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*Le représentant permanent auprès des Nations Unies
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Permanent Representative to United Nations
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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Tabling of neutral resolution on nuclear testing has ended possibilities for influencing sponsors to change text and corridor talk is focussing on possible amendments. It is recognized even by some of sponsors that although resolution may be unexceptionable on moral grounds, it is open to criticism from tactical standpoint, in that it inclines toward Soviet position, is unlikely to help negotiations forward, and thus unlikely to result in cessation of nuclear testing.

2. Discussion is centering around suggestions which have been made in a number of statements including those of several of sponsors of resolution. Themes most frequently considered are either (a) to propose banning separately tests in outer space, underwater and in atmosphere (b) to introduce idea of convening scientific conference or establishing on interim basis of International Scientific Commission to which information on detection and identification of underground nuclear tests would be furnished by those states having expertise on subject. Main aim of both these additions is to distinguish between tests in 3 environments on which there is no repeat no dispute over identification, and underground testing over which there are differences and to concentrate Assembly's attention on area in which dispute lies.

3. Since neutral resolution calls for report to UNGA by December 10, there is likely to be another debate in Assembly at that time. Object of amendments would be to focus attention during later debate on area where further negotiations necessary if agreement to be reached.

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État adjoint aux Affaires extérieures
pour le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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NUCLEAR TESTING

Lord Amory said that his Government, and he understood the USA Government also, were concerned that Canada might support an "unpoliced moratorium on underground tests," such as the 8-Power resolution in the UK view, called for. He said that the United States and the United Kingdom had taken the position that they cannot accept a cessation of tests without adequate inspection provisions until such time as their scientists are able to say that all testing can be monitored by remote means. Lord Amory said that it was his Government's belief that Canadian support of the 8-Power draft as they now understood its text would put Canada more