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OUTLINE OF POINTS FOR GENERAL POWERS 1-1/2 HOUR BRIEFING
TO SYG BROSIO AND THE PRESIDENT

Tuesday, September 29

1. Description of present and future US and Soviet strategic retaliatory forces. US stronger than Soviets.
 - a. US strategic retaliatory forces, number of bombers and missiles present through 1969; alert megatonnage
 - b. Soviet nuclear forces shown in two categories; those able to reach Western Europe and those able to reach North America.
 - c. Allied Command Europe Strike forces and megatonnage.
 - d. Description of US Command, Control and Communications.
 - e. Points to be emphasized
 - i. Rapid growth of US missile force; US now and in future stronger than Soviets.
 - ii. Importance of having protected forces (connected with hardened, dispersed and mobile missiles).
 - iii. Importance and quality of US C³.
 - iv. Comparatively small size and megatonnage of Allied Command Europe Forces (point to be made discreetly).
2. The vulnerability problem and how we deal with it.
 - a. Seriousness of problem for all systems and C³
 - b. How we deal with it at high cost
 - i. warning and alert for bombers
 - ii. Looking Glass, Post Attack Command and Control Systems, and Alternate National Military Command Centers
 - iii. Polaris
 - iv. Hardened ICBM's
 - v. Some representative costs

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3. Description of the targeting process at Omaha.
 - a. Targeting procedures and concepts including integration of SACEUR's targets and forces into the SIOP.
 - b. Describe role of SACEUR's Omaha group.
 - c. Show how US covers Soviet MR/IRBM's with many forces including Minutemen and Polaris.
 - d. Illustrate how damage expectancies are built up with ACE forces making them a marginal contribution.
4. Outcome of general nuclear war for USSR, Western Europe and US; discussion should show the destructiveness and undesirability of nuclear war.
 - ✓ a. Show how even after a surprise nuclear attack, US can destroy USSR and China.
 - ✓ b. Show how even after a NATO nuclear response to a Soviet attack in Europe, Soviets can destroy Western Europe and US.
 - ✓ c. Show how little could be done to limit damage to Europe or to inflict greater damage on the USSR even if ACE had a large MRBM force.

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• Vulnerability of European based forces (QRA aircraft, V-bombers, Force de Frappe) and consequent dependence on US.

• Security of US deterrent.

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