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2497. U. S. RESPONSE TO NORTH VIETNAMESE
ATTACKS ON U. S. DESTROYERS

- a. Agreed to specific reprisals by U. S. aircraft against North Vietnam bases as recommended by the Secretary of Defense.
- b. Noted an estimate by the Director of Central Intelligence covering North Vietnam and Chinese Communist military and political reactions to the proposed U. S. reprisals.
- c. Noted the reinforcement of U. S. forces in the Far East authorized by the Secretary of Defense in order to be prepared for any emergency in the Pacific.
- d. Discussed a draft Congressional resolution on Southeast Asia which was presented to the Congressional leaders immediately following the Council meeting.
- e. Revised a draft Presidential statement which was later read by the President on television.

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2498. CURRENT SITUATION IN THE CONGO

- a. Discussed recent developments in the Congo following a briefing by Under Secretary of State Harriman and CIA Director McCone.
- b. Noted the President's instruction to the Secretary of State
 - (1) To press certain Western European and African countries to take all measures, including the provision of limited forces, necessary to prevent further deterioration in the Congo; and
 - (2) report by Friday the responses to our approaches to European governments which are to parallel those being made by Belgian Foreign Minister Spaak; and responses to our other approaches to African countries.
- c. Noted the President's authorization to the Defense Department to assist in airlifting equipment and men from the U. S. and other nations to and within the Congo.
- d. Noted the President's authorization to Defense and AID to consider favorably additional military and economic assistance to African countries which provide military assistance to the Congo.

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