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MEMORANDUM FOR : The Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT : US Position Paper for Standing Group Intelligence Estimate for NATO Planning 1959 through 1965

1. Attached is the US Position Paper submitted in accordance with the "Agreed Procedures for US Participation in NATO Standing Group Intelligence Estimate" (IAC-D-130, 28 August 1958). This estimate was prepared by the Joint Staff, reviewed and modified by a working group which was chaired by the Joint Staff and included representatives of USIB member agencies, generally reviewed and coordinated by the Board of National Estimates, and approved by the USIB on 13 January 1959 subject to the changes listed in Tab A. The Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, USAF, differs with the views expressed in Part I, Section 4, paragraph 24, page 46 and will communicate his views to you separately.

2. Your attention is invited to the caveat set forth on the first page of this estimate. This caveat was proposed by the Joint Staff

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3. In reviewing this paper, I am concerned about certain

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further with General Breitweiser. If I have any more specific comments or suggestions on these security considerations following our discussion I shall communicate them to you.

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TAB A

In its meeting of 13 January 1959, the United States Intelligence Board agreed to the following changes in the US Position Paper for the Standing Group Intelligence Estimate for NATO Planning, 1959 through 1965.

Part I

Section 3, para. 42 a, p. 30. Change second sentence to read: "It is estimated that a limited ICBM operational capability will exist at some time during calendar year 1959."

Section 4, para. 24, p. 46. Change the third and fifth sentences to read as follows: "They probably believe that, even with the acquisition of long-range missiles capable of striking the United States, the scale of damage they would suffer in a general nuclear war would be too risky to accept. . . . Moreover, they regard the final victory of communism as inevitable, and to be achieved mainly through political and economic forms of struggle and through types of military action which they consider as posing no great risks to themselves."

Part II

Section 1, para. 254 d (3), p. 135. Add the following sentence: "With overriding priority and exceptional success in test and production programs, substantial numbers might be available up to a year earlier."

Section 1, Table, p. 144. In "Payload" column, opposite ICBM, insert the words "or possibly more."

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