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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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The selected ammunition program involves three individual items, all required urgently in Southeast Asia. These items are described below:

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Lois --

As soon as this is signed off I would appreciate those dispatching it to notify Mr. Stan Matelski of the Pentagon (11-73100) so that he may come over and pick up Defense's copy as he did the last time.

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January 25, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. W. W. ROSTOW

Walt --

As I mentioned to you in connection with the DX priority action earlier this month, I raised with the Bureau of the Budget the feasibility of eliminating the Presidential DX priority actions when the items for which the priority was requested were in competition with other DOD production items. Since then BOB has looked into this subject and apparently the DX priority rating does have practical value in that it permits the DX rated items to "leapfrog" the programs having an ordinary Defense priority rating. This is particularly important in connection with securing expedited actions from contractors and component manufacturers.

However, as a result of my inquiry it appears that the Bureau has become interested in reviewing the regulations issued by the Business and Defense Services Administration (BDSA) in the Department of Commerce to see if any changes should be made that could simplify the procedures to give higher priority to critical defense programs before the need arises for a Presidential DX action. This will involve a review of the regulations by OEP, DOD, Commerce, NASA, AEC and FAA. Potentially it could mean a considerable simplification. I will stay in touch with the Bureau on this matter.

I believe the current action is covered in the memo for the President. I recommend that you transmit it for his approval.


Charles E. Johnson

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NSC Memo, 1/30/95, State Guidelines

By du/jc, NARA, Date 2-6-09