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Dear General Goodpaster:

As recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, there is attached a copy of the "Joint Chiefs of Staff Emergency Actions File," this title replacing the former "War-Emergency Check List and Master Readiness File." The revised Emergency Actions File will become effective at 070001Z December 1959. An additional copy of this document was forwarded to you on 3 December 1959 for inclusion in the President's emergency actions pouch.

In consonance with the provisions of White House standby Executive Order "El/1 unnumbered," and in order to provide field commanders with the authority necessary to make available atomic weapons to NATO and to such other allies as may be programmed to use U.S. atomic weapons, Emergency Message EM-5 has been drafted accordingly, as shown in the attachment hereto. As corollary actions, Emergency Messages EM-3 and EM-4 have been revised.



With reference to the precedence and procedures now established for the emergency transfer of atomic weapons, Automatic Message AM-1 has been revised to eliminate directing the transfer of custody of atomic weapons from the Atomic Energy Commission to the Department of Defense. Supplementary Message SM-1, a message of lesser urgency, has been drafted to accomplish the transfer of custody of the weapons in the general reserve.

(refers to Sec. 4)

The problem of how the Department of Defense may best accomplish its wartime responsibilities for obtaining certain base and operational rights in foreign countries, as delineated in standby Executive Order El/1 unnumbered, is still under study by the Department of Defense. No specific provisions for conducting the required negotiations are included in the Emergency Actions File at the present time.

Two other substantive changes have been made in the Emergency Actions File which should be called to your attention:

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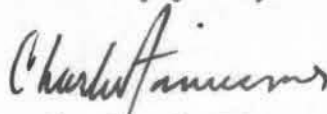
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1. In accordance with the expressed desire of the President, arrangements have been made to bring the President into emergency telephone conference with the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff upon declaration of a Defense Emergency or an Air Defense Emergency.

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2. Supplementary Message SM-1 has been revised and replaced by Emergency Message EM-6. This change permits consideration of the preparedness of NATO commanders to accept control of U.S. earmarked forces and assures that this important matter for decision will be brought to the early attention of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. ✓

Sincerely yours,



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