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NNTAP Discussion Topics for Dr. Tucker's
Meeting with General Holloway

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General Holloway, in his 16 May memorandum to Dr. Foster, was in general agreement with the approach to nuclear weapon employment policy taken in the "Tentative Policy Guidance" drafted by the Foster Panel. In particular, he felt that all major issues had been treated, that the tentative guidance (TG) is "an excellent step forward", and that the flexible attack options were soundly structured. You may wish to review Holloway's memo (see attached), especially his summary views on pp. 1-2.

Holloway raised two points you may want to pursue with him:

1. Reserve Force

Holloway: arguments of tentative guidance about reserve force are not convincing, but idea of a nuclear reserve force which can be flexibly aligned with the objectives and options of the tentative guidance is sound. *(agree, but Holloway's words)*

TG: Establishes concept of strategic reserve force, to be composed of "swing force", forces withheld from various targets, and recovered/reconstituted forces.

2. Relation of SIOP and Theater Nuclear Forces

Holloway: Subject not treated conclusively or convincingly in tentative guidance. Needs further analysis.

TG: Explicitly broadens scope of NSTAP to include employment of theater nuclear forces, but provides no specific guidelines for such employment beyond the general concepts associated with escalation control. NSTAP review panel recognized this deficiency, but available analysis did not support a more definitive treatment.

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