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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Second Briefing for General Eisenhower in the Series
of Intelligence Briefings for Presidential Candidates

On Thursday, 25 September 1952, at 1625 hours I boarded General Eisenhower's campaign train at Silver Spring, Maryland. The General was on his way to Baltimore, Maryland, on a speaking tour. The General completed his speech from the rear platform of the train and about five minutes after the train left the station, at exactly 1700 hours, Senator Carlson escorted me to the Observation Lounge where the General was seated alone.

I presented the Intelligence Briefing paper to the General which he read and aside from a few casual remarks and comments, he raised only one question of substance. The Intelligence Briefing noted that "the present discussions on MEDO, like the original plans for the Middle East Command, do not envisage Greek participation." The General inquired why Greek participation was not contemplated. Since I was not fully prepared to elaborate on the details, I requested that he permit me to get all the facts for the next briefing. He readily agreed commenting that "too often political and military leaders have gone into that area of Europe and met with representatives of some of those countries thereby offending other countries not included in the talks."

General Eisenhower spent about twenty-five minutes carefully reading the briefing and his final comments were, "This certainly presents a picture of a gradually deteriorating situation all over the world. Sometimes I wonder if it has gone beyond a point from which it can be retrieved." He then expressed his thanks for the briefing and at 1725 hours I left the Observation Lounge and returned to the train compartment of Mr. Tom Stephens who had arranged the appointment. I left the train at the station in Baltimore and returned to Washington by the next train.

There were no unusual occurrences during the trip. The only persons we contacted, other than the General, were Senator Carlson, from Kansas, Mr. Tom Stephens and Miss Alice Smith of the General's entourage. I was accompanied by Security Officer.

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