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REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT:

In re the British "East of Suez" proposals:

1. Increased de facto interdependence East of Suez.
2. Formal linkage of the UK to the Far East via ANZUS.
3. Assignment to Asia of the British Polaris subs.

Rostow thinks the first proposal is alright.

He opposes the latter two.

If we go along with the (2) proposal, linkage to ANZUS, we make "white man's club" out of our defenses.

If we assign (as in proposal 3) certain areas of Communist China to the British subs, domestic UK politics will always "veto" us, and tie our hands.

It would discourage other Europeans toward any responsibility in Asia.

Rostow urges us to "watch out" for these British suggestions and proposals.

They are now, in his judgment, in our best interest.

Jack Valenti

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