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N A T O S E C R E T LOSTAN 6890
SUBJECT IS WITHDRAWAL OF UK CATEGORY A ESCORTS
FROM MEDITERRANEAN AND REDUCTION IN
CATEGORY OF SUBMARINES

REFERENCES : (A) LOSTAN 6547, 19 AUG 65
(B) STAND 7415, 29 NOV 65
(C) C-M(55)82

UK PERMREP HAS NOTIFIED COUNCIL OF UK INTENTION TO RESTORE
CERTAIN ESCORTS WITHDRAWN FROM MEDITERRANEAN AND ALSO THEIR INTENTION
TO REDUCE FROM CATEGORY A TO CATEGORY C CERTAIN SUBMARINES EARMARKED

FOR SACLANT. HIS LETTER OF 8 FEBRUARY TO SECGEN IS QUOTED BELOW :

QUOTE MY DEPUTY INFORMED MR. ROBERTS ON 19 AUGUST THAT
THREE CATEGORY A ESCORTS WOULD BE TEMPORARILY WITHDRAWN FROM THE
MEDITERRANEAN TO MEET COMMITMENTS ELSEWHERE. IT HAS BEEN
POSSIBLE, AS WE THEN HOPED, TO RESTORE THE NUMBER TO FOUR BUT
BECAUSE OF CONTINUING OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN THE FAR EAST,
IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RETAIN MORE THAN THREE OF THEM IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN FROM 7 MARCH UP TO SEPTEMBER, ALTHOUGH A FOURTH
SHIP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SHORT PERIODS DURING THOSE MONTHS.

AS A FURTHER CONSEQUENCE OF OUR REQUIREMENTS IN
THE FAR EAST, FOUR SUBMARINES WHICH ARE AT PRESENT DEPLOYED IN
CATEGORY C TO SACLANT, WILL BE REDEPLOYED TEMPORARILY IN THE FAR
EAST DURING 1966/67 : DURING THIS REDEPLOYMENT THEY WILL CONTINUE
TO BE DECLARED IN CATEGORY C TO SACLANT, BUT FOUR OTHERS, WHICH
ARE DECLARED IN CATEGORY A, WILL GO INTO REFIT BY JANUARY, 1967,
AND WILL BE DECLARED CATEGORY C UNTIL THIS WORK IS COMPLETED.

THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE BEING INFORMED.

I AM SENDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO ALL THE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND TO THE STANDING GROUP REPRESENTATIVE.

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