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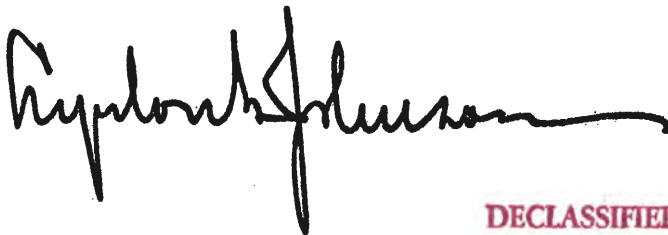
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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 344

TO: The Vice President
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MEMO FOR MILTON SEMER

FROM: BROMLEY SMITH

NSAM 344 (2 copies attached) was dispatched to addressees today. A copy went to Secretary Rusk, who is not listed on the NSAM, but who is a member of the Council. An info copy went to Dr. Welsh.

I assume you will be handling the proposed press release.

cc: NSAM 344 CE Johnson
Receipts # 104-112

cc: NSAM 344
Col. Marshall Sanders
Chief Spec. Projects Div.
Policy Planning Staff/ISA/PASD
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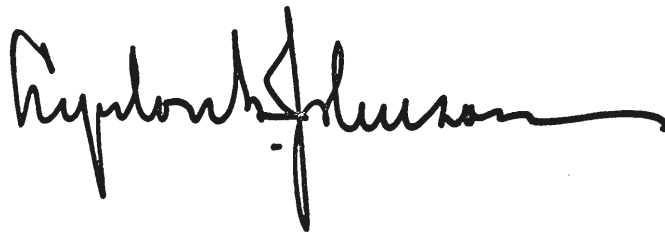
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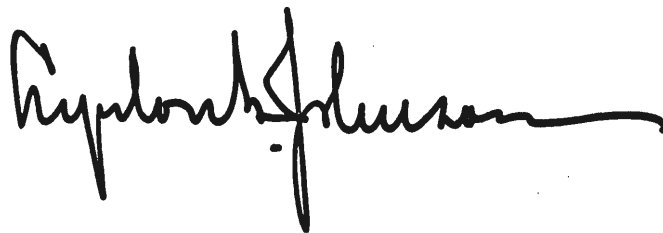
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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1966

Dear Mr. President:

At the National Aeronautics and Space Council meeting on March 23, 1966, consideration was given to the merits of assigning the highest (DX) priority to the Supersonic Transport program. Administrator McKee had requested that this matter be taken up by the Council, so that appropriate recommendation might be made to the President.

It was made clear by Administrator McKee that, if such priority were assigned, it would be employed only to the extent necessary and only to those elements in the program which would otherwise be delayed in performance and which would consequently introduce delays into the schedule. The critical areas are identified in the attached copy of a memorandum from Administrator McKee to the Vice President.

After Secretary McNamara expressed his agreement with the priority request, Administrator Webb moved that a recommendation be made to the President in favor of assigning a DX priority to the SST program. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was also unanimously agreed that, if the President concurs in this priority recommendation, a brief press release be issued from the White House announcing his decision in this matter. Suggested language for such a release is also attached.

In light of this unanimity, I respectfully advise that it is the sense and the recommendation of the Council that the DX national priority be assigned to the Supersonic Transport

program. I do this with the understanding that this recommendation is intended to be of assistance to the President in this policy matter and is not a means to short-circuit or otherwise take the place of any essential procedures which may be required in the matter of assigning priorities.

Respectfully,


Hubert H. Humphrey

Enclosures

The President

The White House