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ASSISTANT'S MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN, JCS
JANUARY 21

TALKING POINTS

Introductory

-- Anticipate our relationships will be very close, especially during transition.

-- Express awareness of Chairman's extensive background in politico-military affairs. You might note your awareness of the invaluable counsel to President Johnson during the recent Middle East conflict. (General Wheeler emerged as the most accurate prognosticator of the outcome of the 1968 Arab-Israeli War.)

Organization of NSC Staff

-- Outline organizational concept of your staff, its interface with NSC system, your requirements to provide for balanced views on staff.

-- Outline generally your role in national security affairs and your relationship with the Cabinet and the statutory advisors to the NSC, emphasizing participation by Chairman.

-- Outline role of your Military Assistant and his anticipated close relationship with new JCS liaison officer to the NSC staff.

-- Invite his regular and direct counsel, especially on matters he considers to be of Presidential concern.

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

NSC Work Schedule

-- Discuss studies which will be conducted initially which have not been mentioned at NSC meeting (U. S. posture and balance of power).

-- Discuss study to be undertaken concerning procedures for Presidential approval of nuclear weapons dispersal.

-- Mention General Taylor's future role and fact that Chairman's role will increase accordingly.

-- Conclude by soliciting his comments on the NSC meeting just concluded and any area of substantive concern the Chairman considers urgent for NSC consideration.

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AREAS OF PRIMARY CONCERN TO
THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Vietnam - concern with full range of problems especially negotiations, operations, force levels, RVNAF modernization and T-Day planning.

The Middle East - concern for maintenance of balanced Arab-Israeli capabilities and Soviet presence in Med.

NATO - its future and especially the impact of a recent study to reduce U.S. costs in Europe (REDCOSTE). Study in ISA.

Spanish Bases - outcome of military level negotiations leading toward extension of 5-year U.S. Base Rights which must be extended by March 26, 1969. Spanish conditions have been unacceptable to date. ✓

Relationships with French Military - growing feeling based on military contacts that improved relations can be achieved.

Strategic Forces - concern with acceptance of U.S. -Soviet balance vs. U.S. superiority.

Overseas Bases - implications of recent study and concern with U.S. bases in Japan, Okinawa reversion and status of Trust Territories.

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