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Chief of Naval Operations

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Memorandum of understanding resulting from the CNO-First Sea Lord discussions of 31 Oct and 1 Nov.

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1. There is attached hereto a summary of those items which you discussed with Admiral Sir Casper John and in which positions were established or implemented action by the CNO or the First Sea Lord is required. These items are:

- a. Exchange of information about nuclear weapons between Royal Navy and U.S. Navy.
 - b. NATO Naval Command Arrangements.
 - c. Royal Navy Polar's Submarines.
 - d. Very Low Frequency Broadcasts to northern high latitudes.
 - e. Communications compatibility.
 - f. Island Bases in the Indian Ocean and the South Atlantic.
2. The enclosure is suitable to give to Admiral John as a record of the meetings. It is further recommended that copies be sent to Admirals Dennison and Page Smith.
3. In addition there were several broad information and background items covered. These include:

- a. Probable U.S. proposals for MRBM's for NATO.
- b. Probable targets for NATO MRBM's.
- c. The future of aircraft carriers.
- d. Probability of limited wars at sea.
- e. France and NATO and French atomic capability.

4. The tapes of the meeting are very difficult to decipher and it will take some time to reconstruct them. A memorandum for the record will be prepared on these information items as expeditiously as possible. It is not believed that any useful purpose would be served by furnishing Admiral John a copy of them.

5. Also attached is a proposed exclusive message to Admirals Dennison and Page Smith from you, giving background on the items covered in para. 1. This will give them some advance info early.

6. Yesterday's selective effort was directed towards getting something to Adams Dennison and Sea Lord early - rather than a more finished product to Sir Casper John which is a version of the tape recorded to what some people told.

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