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JULY 25, 1967 - 2:47 p.m.

TUESDAY LUNCHEON

Sec. Rusk

Sec. McNamara

Walt Rostow

George Christian

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 26, 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

^{Tom}
Tom Johnson

Attached are the notes of the President's luncheon meeting with Secretary Rusk, Secretary McNamara, Walt Rostow and George Christian on July 25, 1967.

The meeting began at 2:47p.m. It ended at 3:47 p.m.

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Notes of the President's Luncheon Meeting with Secretary Rusk, Secretary McNamara, Walt Rostow and George Christian, July 25, 1967, in the Mansion

The President read several memoranda which Secretary Rusk brought with him to the meeting.

The President asked what this country was going to do about Indonesia. Mr. Rostow said that a meeting would be held on this problem tomorrow. Secretary Rusk said that \$200 million was planned within the consortium. Mr. Rostow said Indonesia is going through a typical readjustment period. He said there was a need for basic transportation and communication facilities. Secretary Rusk then discussed foreign assistance. He said the Foreign Relations Committee would be asked to specify which countries it would eliminate if there is a cut back in foreign assistance funds.

Secretary Rusk said that Senator McClellan planned an investigation of corruption in Vietnam. "Ky intimates will be involved." The Secretary said the question is whether or not Ky should be told that this is coming up. The President said that Secretary Katzenbach should tell Senator McClellan that we do not want to interfere with the upcoming election. The President said that less than one million dollars is involved. The President said Secretary Katzenbach should ask if the hearings could not begin on September 15 instead of now. Secretary Rusk said that he was afraid McClellan would not play ball on this.

The President said that it was important to stress that the Administration did not want to suppress this, but would only be asking that the investigation be postponed.

Mr. Rostow said a cable had been sent out asking Ky what he has accomplished concerning earlier charges of corruption.

There was a discussion of the Middle East. The President told Mr. Rostow to tell McGeorge Bundy to channel future requests by leading Jewish leaders to Bundy and not to the President. The President said he was seeing to many.

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Secretary Rusk said that Israel "has won a battle and not a war." Mr. Rostow discussed his conversations with Mr. David Ginsburg and Mr. Abe Feinberg. The President said many of the Jewish leaders want us to make the Arabs sit down and talk with the Israelis. "We know no mediator who is going to set himself up" to handle this situation.

The President asked Secretary Rusk what he thought about North Vietnam. The Secretary said there have been a variety of probes, some withdrawal from the DMZ and inquiries to the Swiss Government on what it has done to arrange talks. There have been several hard line editorials in Hanoi and a Polish remark that "This is a bad time for contact."

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[REDACTED] The Secretary concluded: "There is nothing which indicates a serious change."

Secretary Rusk said he expected "much flak" in the House of Representatives on the Panamanian treaty. But he said there is a good chance of getting two-thirds majority in the Senate.

Secretary Rusk asked what caused Senator Dirksen to make such a partisan issue of the Detroit riots. The President said he thought this was because of Congressman Ford. Senator Dirksen thinks we're too soft on communists. "But I have no evidence of Communist participation."

Secretary Rusk said President Marcos does not want to see Clark Clifford and General Taylor. It was agreed that this would best be handled by pointing out that President Marcos has recently visited Vietnam and plans a trip to other allied nations. The President said that Marcos had been to Vietnam and knows as much about it as do we.

Secretary Rusk said Murray Marder and Marvin Kalb have reports that Kosygin offered talks for a bombing cessation during the Glassboro Conference. Secretary Rusk said he told his people

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that this was nothing new at all. Kosygin had said that in London. Secretary Rusk said that Ambassador Dobrynin mentioned NBC's special show on Khrushchev. Dobrynin was quoted as saying, "Both Gromyko and I were surprised." Secretary Rusk said that Dobrynin is going back to Moscow "for major political purposes."

The President discussed with Secretary McNamara the buffer zone targets and further troop withdrawal or rotation in West Germany.

The President then discussed the necessity for a tax message and the possibility of a deficit as high as \$28 billion.

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