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E.O.12065: RDS-283, 4/12/12 (VIETS, RICHARO N.)OR-M TAGS: MASS, MARR, JO, US SUBJECT: JOINT LOGISTICAL PLANNING PROJECT: SENATOR BAKER PREPARED TO SUPPORT?

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- 1. S ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. I HAD A LONG TALK THIS MORNING (APRIL 12) WITH CRAN MONTGOMERY, SENATOR BAKER'S SENIOR FOREIGN POLICY AIDE, ON THE PROBLEMS THE JLP PROJECT HAS ENCOUNTERED ON THE HILL.
- J. IT IS MONTGOMERY'S ASSESSMENT THAT THE PROGRAM CAN BE SAVED BY A COORDINATED AUMINISTRATION EFFORT. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SEVERAL SENATORS WHUSE OPPOSITION IS WELL KNOWN, MONTGOMERY THINKS THE LEVEL OF OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT IS NOT NEARLY SO STRONG AS I HAVE BEEN LED TO BELIEVE. HE ASSERTS MOST SENATORS WHO ARE APPRISED OF THE PROJECT WOULD OFFER THEIR SUPPORT IF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THIS IS A PROGRAM DEEMED CLEARLY TO BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. THAT MESSAGE HAS NOT BEEN GUT ACRUSS TO DATE, AUCORDING TO MONTGOMERY. SECRET



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- 4. AS FOR SENATOR BAKER'S OWN VOTE, MONTGOMERY (PLEASE PROTECT) IS CERTAIN THAT IF THE SECRETARY WILL PERSONALLY PUT THE ARM ON HIM, HE WILL GO WITH THE ADMINISTRATION. MONTGOMERY SAYS SENATOR SIEVENS GOT TO BAKER AT A "BAD MOMENT," AND BAKER'S SUPPORT OF STEVENS POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT IS NOT AT ALL FIRM.
- 5. FOR THAT MATTER, MUNTGOMERY ALSO IS CERTAIN THAT STEVENS CAN BE PERSUADED TO THE CAUSE. BUT THAT WILL TAKE MORE OF AN EFFORT FROM NOT ONLY STATE AND DEFENSE, BUT THE WHITE HOUSE AS WELL.
- 6. PLEASE CAREFULLY PROJECT MONTGOMERY AS THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION.
- 7. DEPARTMENT PASS TO NSC, DEFENSE AND CIA. VIETS

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