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MR. SECRETARY, GENTLEMEN:

I AGREE WITH YOU SECRETARY CHAFEE, THAT OUR APPROACHES
TO THE ASW PROBLEM NEED TO BE SUBJECTED TO A CAREFUL REVIEW
AT THIS TIME -- NOT ONLY IS IT ESSENTIAL THAT OUR RESOURCES
BE EFFECTIVELY ALLOCATED TO THE SEVERAL PROGRAMS WHICH
CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ON-GOING ASW POSTURE, BUT WE MUST ALSO
INSURE THAT THOSE PROGRAMS REFLECT THE DYNAMIC NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL FACTORS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM.

TO MY MIND, TWO OF THOSE FACTORS NEED TO BE GIVEN
GREATER WEIGHT IN OUR FUTURE ASW/SEA CONTROL PLANNING.

FIRST IS THE "TOTAL FORCE CONCEPT" WHICH IS BEING
ADVANCED AS A PART OF THE CHANGING STRATEGY ANNOUNCED BY
SECRETARY LAIRD IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGRESS LAST
SPRING.

SECOND IS THE CLOSELY-RELATED PREMISE ON PARTNERSHIP
OF THE NIXON DOCTRINE, WHICH SPECIFIES THAT OUR ALLIES AND
FRIENDS MUST BEAR AN INCREASED SHARE OF THE DEFENSE EFFORT
IN THE FUTURE.

THESE FACTORS CANNOT BE IGNORED OR UNDER EMPHASIZED.

FOR EXAMPLE, I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A VERY REWARDING
WEEK IN NEWPORT WITH MORE THAN EIGHTY FOREIGN CNO'S OR
HIGH NAVAL STAFF OFFICERS ATTENDING THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL
SEAPOWERS SYMPOSIUM. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS IT BECAME CLEAR THAT
MUCH SINCERE INTEREST EXISTED AMONG OUR NAVAL FRIENDS IN

SEEKING OUT WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR COMBINED ASW POSTURE AS A MEANS TO OFFSET THE SOVIET CAPABILITY TO CHALLENGE OUR SEA CONTROL ABILITIES.

I KNOW IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR ME TO REPEAT HERE MY CONCERN OVER THIS GROWING SOVIET CAPABILITY -- CLEARLY IF WE AND OUR ALLIES ARE UNABLE TO MAINTAIN AN ASSURED CAPABILITY TO USE THE SEA L.O.C.'S WHICH TIE THE ALLIANCE STRUCTURE TOGETHER, THE NIXON DOCTRINE'S EMPHASIS ON PARTNERSHIP BECOMES OF ARGUABLE CREDIBILITY.

AND SO, THE IMPORTANCE OF ENLISTING THE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT OF OUR ALLIES TO OPPOSE THIS MOST SIGNIFICANT SUBMARINE THREAT WITH WHICH WE ARE FACED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TODAY, CANNOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED.

IT IS CLEAR FROM OUR EXPECTED BUDGET LIMITS THAT WE SIMPLY ARE NOT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH SHIPS, ENOUGH PERSONNEL AND ENOUGH EQUIPMENT TO DO THE ASW/SEA CONTROL JOB ALL BY OURSELVES. MANY OF OUR ALLIED NAVIES HAVE TOP-NOTCH ASW CAPABILITIES IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE DISTINGUISHED NAVAL TRADITIONS AND HISTORIES FAR OLDER THAN OURS. WE CAN DO NO LESS THAN TO SEEK WAYS TO MAKE THEM FULL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM -- NOT TO DO SO IS TO DENY BOTH THEM AND OURSELVES VITAL ASSETS NECESSARY FOR THE MUTUALLY VITAL JOB AT HAND. WE MUST HAVE PROGRAMS WITH THEM WHICH SHARE IMPROVEMENTS IN EQUIPMENTS, PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES IN ASW. WE MUST, OF COURSE, BE SELECTIVE AND CAREFULLY REVIEW EACH RELAXATION IN OUR SECURITY RESTRICTIONS. HOWEVER, WE MUST ALSO ALWAYS KEEP

IN THE FOREFRONT THE FACT THAT LESS THAN EQUAL CANDOR WITH OUR ALLIES WILL MAKE ANY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ONE OF DUBIOUS VALUE.

FURTHER, AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE, THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF THE "TOTAL FORCE CONCEPT" NEED TO BE CONSIDERED AND APPLIED WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN SUPPORT OF OUR ASW EFFORT.

THIS MEANS THAT WE SHOULD GIVE APPROPRIATE WEIGHT TO THE CAPABILITIES OF OUR RESERVE FORCES AND THE COAST GUARD AS WELL AS TO ALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT WHICH HAVE ANY CAPABILITY BEARING ON OUR ASW/SEA CONTROL PROGRAMS.

FOR EXAMPLE, WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO HAVE THE OCEANIC RESEARCH PROGRAMS OF THE NATION REMAIN AS COMPARTMENTALIZED AS IN THE PAST -- THE INITIATIVE FOR OPENING CLOSER EXCHANGES WITH OUR OCEAN SCIENCE COMMUNITY LIES WITH US, AND IT SEEMS CLEAR TO ME THAT WE MUST SEIZE THAT INITIATIVE AS PART OF ANY REVITALIZED AND INTEGRATED ASW EFFORT FOR THE FUTURE.

AND SO, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IN ADDITION TO SOME OF THE MORE OBVIOUS AND URGENT OF OUR CONSIDERATIONS TODAY AND TOMORROW WE LOOK TOWARD ASSESSING UNDER-USED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CAPABILITIES WITH A VIEW TOWARD ADDING THEIR WEIGHT TO EXISTING ASW/SEA CONTROL RESOURCES.

AS I AND THE SECRETARY HAVE INDICATED, IT IS INTENDED THAT THIS SYMPOSIUM BE AN OPEN FORUM FOR THE FULLEST EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON HOW BEST TO DO THE ASW JOB IN THE FUTURE. GIVEN THE EXPERIENCE, SKILL AND TALENT ASSEMBLED HERE, I AM SURE WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS LEADING TOWARD SUBSTANTIAL REFINING OF

THE ASW EFFORT IN RESPONSE BOTH TO THE CHANGING MAGNITUDE
OR SCOPE OF THE CHALLENGE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF NATIONAL
RESOURCES.