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THE SECRETARY

Items to Take up with the President, November 19

1. Reply to Eshkol on Dimona - In October Eshkol asked the President to defer the next Dimona Reactor inspection until after the November 1965 Israeli elections. Our technical experts believe an inspection before January 1 is imperative. NEA feels Eshkol's political difficulties are "not serious" and the inspection will not threaten his position. We need Presidential approval for the Department's proposal to go back to Eshkol and reiterate our request for an early inspection but advise him we will not ask another inspection before the '65 elections. Harriman-Bundy memo and draft letter to Eshkol attached (Tab A).
2. Sato Visit - Sato has asked Reischauer for an early visit with LBJ. The Japanese are now suggesting two dates in January which will obviously be inconvenient for the President in view of his other responsibilities at the start of the new Congress. Bill Bundy memo and draft Secretary to the President attached. (Tab B).
3. Ball Trip to Ranch Next Week to Report on MLF and Atlantic Nuclear Defense Issues - Will you sound out President since GWB obviously cannot do so.
4. Cambodia Talks - US representative (?).
5. US Ambassador to Indonesia - Bill Bundy will fill you in on "obstacle" to Wyatt's appointment and recommend course of action orally to you.
6. Sale of Lockheed Aircraft to South Africa - Memo from you to President attached (Tab C) suggesting postponement of decision but negative determination if it must be made at this time.
7. Schroeder Visit to Ranch (?).

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