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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: NSAM 336: Potentially Embarrassing
Activities in France or in Areas Outside
France which are Controlled by France

Ambassador Bohlen, during his recent visit in Washington,
was consulted with respect to the reports submitted to the
White House in compliance with NSAM 336. After a review of the
status of activities, Ambassador Bohlen indicated his belief
that current programs posed no unacceptable risks.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: NSAM 336: Potentially Embarrassing
Activities in France or in Areas Outside
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Pursuant to paragraph 2 of NSAM 336, there are enclosed reports of US activities with respect to France that could be regarded as illegal or that could cause embarrassment to the United States if the French decided to make an issue of them. Reports by the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency have been submitted through 303 channels.

The Department of State is reviewing these submissions. Should it have any recommendations for further action, they will be taken up with the Departments or Agencies concerned, or through the 303 Committee.

A. Bailey for
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

- Tab A - Report of Dept. of State
(Paris telegram 1009)
- Tab B - Report of USIA (Memo of
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- Tab C - Report of AEC (Letter of
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EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT EUCOM HAS NOW RESPONDED TO JCS WITH LIST OF AREAS OF ACTIVITY WHICH COULD BE SEIZED UPON TO EMBARRASS THE UNITED STATES. APART FROM THE INTELLIGENCE AREA, IT IS OF COURSE IN MILITARY SPHERE, BY VIRTUE OF SIZE OF US MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN FRANCE, THAT EMBARRASSING INCIDENTS MOST LIKELY TO ARISE. THERE ARE CERTAIN MILITARY AREAS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED IN EUCOM MESSAGE, WHICH EMBASSY MAY BE MORE AWARE OF THAN IS EUCOM BECAUSE OF EMBASSY'S INVOLVEMENT IN RELEVANT NEGOTIATIONS. THESE AREAS ARE:

A. NEGOTIATION OF RENEWAL OF OVERFLIGHT AUTHORIZATIONS WHICH WILL COMMENCE IN OCTOBER. AGAINST BACKGROUND OF PIERRELATTE INCIDENT, AND POSSIBILITY THAT AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF FLIGHTS HAS BEEN EXCEEDED, PARTICULARLY IN CATEGORY 304, EMBASSY EXPECTS OUR SUBMISSION TO BE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED AND THAT CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF FLIGHTS MAY BE RESTRICTED. NONETHELESS, EMBASSY SEES NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO PROCEED AND TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM POSSIBLE DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN OUR OPERATIONS IN AND OVER FRANCE.

B. ANNUAL SUBMISSION OF PROJECTED EXERCISES. THIS SUBMISSION IS ALSO REQUIRED IN OCTOBER. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE TAB-VEE INCIDENT, EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT, CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS YEARS, OUR ANNUAL SUBMISSION WILL BE CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME PLANNED EXERCISES WILL BE REFUSED. WE KNOW THAT FRENCH INTENTION IS TO REFUSE TO PERMIT OR TO PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISES "NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH FRENCH STRATEGIC DOCTRINE." HERE AGAIN, HOWEVER, EMBASSY SEES NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION. IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO ATTEMPT TO INTERPRET FRENCH STRATEGIC DOCTRINE AS APPLICABLE TO AMERICAN EXERCISES BUT WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR EVENTUALITY THAT EXERCISE PROGRAM THIS YEAR, WHILE NOT EMBARRASSING TO UNITED STATES, WILL BE SOURCE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND FRANCE.

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C. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT AMERICAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING MUNITIONS, IS BEING SHIPPED FROM AMERICAN DEPOTS IN FRANCE, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SYSTEMS OF COMMUNICATION AGREEMENT, ARE FOR THE SUPPORT OF AMERICAN FORCES IN GERMANY, NOT VIET NAM. EMBASSY FULLY RECOGNIZES THE MILITARY EXIGENCIES LEADING TO THIS PRACTICE AND DOES NOT RECOMMEND ANY CHANGE THEREIN BUT SIMPLY WISHES TO FLAG THIS POSSIBLE SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT.

D. FORCE REDUCTIONS IN FRANCE ARE, OF COURSE, A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT IF BUDGETARY OR OTHER FACTORS PRECLUDE TIMELY NOTIFICATION TO FRENCH AND TO THE LOCAL EMPLOYEES AFFECTED. THIS AREA HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF NUMEROUS COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EMBASSY.

E. THE USE OF AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS IN FRANCE AS EXERCISE BASES FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS TASK FORCE, EUROPE (SOTFE). SUCH EXERCISES ARE BY THEIR VERY NATURE COVERT. THE EMBASSY AND SOTFE ATTEMPT TO INSURE THAT THESE EXERCISES ARE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER TO AVOID FRENCH CHARGES OF UNAUTHORIZED USE OF AMERICAN LOGISTICS INSTALLATIONS BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE FRENCH COULD MAKE AN ISSUE OF THIS PRACTICE IF THEY CHOOSE.

NON-MILITARY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

F. USE BY USIS/France AND USIA/WASHINGTON OF THE INSTITUT FRANCAIS D'OPINION PUBLIQUE (IFOP) FOR THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC OPINION POLS AMONG FRENCH CITIZENS. ALTHOUGH IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT FRENCH AUTHORITIES KNOW OF SUCH USE OF IFOP, WE HAVE NEVER OPENLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE FACT.

G. USIS/France IS ENCOURAGING THE FORMATION OF A SMALL TEAM OF TWO OR THREE AMERICAN RESEARCHERS TO MAKE CONTACTS AMONG "YOUNG TECHNOCRATS" IN FIELDS OF FINANCE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO LEARN MORE OF THEIR METHODS AND PARTICULARLY TO ESTABLISH A BETTER DIALOGUE BETWEEN THEM AND AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS. THIS IS IN NO WAY A CLASSIFIED OPERATION BUT NO MENTION WILL BE MADE OF FACT IT HAS AMERICAN BACKING.

H. EMBASSY ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN LAUNCHING AND ENCOURAGING A FRANCO-AMERICAN STUDY GROUP MADE UP OF BUSINESS MEN TO ANALYZE PROBLEMS IN FRANCO-AMERICAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT. FIRST OF A SERIES OF STUDIES HAS APPEARED IN SPECIAL EDITION OF WEEKLY ECONOMIC JOURNAL L'ECONOMIE. ALL FINANCING OF THIS PROJECT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS WITH EXCEPTION THAT USIS/PARIS HAS CONTRIBUTED \$4,500 TO PERMIT WIDE CIRCULATION OF THIS EDITION OF L'ECONOMIE. THIS CONTRIBUTION WILL NOT BE DUPLICATED IN THE FUTURE.

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I. USIS HAS CONTRIBUTED IN PAST TO STUDY SEMINAR ASSOCIATION FRANCAISE POUR LA COMMUNANTE' ATLANTIQUE. UNDER CURRENT BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS USIS DOES NOT ANTICIPATE CONTRIBUTING DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR.

J. IN THE PAST USIS HAS CONTRIBUTED ANNUALLY TO CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE FORMATION EUROPEENE. NO CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR.

K. IN PAST USIS HAS MADE AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO SOUTHERN FRANCE SECTION OF THE MOUVEMENT FEDERALISTE EUROPEEN. NO CONTRIBUTION IS PLANNED FOR CURRENT YEAR. USIS HAS MADE CONTRIBUTION IN PAST TO CENTRE D'ACTION EUROPEENE FEDERALISTE.

L. A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT AROSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1965 VISIT TO FRANCE OF THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS VISIT A CIRCULAR WAS DISTRIBUTED TO FRENCH INDUSTRIAL FIRMS WHICH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOUND OBJECTIONABLE. THIS INCIDENT HAS BEEN REPORTED AND IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT SIMILAR INCIDENTS WILL ARISE IN THE FUTURE. (REFERENCE EMBASSY'S A-201 DATED JULY 26, 1965)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: NSAM 336 Report

NSAM 336 required the submission to the White House by September 1 of a report of potentially embarrassing U.S. activities in France or French controlled territories which could needlessly damage US-French relations. As the Department has not yet received all agency comment on this matter, a final report cannot be made at this time. It is expected that this report can be submitted by September 10.

for 
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Executive Secretary

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August 3, 1965

Dear Mac:

There is enclosed a suggested draft NSAM
which we talked about a few weeks ago.

Sincerely,

/s/ GEORGE W. BALL

George W. Ball

Enclosure:
As noted.

cc: The Secretary

The Honorable
McGeorge Bundy,
Special Assistant to the President,
The White House.

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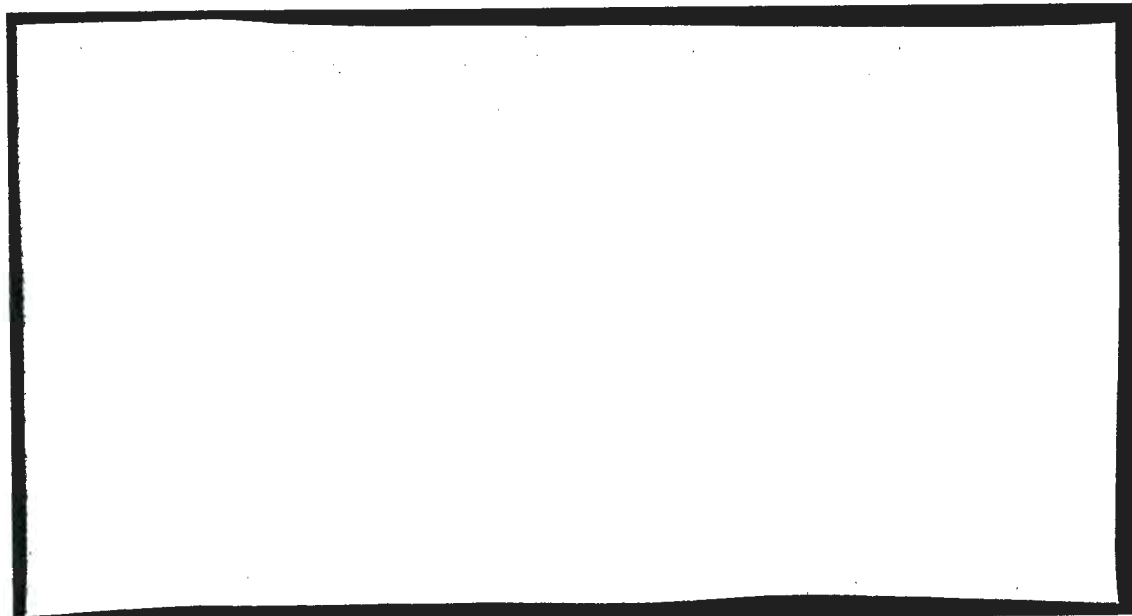
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MEMORANDUM TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
Director of Central Intelligence Agency
Director, United States Information Agency
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT: Potentially Embarrassing Activities in
France or in Areas Outside France which
are Controlled by France

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3. An illustrative list of some of the kinds of activities that should be included in the study is attached at Annex A.

4. It is desired that this study be conducted by the addressee Departments and Agencies, with the Secretary of State exercising supervisory coordination.

5. Matters of the kind normally handled by the 303 Committee will be treated in separate annexes in 303 channels.

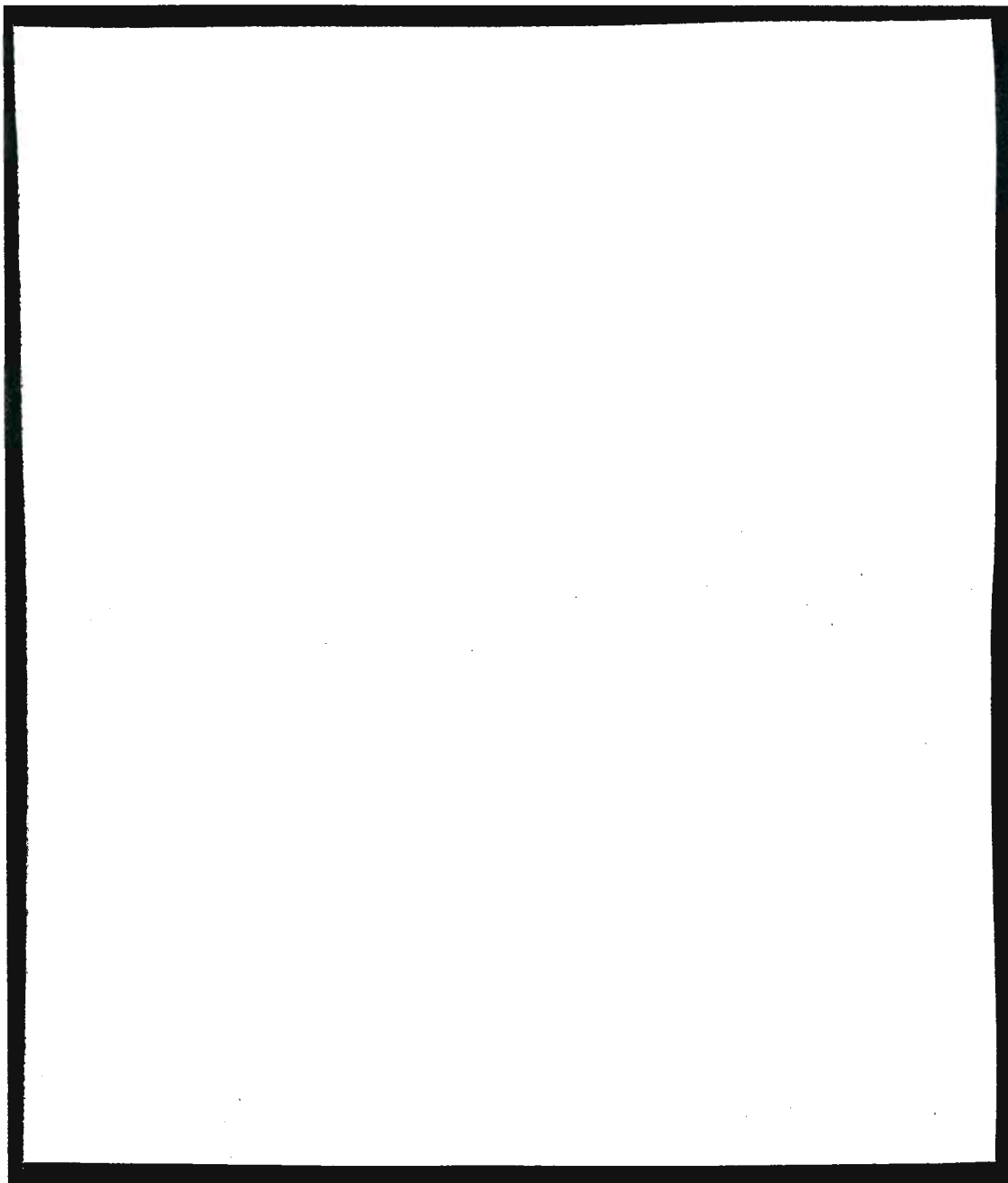
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McGeorge Bundy
The White House

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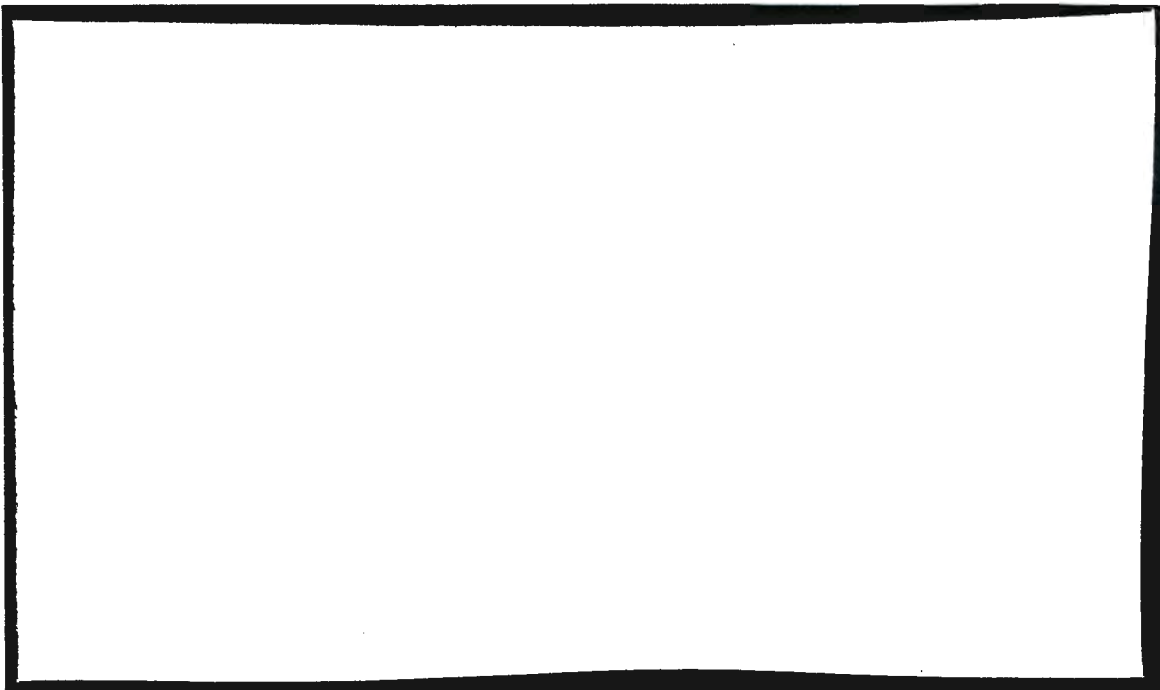
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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 336

MEMORANDUM TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
Director of Central Intelligence
Director, U. S. Information Agency
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT: Potentially Embarrassing Activities in France or in Areas
Outside France which are Controlled by France

1. All addressee agencies should take special measures to prevent U. S. activities in France which could needlessly embarrass United States relations with France.
2. A study should be made to provide a complete catalogue of activities with respect to France being undertaken or planned to be undertaken by the United States, whether covert, clandestine, or overt, that could be regarded as illegal or that could cause embarrassment to the United States if the French decided to make an issue of them. The report should be sufficiently detailed as to the nature, frequency and scope of operations, and personnel and equipment involved, to permit judgments to be made as to the implications thereof on U. S. foreign relations.
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