National Security Decision Memorandum 259

TO: The Secretary of Defense
    The Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
    The Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs

SUBJECT: Programs of Cooperation for Nuclear Bomb Support of Non-U.S. NATO Nations

The President has approved in principle Programs of Cooperation with Italy and the Federal Republic of Germany, as recommended by the Secretary of Defense in his memorandum of March 29, 1974, to develop and support nuclear bomb delivery capabilities with the Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MRCA).

The President also has approved in principle Programs of Cooperation recommended by the Secretary of Defense which would add nuclear bomb support to those programs in Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, and Turkey which are already supported with nuclear bombs.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Director, Central Intelligence Agency
    The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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