

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MacGeorge Bundy

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- 2030 Copy of the message from JCS (6917) was received ordering CINCSAC to start "Generation of Forces." CDR McCabe suggested the President be made aware of this, and after checking with Gilpatric, I informed the President, who approved, after having been told that McNamara and Gilpatric had approved.
- 2130 Report from Harlan Cleveland on events in the United Nations. Zorin's statement after Adlai's did not deny presence of missiles in Cuba, but did deny offensive purposes. Zorin gave no indication of whether or not Soviets intended to run the quarantine. Harlan reported that the Soviets have indicated that they will veto the resolution, but that we have some assurance of getting seven votes in favor
- Canadians are still pressing their resolution holding everything up until observers are sent to check accuracy of the President's statement. Cleveland thinks we will have more trouble from the Canadians.
- A UAR-Algerian draft resolution has been prepared asking for a freeze of all action and a return to the status quo ante October 22nd.
- Cleveland thinks that the following three alternatives will be up for consideration here tomorrow:

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1) Push our resolution to a vote in the Security Council and then go to the General Assembly.

2) Accept a resolution asking for a complete stand-still on Cuban missiles, with US observers to inspect it.

3) Broaden the issue into a discussion of foreign bases and disarmament generally in the Security Council.

Cleveland thinks Adlai may favor 2 above and says that he and the Secretary of State have been ruminating about number 3.

None of the above was discussed with the President, since there was no time in view of what follows:

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Continuation of picture flap. With great difficulty, and after much urging from the President, we managed to get ten rather mediocre pictures from CIA. Salinger has a set, and copies were given to Art Sylvester for release by Defense. Only one of the pictures is interesting to a layman, and the President asked that it be got out with the appropriate caption. I told the President that the results of the recent low-level flights would be available tonight and he agreed that they should be released tomorrow if CIA agreed. Walter Elder of CIA thinks this will be possible, and will undertake to supply them to Sylvester.

In considering release of these pictures, the President was interested in whether Zorin had denied the presence of missiles in Cuba. David Ormsby Gore had told him that Zorin had made such a denial. My information from Cleveland was to the contrary, and ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Presidential ire mounted from the conflict of information, and that no one in this government had the text of Zorin's statement. A phone call to Petersen at the UN in New York confirmed Cleveland's report and was passed to the President.

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At the President's direction, I sent a NIACT cable to David Bruce asking why the pictures were released in London.

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