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I appreciate the comments forwarded in the reference and agree in general with your views.

I agree that nuclear weapons used by naval forces against submarines, aircraft, or surface ships at sea would not impose the danger of escalation of these used against land targets. However, if naval units are used as vehicles for launching nuclear attacks against land targets, it would be an entirely different matter. It would be most desirable if your plans clearly set forth how you anticipate using nuclear weapons and limitations as to their use. When these plans are submitted to the Council, it would then be possible for the Council to reaffirm your proposals with regard to the use of nuclear weapons at sea.

3. With regard to political decision on the implementation of plans, it seems to me that a more difficult situation must be anticipated. Any decision to take military action will require decision by political authorities. The scope of the action will have to be indicated by the political to the military authorities. Commanders might then be able to make the choice of plan or parts of a plan to be used in carrying out

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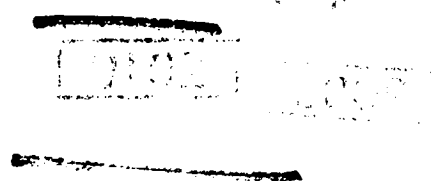
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the political directive. The course of action by the Commander might thus be flexible, in line with your indicated desires, while at the same time being governed by the broad political decision.

4. Warm regards. STIKKER.



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