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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 28, 1969

HAK:

Talking points for your meeting with Secretary Rogers, 6:00 p. m.  
this evening:

- State's representative on the strategic posture study?
- European trip (Tab A)
- Goodpaster letter (Tab B)
- NSDM 3 (Tab C)
- Haldeman memo re Italy (Tab D)

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

General Lemnitzer has informed me of his desire to retire from the United States Army effective July 1, 1969. I have, with deep reluctance, decided to accede to his request.

I am sure that you share my regret that this action is necessary. I know, however, that you will agree with me that we must not impose upon a man who has already done so much for his country and for the North Atlantic Alliance. General Lemnitzer has been a fine soldier who has more than done his duty.

I am now writing to ask whether you wish the United States to assign another General Officer as SACEUR commander. If this is the desire of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, I would be prepared to nominate for your consideration General Andrew Goodpaster, an officer of great distinction and superb ability. I intend to appoint him Commander of U. S. Forces in Europe (CINCEUR) effective May 1, 1969.

(paragraph on General Goodpaster's background)

Should you desire the appointment of an American to the SACEUR position, I am prepared to appoint General Goodpaster effective July 1, 1969.

I would appreciate your thoughts on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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January 20, 1959

National Security Decision Memorandum 3

TO:                   The Vice President  
                       The Secretary of State  
                       The Secretary of Defense  
                       The Assistant to the President for  
                           National Security Affairs  
                       The Administrator of the Agency for  
                           International Development  
                       The Director of Central Intelligence  
                       The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
                       The Director of the US Information Agency  
                       The Director of the Office of Emergency  
                           Preparedness

SUBJECT:            The Direction, Coordination and Supervision of  
                           Interdepartmental Activities Overseas

The Secretary of State is my principal foreign policy adviser. He is also responsible, in accordance with approved policy, for the execution of foreign policy. I have assigned to the Secretary of State authority and responsibility to the full extent permitted by law\* for the overall direction, coordination and supervision of interdepartmental activities of the United States Government overseas. Such activities do not include those of United States military forces operating in the field where such forces are under the command of a United States area military commander, such other military activities as I elect as Commander-in-Chief to conduct through military channels, and activities which are internal to the execution and administration of the approved programs of a single department or agency and which are not of such a nature as to affect significantly the overall US overseas program in a country or region.

In discharging this authority and responsibility, the Secretary of State will be assisted by the NSC Interdepartmental Groups and the NSC Under Secretaries Committee, as constituted in NSDM 2 and in accordance with the procedures set forth therein.

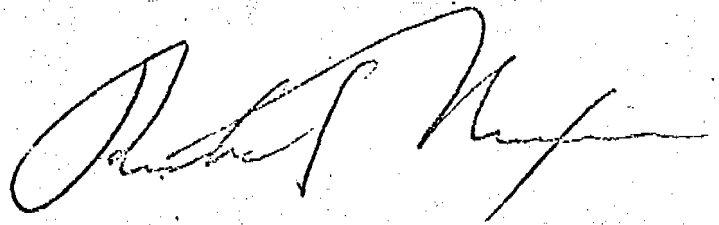
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\* Including continuous supervision and general direction of economic assistance, military assistance and sales programs, as provided in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1951, as amended.

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Within the purview of this NSDM, the Secretary of State may delegate full powers of decision to the Under Secretary of State, as Executive Chairman of the NSC Under Secretaries Committee, subject to the right of a member who does not concur to request the referral of a matter to the NSC Review Committee or to the NSC.



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