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THE UK POSITION IN REGARD TO
NUCLEAR TEST BAN AGREEMENT

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- 1) A treaty is NOW linked with their SURVIVAL.
- 2) The UK has accepted the principle that a nuclear test ban treaty with weaknesses is far better than prospect of NO treaty.
 - a) Feel US looking for perfection on detection and controls.
 - b) Feel US new data recently presented largely based on theory and calculation and does not justify present change in US policy.
- 3) Treaty must be concluded NOW.
 - a) To prevent other nations from joining nuclear club.
 - b) To take advantage of possible influence the USSR may have on Red China.
 - c) To not allow world public opinion to reach such a pitch of demand that no nation would dare resume tests thus possibly encouraging the USSR to break off negotiations resulting in no controls, no treaty.
- 4) UK strategy.
 - a) UK considers treaty on nuclear tests the FIRST and ONLY STEP TO DISARMAMENT.

One of their chief negotiators has been chosen to head up the UK delegation to the 10-Power Disarmament Conference. What this UK head will do with regard to 5 Western power talks to commence soon, remains to be seen?
 - b) If US announces intention to resume nuclear tests, the UK will call for a special session of the UN General Assembly claiming that the US is endangering the peace of the world and going counter to various adopted resolutions of the UN.
 - c) If the Geneva negotiations bog down due to US demands, the UK is prepared to do the following:
 - 1) To make a separate treaty with the USSR alone.
 - 2) To pull out of or alter its role in NATO.
 - 3) To enter into a non-aggression pact with the USSR.
 - 4) To consider joining in a Mutual Economic Agreement with the USSR to aid the under-developed nations of the world starting with Africa and China.

Memorandum reflecting a private conversation had with a high U.K. Foreign Office official.

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