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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Subject: Embargo and Blockade Against Communist China.

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have this date directed me to request the IAC to make a study, as a matter of priority, on the following subject: "Embargo and Blockade Against Communist China."

2. It would be most valuable if the following terms of reference could be covered because the U.K. has been requested to make a study along the same lines with the purpose of exchanging U.S.-U.K. intelligence on this subject:

a. What is the current status of the implementation of the embargo against Communist China?

b. What are the causes of less than 100 per cent implementation?

c. What measures might be taken to increase the efficiency of the embargo?

d. Estimate the capabilities of an embargo to bring pressure to bear on Communist China.

e. Estimate the capabilities of a sea blockade to increase the pressure on Communist China.

f. Estimate the effect of air attacks against rail communications and inland waterways further to increase this pressure.

g. Consider measures which the Communists would be likely to take to counter the effects of the actions in d, e, and f.

3. I understand that an estimate covering the first three items, 2 a to 2 c above, is now in preparation on a rush basis. I certainly do not want to make any request that would impinge on such an effort. An expansion of that estimate when completed into one covering items 2 d to 2 f above would meet the Joint Chiefs' needs completely.

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4. I would further request that this estimate be produced in a form which could be exchanged with the [REDACTED] for their estimate on the same subject.

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