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To those who are seeking to know
our attitude toward these refugees,
I declare that in accordance with
our traditional policy, our doors
are open to them as they always
are to those who seek freedom.

(Mr. Eugene Black's
speech - insert (9/4/68)
for NSC - prepared speech
re Mr. Black's trip

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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(P)

Tom Johnson said he did not release
any agenda for the NSC meeting. George
said he did not.

I told Tom to ask UPI who said "the main
business was the Soviet threat against
Czechoslovakia and Rumania."

JimJ
9-3-68

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*who made it clear
main business Soviet threat*

UPI-63

(JOHNSON)

AUSTIN--THE WHITE HOUSE DECLINED TODAY TO BE DRAWN INTO A DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA FOR TOMORROW'S NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, ORDERED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO DISCUSS THE SOVIET THREAT IN EASTERN EUROPE.

PRESS SECRETARY GEORGE CHRISTIAN ASKED IF THE CALL FOR THE MEETING DID NOT COME AT A TIME WHEN THE WHITE HOUSE SEEMED TO THINK THE THREAT OF A SOVIET INVASION OF RUMANIA WAS EASING, SAID, "I WOULD NOT COMMENT AT ALL ON THAT."

CHRISTIAN SAID THE MEETING WILL BE A "REVIEW SESSION OF A NUMBER OF THINGS."

WHEN THE MEETING WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT, HOWEVER, WHITE HOUSE SOURCES MADE IT CLEAR THE MAIN BUSINESS BEFORE THE GROUP WOULD BE THE SOVIET THREAT AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND RUMANIA.

JOHNSON AWARDED TODAY THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION TO THE 5TH MARINE REGIMENT OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM IN VIETNAM FROM APRIL 25 TO JUNE 5, 1967.

JOHNSON RECEIVED A MEMORANDUM FROM WILBURN COHEN, SECRETARY OF HEW, SHOWING THAT MORE STUDENTS "THAN EVER BEFORE WERE ENROLLED THIS YEAR IN AMERICA'S SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. IN THE MEMORANDUM, COHEN CALLED THIS ACHIEVEMENT "A MEANINGFUL TESTIMONIAL TO THE EFFORTS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION."

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Wednesday, September 4, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: ~~Order of Business~~ for NSC Meeting
 on Issues Raised by the Czech Crisis

The purpose of the meeting is:

- To assess the impact of the Czechoslovakian crisis on Western Europe.
- To discuss how we can use the crisis to strengthen Western European defense and NATO.
- To discuss how we carry on our current business with the Russians and Eastern Europe.

(Attached is a State Department paper discussing the problems.)

Ask Secretary Rusk to summarize the major issues and possible ways of dealing with them.

// Ask Secretary Clifford to speak to the defense of Western Europe in the light of reactions to the Czech crisis and the new dispositions of Soviet troops in Central Europe. //

Director Helms is prepared to reply to the question, "How scared are the Germans?"

Secretary Fowler wishes to comment on the problems from Treasury's viewpoint.

Ask Secretary Rusk to comment on the work we should be doing with the Congress.

Conclude the meeting by asking for specific recommendations on ways to strengthen Western Europe and NATO.

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Wednesday, September 4, 1968 -- 10:15 a.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Messages of Support to the Germans

At Tab A is Secretary Rusk's memo recommending you send messages to Kiesinger, Brandt and Schuetz thanking them for their birthday greetings to you and using the occasion to say the U.S. is determined to meet its responsibilities to NATO and to Berlin. Draft messages to each are attached at Tab B for your approval.

The Germans are nervous. These messages would be an effective public gesture of support.

I concur in Secretary Rusk's recommendation.

W. Rostow

Approve messages _____

No _____

Call me ✓

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Messages of Support for the Leaders
of the FRG and Berlin

Recommendation:

That you authorize telegraphic transmission of the enclosed messages thanking Kiesinger, Brandt and Schuetz for their birthday greetings and affirming the determination of the United States to support the Federal Republic and Berlin.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Discussion:

Embassy Bonn and the United States Mission in Berlin, as well as a number of prominent German visitors here, have all reported with considerable emphasis that the morale of the German population, and particularly in Berlin, has been seriously shaken by the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. The willingness of the Soviets to run the risks involved in any invasion, the fact that Soviet troops have occupied the border between Bavaria and Czechoslovakia, and the exposed position of Berlin, have all caused a feeling of deep insecurity in the Federal Republic of Germany and in Berlin. The people in the Federal Republic of Germany and in Berlin need assurances that the United States will stand by them.

Ambassador Lodge has concurred in a strong recommendation from United States Mission Berlin that you

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convey, through a public statement, the determination of the United States to stand by its Berlin obligations and its German Allies.

Chancellor Kiesinger, Foreign Minister Brandt (on behalf of the SPD Executive), and President of the Bundesrat (also Governing Mayor of Berlin) Schuetz have all sent you birthday greetings. Responses to their birthday greetings would provide a natural opportunity to convey the American determination to stand by the Germans. Such messages would receive very wide circulation throughout the Federal Republic and Berlin, would be an extremely welcome gesture, and would do much to restore German confidence.

Subject to your concurrence, we propose to send the enclosed messages to Embassy Bonn, for delivery to Kiesinger, Brandt and Schuetz.

Dean Rusk

Dean Rusk

Enclosures:

1. Proposed messages to Kiesinger, Brandt and Schuetz
2. Texts of messages from Kiesinger, Brandt and Schuetz
3. Berlin 2170

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Proposed Message to Chancellor Kiesinger

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I was heartened by your thoughtful message on my sixtieth birthday. It was very good of you and Mrs. Kiesinger to think of me on that occasion.

I agree with you entirely on the importance of a strong North Atlantic Alliance. We have just witnessed an example of unprovoked aggression against a small nation very close to your country. The existence of NATO can provide the people in the Alliance with security from the same fate. The events in Czechoslovakia have brought home to all of us that NATO is the keystone to security and peace in Europe. It was reassuring to receive your own renewed expression of faith in the Alliance.

I want you and the German people to know we Americans are firmly determined to fulfill our responsibilities in the Alliance. And there should be no doubt that we will meet our obligations in Berlin. Our resolve to defend Berlin is unshakeable.

While we renew our obligations for the mutual security of all the Allies in NATO, we are also resolved not to lose

the hope and the faith that the future of mankind lies in the solution of problems through understanding, mutual respect, and observance of the rights of all. We cannot allow ourselves to be deterred from the pursuit of this goal. The friendship of our two nations is a firm foundation from which to continue.

Mrs. Johnson joins me in sending you and Mrs. Kiesinger our warm friendly regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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Proposed Message to Foreign Minister Brandt

Dear Mr. Foreign Minister:

I deeply appreciate the generous birthday wishes you sent on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Party. In troubled times such as these, when the hopes of a people for freedom have been dashed by an act of unprovoked armed aggression, I am especially pleased to have your reassuring words on our mutual endeavors for peace. I want to assure you that the recent events have reinforced my own country's resolve to meet its responsibilities towards its allies. And I want you to know that Berlin is very much on my mind; we will not falter in our determination to defend that city.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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Proposed Message to Bundesrat President (and Governing Mayor) Schuetz

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your kind message of congratulations on my birthday. In these trying times when we have just witnessed a people's quest for freedom cut off by an unprovoked armed intervention, I especially appreciate assurances such as yours which reaffirm the close ties between our two countries. The tragic recent events in Czechoslovakia have only strengthened the continuing resolve of my country to protect the freedom of Berlin, and to work with our NATO Allies to protect the peace, freedom, and security of all its members.

I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness and extend to you my warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM CHANCELLOR KIESINGER

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Mrs. Kiesinger and I send you our sincere congratulations upon your sixtieth birthday. We wish you good health and happiness for the future. The events of the past few days have again made it clear to us of what decisive importance a strong North Atlantic Alliance is for the security of all of its members and for a successful peace policy. I am happy that our two governments serve these goals through close and understanding cooperation. On the occasion of your birthday, I recall with appreciation the part you, Mr. President, play in strengthening German-American friendship.

With kind regards and with our best wishes to Mrs. Johnson, I remain,

Yours,

K. G. Kiesinger

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TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER BRANDT

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Social-Democratic Party of Germany we take the liberty to extend to you our sincere congratulations on your birthday today. We wish you all the best for your personal well-being and join you in hoping for the success of your endeavors for peace.

Willy Brandt, Herbert Wehner, Helmut Schmidt, Alfred Nau, Hans-Juergen Wischnewski

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TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM BERLIN GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ

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On the occasion of your sixtieth birthday I would like to convey to you my sincere congratulations and those of the German people.

On this day I give grateful thought to the friendly ties that link our two peoples, in which you occupy a significant part. May you be granted continued health and personal well-being in the years to come.

For the President of the Federal Republic of Germany

Klaus Schuetz,
President of the Bundesrat

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JOINT MISSION/USIS MESSAGE

SUBJ: RECOMMENDED STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT ON BERLIN

REF: BERLIN 2138, 2137

1. WE HAVE REPORTED ON THE DETERIORATING MORALE AMONG THE BERLIN POPULATION COUPLED, AT LEAST IN PART, WITH THE WIDE-SPREAD IMPRESSION THAT US COMMITMENTS TO BERLIN ARE NO LONGER AS FIRM AS THEY USED TO BE. THIS DETERIORATION OVER THE LAST THREE OR FOUR MONTHS HAS BEEN ACCENTUATED AS A RESULT OF THE CZECH EVENTS.

2. TO COUNTERACT THIS FEELING, WE RECOMMEND THAT AT A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY (PRESS CONFERENCE OR SPEECH) IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, THE PRESIDENT SHOULD REITERATE OUR FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF WEST BERLIN IN STRONG TERMS. IF, FOR INSTANCE, HE WERE ASKED WHETHER OR HOW THE US WOULD REACT IF SOVIET OR EAST GERMAN TROOPS COMMITTED AGGRESSION IN BERLIN AS THEY DID IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HIS REPLY COULD INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT WE HAVE A DEFINITE COMMITMENT TO PROTECT-- IF NEED BE BY FORCE--THE SECURITY AND FREEDOM OF BERLIN, A COMMITMENT WHICH WAS DEMONSTRATED IN 1948, WHICH HAS BEEN REITERATED BY PRESIDENTS EISENHOWER AND KENNEDY AND WHICH IS AS FIRM AND EXPLICIT TODAY AS IT WAS WHEN IT WAS MADE. THIS SHOULD BE KNOWN IN BERLIN AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

3. SUCH A HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENT WOULD DO MUCH, WE BELIEVE,

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TO REVITALIZE THE BERLINERS' MORALE. THE LATTER, IN OUR JUDGMENT, HAS BECOME A NECESSITY.

4. THE AMBASSADOR (WHO IS PRESENTLY IN BERLIN) CONCURS IN THIS RECOMMENDATION. GP-3. MORRIS

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Wednesday, September 4, 1968, 1:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: NSC Meeting on Czechoslovak Crisis

Leonard Marks telephoned to say that he would be prepared to discuss Western European press and radio reaction to the invasion of Czechoslovakia at this afternoon's NSC meeting. I recommend that you ask him for a brief report following Director Helms' comments on fears aroused in Germany by the Russian movement into Czechoslovakia.

 Rostow

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Declaration of the Defense Planning Committee of NATO

"The Defense Planning Committee of NATO, recognizing that developments in Czechoslovakia cannot fail to be of grave concern, has initiated a thorough assessment of their implications for allied defense policy, particularly for force postures. When this assessment has been completed, it will be submitted to ministers.

Meanwhile, the Defense Planning Committee has recalled the position taken by Defense Ministers on 10th May, 1968 in Brussels, subsequently reaffirmed by Foreign Ministers at Reykjavik on 24th and 25th June, 1968 to the effect that the Alliance must maintain an effective military capability and must assure a balance of forces between NATO and the Warsaw Pact. At that time ministers also affirmed the proposition that the over-all military capability of NATO should not be reduced except as part of a pattern of mutual force reductions balanced in scope and timing. The Defense Planning Committee has confirmed the validity of this position, and deplores the fact that the prospects for progress in the field of balanced mutual force reductions have suffered a severe setback.

The members of the Defense Planning Committee have accordingly reaffirmed the necessity of maintaining NATO's military capability and of taking into account the implications of recent developments in Eastern Europe in the planning of their national forces. The overall capability of NATO's forces, including their structure and levels, will be kept under constant review in the light of the changing political and military circumstances, and will be re-examined at the next ministerial meeting."

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STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE ADMISSION OF CZECHOSLOVAK
REFUGEES TO THE UNITED STATES

The people of Czechoslovakia have suffered a grievous blow to their hopes for greater freedom and their aspirations for a better life.

Some have chosen to leave their homeland to seek a new life in another country.

To those who are seeking to know our attitude toward these refugees, I declare that in accordance with our traditional policy, our doors are open to them as they always are to those who seek freedom.

To this end, I have directed the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to arrange for the orderly entry, in accordance with our immigration laws [including the Attorney General's parole authority,] of those Czechoslovak refugees who desire to come to the United States.

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you might wish
to ask Ball for
a brief comment

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If you don't want the matter
of the Pope to leak, you should
emphasize its secrecy.

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