, and we would be glad to make a contribution to include designation of one of our people to work with his representatives if he so desires.

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