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...in national defence matters, a
...settlement set out in the 1998



Alex Salmond, MSP, leader of the SNP

...Trident with a new fleet of submarines to carry the nuclear missiles they
...based in Scotland at the Clyde Naval Base at Faslane. If the planned new
...a design lifetime of 30 years then nuclear-armed submarines will continue
...of Faslane well into the 2050s.

...certain that Scotland will remain part of the Union
...life of the current and replacement Trident system or
...British Government will be able to resist nationalist
...from the Scottish Executive and Scottish Parliament to
...operation of the Trident submarine fleet from Faslane. The
...recently declared its intention to use powers devolved to the
...ish Executive to stymie Trident replacement by mounting
...onmental, transport, planning, and legal obstacles. SNP
...der Alex Salmond has vowed to ban the transportation of
...nuclear weapons on Scottish soil.



Trident warhead convoy
Source: NukeWatch UK

If the British Government were no longer able to operate the Trident submarine fleet from Scotland it would have to relocate the facilities dedicated to the Trident programme at the Clyde Naval Base at substantial financial and political cost. The most obvious alternative location is Devonport in Plymouth.