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FROM: GENERAL LEMNITZER, WASHINGTON
TO : GENERAL NORSTAD, PARIS

16 AUGUST 61

1. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS THE 3-PHASED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE BERLIN CRISIS, WHICH YOU GAVE HIM ON 24 JULY. ALSO HE IS AWARE OF OUR MEMO TO COMMANDERS DATED 12 APRIL, ENTITLED UNITED STATES CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR BERLIN, AND OF THE REVISED INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPANDED LIVE OAK PLANNING WHICH THE AMBASSADORIAL GROUP WILL PREPARE AND ISSUE TO YOU AS A RESULT OF THE PARIS MEETING.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, HE HAS DIRECTED THE JCS TO REQUEST YOU TO COMMENCE MORE DETAILED PLANNING ON A UNILATERAL U.S. BASIS AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. THE PURPOSE IS TO PLAN TO APPLY NON-NUCLEAR MILITARY POWER ON A LARGER SCALE THAN HERETOFORE ENVISAGED IN ORDER TO INDUCE THE COMMUNISTS TO REOPEN ACCESS TO BERLIN. HE DESIRES THAT PLANS BE PREPARED FOR NON-NUCLEAR OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE:

- A. GROUND ACTION, SUPPORTED BY AIR, OF A CORPS OR LARGER UNIT;
- B. NON-NUCLEAR TACTICAL AIR OPERATIONS, AND
- C. MARITIME MILITARY OPERATIONS.

3. HE ALSO DESIRES THAT PLANS FOR THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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INCLUDE PROVISION FOR:

- A. DEMONSTRATIVE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON A VERY LIMITED SCALE.
- B. LIMITED USE OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST MILITARY TARGETS INCLUDING RESPONSE TO A LARGE-SCALE TANK ATTACK, AND
- C. LARGE-SCALE NUCLEAR WAR.

4. ACCORDINGLY, I AM HAVING DRAFTED A PLANNING DIRECTIVE TO YOU AND OTHER U.S. COMMANDERS WHICH I SHALL SUBMIT TO THE JCS. IT IS MY FEELING THAT THE JCS SHOULD PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE THAN HAS HERETOFORE BEEN ISSUED. YOU WILL BE REQUESTED TO ASSESS THE RISKS INVOLVED IN EACH COURSE OF ACTION TOGETHER WITH THE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NECESSARY.

5. MEANWHILE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL VIEWS AS TO THE SPECIFICS THE JCS SHOULD INCLUDE IN THEIR PLANNING GUIDANCE. WHEN YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE JCS DIRECTIVE I WOULD APPRECIATE AN ESTIMATE OF HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE YOU TO DEVELOP THESE PLANS.

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