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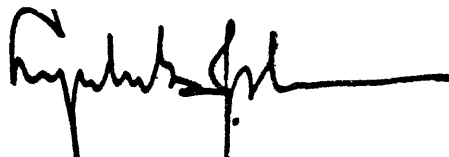
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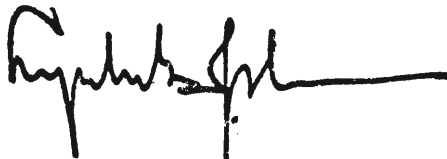
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Ruth

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Mr. Raymond J. Albright  
Assistant for National Security Affairs  
Main Treasury Building  
Room 4330

needs a copy of NSAM 357 (they heard  
about it, and they said they should  
have one)

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OK per Art -  
sent 2/20/67

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Friday, 11/25

Ruth,

I distributed copies of attached as shown on memo. Also sent copies to Bator and C. Johnson.

Attached:

- a. original of NSAM-357 and extra xerox copies. (Art said any further distrib. would be made Monday)
- b. Carbons of receipts I sent out.
- c. all original material (I sent xerox copies to Bator).

Alice

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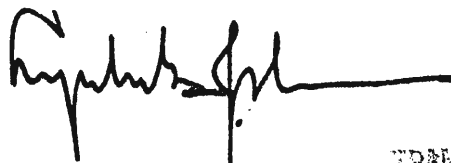
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~~To the President from Bator and Rostow~~

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Friday, November 18, 1966 at 9 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: U.S.-Europe Technological Gap

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As you know, a recent favorite topic of West European businessmen, politicians, and newspaper people is something they call a "technological gap" between the U.S. and Europe. There is little agreement on what it is or what should be done about it. But there is no doubt we will be confronted with a variety of proposals to help them overcome it.

To prepare ourselves, it would be useful to have a Presidential instruction setting up an interdepartmental committee, under Don Hornig, to study what the problem is all about and what we might do. I would plan to keep a working brief myself.

At Tab A is a draft NSAM, for your approval and signature. It has been cleared by Hornig, and Gene Rostow and Leddy at State. It should pose no problems for anyone.

It would not be appropriate to release this NSAM. However, at Tab B is a brief statement that Bill or George could release to the press. This would be a useful signal in Europe of Presidential concern with a problem they regard important.

FMB  
Francis M. Bator

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OK to issue Confidential NSAM \_\_\_\_\_

OK for Moyers to issue statement at Tab B ✓

Speak to me \_\_\_\_\_

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E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5  
NSC Memo, 1966-10, S. 10 Dept. Guidelines  
By 19, NARA, Date 12-17-99

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# PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE

There has been increasing concern in Western Europe over possible disparities in advanced technology between the United States and Europe. The President has today instructed his Special Assistant for Science and Technology, Dr. Donald Hornig, to chair an inter-departmental committee to study all aspects of this problem and determine how the United States might respond to initiatives by our European friends designed to overcome it. The committee will have representatives from the Departments of State, Defense and Commerce, NASA, the Council of Economic Advisers and the Atomic Energy Commission.

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