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TO: SAC, W.D. 10.1
101 - Mr. Ellert
102 - Mr. Perry
103 - Mr. Walker
C/S - Mr. Larkin

Attached for urgent clearance is a press release prepared by the A.C. regarding the incident (b)(3):42 USC 2168(a) This release has been cleared in Jefferson by General A.C., Secretary Douglas and Mr. Cryer on behalf of Secretary McRoy.

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The additional information is that the plane did not crash, but developed a fire during a taxi run down the runway as part of a 15 minute abort test. The plane then turned. Persons on the base were temporarily evacuated but were returned after several hours. The incident happened at 6:15 a.m. local time this morning.

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DIATE PUBLIC DISSEMINATION AND FOR REPLY (b)(3):42 USC 2168

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QUOTE HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR

ANNOUNCED TODAY A B-47 CARRYING A NUCLEAR WEAPON

BURNED ON THE RUNWAY (b)(3):42 USC 2168(a)(1)(C)(FRD)

NO INJURIES OCCURRED TO PERSONNEL AND NO DAMAGE TO
PROPERTY WAS REPORTED. PARA. ALTHOUGH THE AIRCRAFT
BURNED, NO DETONATION OCCURRED AND THERE WAS NO
RADIATION INVOLVED. PARA. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED DURING
A TAXI RUN OF THE AIRCRAFT DURING AN ALERT TEST.

~~(ALL MATTER OF THIS PARAGRAPH THE AREA WAS EVACUATED)~~
~~AMERICAN PERSONNEL~~ THE THREE MAN B-47 CREW ESCAPED
WITHOUT INJURY.

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