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MEMORANDUM FOR BOB HALLEMAN

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: President's Request that You Assign a Staff Member to Develop a Report on the Bomb Halt, Cuban Missile Crisis and the Diem Murder

By memorandum of September 22, 1969, the President asked for a complete report on the bomb halt from all vantage points, as well as whatever data we could get on the Cuban missile crisis and the Diem murder.

Attached is the correspondence on this matter, together with your covering note in which you recommend that Tom Huston be used for this purpose. You should be aware that we completed for the President a thorough research of all the records dealing with the bombing halt. They are available if you decide to put Tom Huston on this job. I fear we will have somewhat more difficulty with the Cuban missile crisis and the Diem murder, but I would like to designate a member of my staff to work with Huston in:

a. Converting the research data already completed on the bomb halt to a more politically oriented document responsive to the President's desire.

b. Obtaining from State, Defense and CIA that data which is available on the Cuban missile crisis and the Diem murder.

If you would ask Huston to contact me, I will insure that the project gets started in response to the President's directive.

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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Date: Tues. September 23, 1969

Time: 12:00 P.M.

FOR ACTION: Dr. Kissinger

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Sat. September 27, 1969

Time: 2:00 P.M.

SUBJECT:

President's request that you assign a staff member to develop a report on the Bomb Halt, Cuban missile crisis and the Diem murder.

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please submit an interim report on what action will be taken to comply with the attached request.

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

J R R
K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE _____

TO: *Kissinger*
FROM: BOB HALDEMAN

FYI PLEASE HANDLE _____

PLEASE REVIEW AND SEE ME _____

OTHER:

*I would recommend
Huston for this.*

*I do not know Huston
but do not object
to it.
to staff*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

With no urgency but as a continuing assignment, you will recall that I want as complete a report as we can possibly get on the Bomb Halt from all vantage points what we learned in the campaign, what we heard during the campaign, what the records show, the conversations of Rusk, etc. I know that much of the information is not available, but I want to be sure that we have this record as complete as we possibly can get it. The same goes for the Cuban missile crisis and the Diem murder; the latter two I realize are ancient history, but someone on your staff should be able to dig up information on these subjects. Perhaps Tom Huston might be a good candidate or Clark Mollenhoff, although I realize we do not want to risk too much publicity.