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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Forecast of
Logistical Requirements

- REFERENCES:
- a. C/PPC Memo of 27 July 1955 on subject
 - b. Director of Logistics Memo of 21 September 1955 on subject

1. The primary purpose of Reference a. was not to prejudge the requirement for logistical forecasts by the Area Divisions, but, primarily, to establish the principle that existing planning-programming procedures would be used to the maximum extent feasible to secure the necessary logistical data. It is our view that, in accordance with this principle, the Area Divisions would need to provide line item estimates only for material of a special nature, needed in unusual quantities, or requiring long procurement lead time.

2. A second important purpose of Reference a. was to avoid the position in which, where we found ourselves last July, adequate advance consideration has not been given to the procurement of essential logistical planning data with the result that [REDACTED] was the only feasible temporary solution.

3. In development of the CS Planning and Programming System ([REDACTED]), full opportunity has been provided to all support elements (primarily through SSA-DD/S) to suggest inclusion of requirements for data essential for support planning purposes. This is in accordance with the principle that the basic Country Appendices and Programs would provide the essential information for all concerned Staffs, including Support elements. In the Cold War Planning Seminars, which have been attended by representatives of the Logistics Office, we have explained how we hoped to eliminate the need for all planning and programming documents except those which are an inherent part of the basic system.

4. This Staff agrees on the need for further conferences with the Office of Logistics and other interested elements on the problem involved. In order that such conferences may serve a useful purpose, it is recommended that the draft of a substitute for [REDACTED] be provided as an agenda item.

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att: C/PPC Memo (ref. a.)

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