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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Release to the Allies of the US 'Reply to the 1975 NATO
Defense Planning Review Questionnaire (DPQ-75)

(S) In an effort to secure release of the US Reply to DPQ-75, State has proposed that we display in our reply the number of Air Force Squadrons/Aircraft as shown in Table I (Air Force) of DPQ-74 UNITED STATES - D/1 and footnote the table as follows:

1/ In its continuing effort at force modernization, the US has been developing new aircraft for a range of roles in the European theater. These include the F-15, F-16, and A-10: Final decisions on deployment plans for new models, including questions of timing and the overall force composition, which may alter force figures beyond 1976, have not been made; The eventual introduction of new aircraft will be planned in close consultation with the Alliance, and will take into account MBFR considerations, the need to maintain necessary nuclear and conventional air capability, and agreed NATO strategies.

(U) I request that you provide the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this proposed change to JCSM-278-75, 30 June 1975, as a matter of urgency, including any alternative changes which the Joint Chiefs of Staff consider more satisfactory.

(Signed)
Robert Ellsworth
Assistant Secretary of Defense

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