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NOTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH:

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLARK CLIFFORD	WALT ROSTOW
SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK	GEORGE CHRISTIAN
GENERAL EARLE WHEELER	TOM JOHNSON
ADMIRAL THOMAS MOORER	
GENERAL LEONARD CHAPMAN	JOINING THE MEETING:
GENERAL JOHN McCONNELL	
GENERAL BRUCE PALMER	SENATOR RICHARD RUSSELL
BROMLEY SMITH	GENERAL WILLIAM WESTMORE- LAND

OCTOBER 14, 1968  
Cabinet Room  
1:40 pm

SECRETARY CLIFFORD: There have been instructions issued on authority to release nuclear weapons in the event the President has been killed or cannot be found. This is to prevent a breakdown in the chain of command.

The project's code-name is 'Futherance.'

We recommend three major changes:

- (1) Under the former orders, a full nuclear response against both the Soviet Union and China was ordered if we were attacked. Under the change, the response could go to either country -- not both. There could be a small-scale or accidental attack. We do not recommend full attack at all times. This would permit a limited response.
- (2) Instructions on the response to a conventional attack would be conventional, not nuclear as is now in the plan.
- (3) There was only one document of instructions beforehand. Now there would be two documents.

We all recommend this.

WALT ROSTOW: We think it is an essential change. This was dangerous. We recommend going forward.

GENERAL WHEELER: All the Joint Chiefs of Staff and commanders have been consulted. We recommend approval.

GENERAL McCONNELL: I concur, Sir.

GENERAL CHAPMAN: I concur.

ADMIRAL MOORER: I concur.

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