

## **Abstract**

The study deals with the theme of applied nuclear diplomacy by the United Kingdom during the government of Prime Minister Harold Macmillan in the period of 1957-1963. This issue cannot and must not be separated from so-called *Special Relationship* between Britain and the United States, the core of which occupies bilateral cooperation in the nuclear field. The method of the study is a chronological analysis of the individual stages of the Special Relationship within a defined period from the perspective of British nuclear policy. The primary objective of the study is fully consistent with the research question and is defined as the identification of Britain's nuclear interests in relation with the U.S. and their comparison with concrete achievements. The conclusion summarizes the results of the research and assesses the extent to which the interests of British nuclear policy were fulfilled. Subsequently is identified, what share of these successes can be attributed to political pragmatism or the *Special Relationship*.

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