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JOHN McCONE MEMORANDA

MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT

This collection, part of the Papers of Lyndon B. Johnson, consists of notes of sixty-eight Presidential meetings attended by Director of Central Intelligence John McCone between November 23, 1963, and McCone's resignation on April 28, 1965. In addition, there are notes for four Presidential meetings which one or more of McCone's key aides attended in his stead.

Ranging from NSC meetings to smaller gatherings of foreign policy advisers to McCone's meetings alone with the President, the meetings concern a great variety of international issues, with Vietnam a prominent topic. McCone himself prepared the notes for fifty-seven of the meetings. In the other fifteen cases, the notes were prepared by one of his aides (such as William Colby, Desmond Fitzgerald, Marshall Carter, or Ray Cline), who attended the meeting with McCone or in his place.

Mr. McCone gave the collection of notes to President Johnson in 1969 to assist the former President with the preparation of his memoirs, The Vantage Point.