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Dear Ros:

The following is in extension of my 22 August 1962 letter and our conversation of 6 September 1962 with reference to the current prohibition [redacted] on land-based Quick Reaction Alert aircraft in the NATO area. [redacted]

Initially the restriction affected only US forces and for that reason I notified the JCS of the degradation of the US strikes immediately affected. However, I recommended the removal of this restriction in its entirety, both as it currently applies to US forces and as it will apply in the near future to non-US forces. This was also the purpose of my recommendation to you.

I am grateful for your personal interest in this matter and hope it can be rapidly received.

Sincerely,

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