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ON STRONG PRESENTATION BY THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAVE CONCURRED THAT THERE WILL BE NO FIRING OF HIGH YIELD SHOTS (THOSE OF 200 KT AND ABOVE) DURING THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE JAPANESE ELECTIONS. THESE ELECTIONS WILL CLOSE AT 222000 TOKIO TIME (221100Z or 222300 YOUR TIME). REFERENCE MY 132215, AND YOUR REPLY THERETO, IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT YOU TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO DELAY ANY SHOTS OF 200 KT AND ABOVE SO THAT THEY WILL BE FIRED ONLY AFTER THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME. SPECIFICALLY THEN THIS WOULD MEAN THE DELAY OF SYCAMORE AND YELLOW WOOD. WAHOO, HOLLY, MAGNOLIA AND NUTMEG COULD BE FIRED IF READY DURING THE PERIOD. ELDER SHOULD NOT BE AND IF ROSE COULD BE READIED IT IS DESIRED THAT THIS SHOT ALSO NOT REPEAT NOT BE FIRED IN VIEW OF CLOSENESS TO THE 200 KT LIMIT.

THE EFFECT ON MORALE AND POSSIBILITY OF MISSING A GOOD DAY IS UNDERSTOOD BY ALL. WE REGRET NECESSITY FOR TAKING THIS ACTION BUT FEEL IN VIEW OF THE STAKES INVOLVED THAT IT SHOULD BE DONE  
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