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The following charts were sent to Central Files on the above date by Mr. Levinson's Office. Files on-the-shelf #129.

1. Department of Defense
SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS 1963-1968.
(4 charts - achievements numbered 1 to 10)
2. EXPENDITURES FOR MILITARY FUNCTIONS AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE AS
PERCENT OF GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT
FY 1940-FY 1969
3. DOD NEW OBLIGATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR MILITARY FUNCTIONS
(Excluding Military Assistance)
FG 1946-FY 1969
4. UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL STRENGTHS
For selected dates
5. ESTIMATED EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF MILITARY PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY
Selected Dates
6. NEGRO PARTICIPATION IN THE ARMED FORCES

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OF THE UNITED STATES
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December 23, 1968

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RICHARD HOMAN
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

This is to express the delight of the 1,450,000 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for your successful negotiation of the return of the crew of the USS Pueblo.

There are some who are not satisfied with the nature of the settlement. To the Veterans of Foreign Wars the overriding consideration was the safe return of the 82 men involved. This you have accomplished.

Many of our members called for speedier and forceful action immediately after the Pueblo was illegally seized. Many more became most impatient as the months dragged by. In retrospect, however, the Nation's restraint and patience have paid off, and the men have been returned.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I commend all who have helped to bring this most unfortunate incident in our history to a successful conclusion in so far as the personnel of the ship is concerned.

Most Sincerely,

Richard Homan

RICHARD HOMAN
Commander-in-Chief

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FO7/Vietnam Meeting #3
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June 26, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR

HONORABLE CLARK CLIFFORD
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Howard Haugerud^x, Deputy Inspector General of Foreign Assistance, has a son in the I Corps Marines. Visiting him recently, Howard was shocked to learn that his son's company was under 50% TO&E strength, but was nevertheless committed to Operation Allenbrook. On Howard's return he asked General Chapman whether this was typical. He was told that it was not. From others in Defense, however, he learned that it is at least a frequent occurrence in Vietnam.

Which seems to me to raise a thorny question -- two questions, in fact. First, whether men in under-strength units committed to major operations are being exposed to unnecessary danger, because they are not adequately protected? Second, if they are being so exposed, are they letting this be known to their families, and thus contributing to a picture of mis-management of the war? Very likely there is a re-assuring answer to this, and if so I would be interested in knowing what it is.

Harry C. McPherson, Jr.
Special Counsel to the President

Attachments

Creighton W. Abrams^x
Leonard F. Chapman, Jr.^x
Mark S. Haugerud^x
Cyrus R. Vance^x

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1968
12:50 P.M.

Rec'd 3:30 p

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FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Larry Temple *L.T.*

John
The attached two letters - both identical - were received by Governor Connally and he forwarded them for your use.

Both letters are printed word for word alike and in the same handwriting and both are signed by a crew member of the U.S.S. ^xPueblo from Amarillo, Texas, in what purports to be his own handwriting. Both are dated XI March, 1968.

With just a cursory look I note two differences on the envelopes. One is addressed with what appears to be the same printing as that of the letter and is postmarked in Paris. The other has a typewritten address on the envelope and is postmarked in New York.

Do you want these sent to Secretary Rusk?

YES ✓

NO

Victor De Leon Escamilla
Norbert J. Klepac
Norman C. Walley

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Dear President,

I am writing this letter to you in order to verify the authenticity of the joint letter written to you by myself, the crew of USS Pueblo (AGER-2) and the two civilian oceanographers that were assigned. That letter was written for the express purpose of providing you, our Commander-in-Chief, with all pertinent details relative to our capture and detention by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. It further set forth the conditions for our repatriation. I will elaborate further in those regards herein.

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You may know that I have

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March 21, 1968

Shilling, John Allen

Dear President Johnson,

I am: John ^xShingleton, Seaman
Apprentice, serial number B 78 3350, United
States Navy Reserve, on tour of duty aboard
the USS Pueblo (AGER-2), which was captured
by the Democratic People's Republic of
Korea, on January 23, 1968, while conducting
espionage activities in its territorial waters.

I am writing you on a most urgent
situation, the return of myself and my fellow
crew members to the United States and
our families. This depends entirely upon
you and the present administration. In my
opinion the Democratic People's Republic
of Korea may allow us to return when
the United States Government apologizes
for this act against them.

I have heard detailed confessions by
the Captain, Commander Bucher, the Executive
Officer, Lieutenant Murphy, the Research
Officer, Lieutenant Harris, the Operations

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1968

MEMO FOR GEORGE CHRISTIAN

Here are a couple of items you might be asked about

1. Buggy I tests took place this morning. Speculations on the tests and its results should be referred to Questions concerning any connection between the test provisions of the Limited Test Ban Treaty should be referred to State. STONEWALLED.

FYI: I want to fill you in on some details.

2. Weiner's speech before the WNDC -- The Post today (P. C-1) reports on the possibility of using nukes in Vietnam and intimated Herman Kahn "had to hurry to Vietnam to advise the Pentagon." Weiner was introduced by Congressman Chet Hollifield, Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. Refer questions to DOD.

FYI: Col. Helmantoler spoke with Kahn at the Pentagon this afternoon. Kahn is going to Vietnam soon to study pacification and economic development -- working in conjunction with Bob Komer. The trip has nothing to do with nukes.

3. House Debate on Vietnam -- Rep. Findley (R-Ill) said more than 1/4 of 435 House members have agreed to back a resolution calling for an immediate study of basic policy in Southeast Asia. Rep. Udall (D-Ariz) said this was a chance for members to be counted before another 200,000 troops are sent to Vietnam.

Rep. Carey (D-NY) decried, "what seems to be currently an inclination to jump in and second guess the President before he has had a chance to evaluate the situation."

Guidance: Secretary Rusk has eloquently presented the Administration's position. You have nothing to add to those remarks at this time.

4. Texas Defense Contracts -- Senator Tower reports he has received figures from the DOD showing Texas received 17% of national defense contracts during the second quarter (Oct-Dec) of this fiscal year, with California in second place 15.5%. Refer to DOD.

Lou X Schwartz

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 6, 1968

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FG 125

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE MANATOS

SUBJECT: Correspondence with Families of Pueblo Crew

You have probably learned since your memo to me of February 27, that the President signed off on a letter to Mrs. Lloyd M. x Bucher on February 23. It was mailed from the Ranch. Filed CF ND19/CO151

I have just learned ^{Frank} that, partly as a result of Mrs. Bucker's letter to Senator Church, the Navy has under preparation letters which will be addressed to each of the families of the crew members. They are to be signed by the Secretary of the Navy.

Just after the Pueblo incident, the Navy arranged for a naval officer stationed near each of the families to contact personally those families, expressing condolence and asking whether anything could be done for the family. Also on January 30, the Chief of Naval Personnel sent a telegram to each of the families, advising that help would be extended in any way possible.

W. W. Rostow

3/7/68 - m.m. spoke to Rick x Raphael + gave him the above info to pass on to Sen Clark —
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 9, 1968

7:14 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ^{Tom} Tom Johnson

MR. PRESIDENT:

Carroll Kilpatrick just called from the Washington Post. ^X /D.C. ^X

He said their desk editor, Larry ^X Stearns, has it firm that the President met with the JCS today.

Kilpatrick said a "source" told him JCS has asked for more troops to be sent to Vietnam -- the 82nd airborne -- to reinforce Khesanh. ^{Joint Chiefs of Staff}

He is asking to speak to George urgently. I told him I had absolutely nothing on the matter.

Nothing else sent to
Central Files as of 3/24/68
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January 26, 1968.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

FROM: Bob Fleming

The evening TV news shows divided top attention between the President and the opening of the UN debate:

NBC: Opened with the President, using a two-minute excerpt. Brinkley termed this a "re-statement of yesterday's actions calling up reservists and calling on the UN." He said our government continued to assail North Korean claims that the ^xPueblo crewmen were victims of an outrageous and illegal act" and McCloskey at State saying the Red Cross had been asked to intervene for the men.

After a section of the Goldberg UN statement, Jack Chancellor analyzed questions the administration might face if a congressional investigation developed. He said there were these:

Was a larger vessel, perhaps a sub-chaser, used to seize the Pueblo?

Were the codes destroyed, as well as secret devices?

Why so little protection for a ship equipped with valuable and expensive gear? Why was it so vulnerable?

He said Clark Clifford, in his hearing yesterday, had agreed there might be reason to review decisions that provided so little protection for such ships as the Pueblo.

NBC then had film and interviews with men involved in capturing the North Korean guerilla raiders, as well as American troops in Korea.

CBS opened with a long segment of Goldberg's UN presentation. Dan Rather introduced the President's statement, saying the President seemed determined that North Korean guilt be established in case diplomatic talks were not successful. He also said the President sees the North Korean actions directly tied to the North Vietnam attacks now planned.

CBS will have a TV special on the day's developments at 8:30 p. m.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 25, 1968
1:25 p.m.

rec'd 230 p

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

BROADCAST NEWS

FROM: Bob Fleming

NBC-TV at 12:55 had Ray Scherer reporting reserve call-up, with George reading statement. Scherer said action did not mean the US had given up on diplomatic methods, with Christian saying we certainly hoped results could be achieved that way.

NBC Radio, at 1:00 p.m., had Bob Goralski reporting numbers of men and units involved in call-up, with Senator Mansfield saying he considered the situation "grave, dangerous and gloomy." Goralski reported the Wall Street figures off sharply at the opening today, but some recovery since. *Mike*

ABC Radio had George on the President's action, plus a recital of the units concerned.

CBS Radio stressed the call-up showed the US rejected reports of Commander Bucher's "confession" and had moved to show that it considered the Pueblo matter of critical importance. *John*

Dan Schorr, on the CBS show, said Secretary Gardner's resignation came "after a sharp disagreement between the President and Gardner at the LBJ Ranch on January 2." Schorr said Gardner had protested spending cuts for education and welfare, that the President had told Gardner that he could not afford a fight with Wilbur Mills, and the Secretary had then left the Ranch before the ceremony of signing the Social Security Bill. According to Schorr, Gardner is known to have an offer to become President of Stanford University, but had told intimates that he expected to remain in Washington.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1968

The President has directed Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara to recall to active duty certain air squadrons and support units of the Air Force and Navy. The Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and Naval Reserve planes involved will total 372 fighter and transport aircraft.

The reservists are being recalled immediately under Congressional authority provided in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 1967. This Act provides that... "until June 30, 1968, the President may, when he deems it necessary, order to active duty any unit of the Ready Reserve of an armed force for a period of not to exceed twenty-four months."

When and if decisions are made on the call-up of Army or Marine Corps Reservists, appropriate announcements will be made promptly.

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January, 1968
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Correspondence regarding seizure by North Korea of USS Pueblo,
an Intelligence Ship. On January 25, 1968, certain Air Squadrons
and support units of Air Force and Navy Reserves were recalled
to Active Duty.

Information Memo:
January 1, 1968
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- (1.) Background papers re: Statement by the President on the Balance of Payments "WHERE WE STAND TODAY" and the Memos to prepare Balance of Payments Program are filed: C. F. Oversized Attachment
- (2.) Executive Order "Governing Certain Capital Transfers Abroad" are filed: Exec. FO 4-1, 1/4/68
- (3.) Other Material re: Balance of Payments Message filed ⁱⁿ by Mrs. Territo's Office (Backup File)

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November 16, 1967

U.S.-VIETNAM

WASHINGTON (AP) - GEN. WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND REPORTEDLY WILL PRESS FOR EARLIER DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS ALREADY AUTHORIZED BUT WON'T ASK FOR A BIGGER U.S. TROOP COMMITMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM, SOURCES SAY.

THESE SAME SOURCES PREDICTED WESTMORELAND'S REQUEST WILL BE AGREED TO TODAY WHEN THE U.S. COMMANDER IN SOUTH VIETNAM MEETS WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

WESTMORELAND'S TALKS WITH JOHNSON CONTINUE HIGH-LEVEL VIETNAM CONFERENCES BEGUN WEDNESDAY WHEN THE PRESIDENT MET WITH ELLSWORTH BUNKER, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

JOINING THE PRESIDENT AND BUNKER AT LUNCHEON WERE SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK, DEFENSE SECRETARY McNAMARA, CHAIRMAN EARLE G. WHEELER OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT WALT W. ROSTOV.

AFTER TALKING WITH WESTMORELAND TODAY, JOHNSON IS TO MEET WITH ROBERT KOMER, CHIEF OF THE U.S. PACIFICATION EFFORT IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

BUNKER REPORTEDLY GAVE JOHNSON A CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC REPORT ON AMERICAN PROGRESS IN VIETNAM AND WESTMORELAND, ON HIS ARRIVAL BY PLANE WEDNESDAY FROM SAIGON, TOLD NEWSMEN: "IT IS VERY, VERY ENCOURAGING. I HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE ENCOURAGED IN MY FOUR YEARS IN VIETNAM."

MILITARY PROGRESS BY U.S. AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES WAS REPORTEDLY BEHIND WESTMORELAND'S REQUEST THAT AUTHORIZED TROOP LEVELS BE REACHED MORE QUICKLY THAN NOW SCHEDULED.

THERE NOW ARE ABOUT 468,000 AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN IN VIETNAM AND JOHNSON EARLIER THIS YEAR AUTHORIZED BOOSTING THE TOTAL BY 57,000 TROOPS TO 525,000 BY NEXT JULY 1.

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February 16, 1967

Mansfield, Mike

assure that I read of
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ng for a study of the

United States' involvement on the European continent.

It was with similar interest and pleasure that I read in the New York Times last Monday, as well as in an article by Joseph Kraft that appeared in the Washington Post yesterday morning, that Senator Javits had proposed a similar resolution calling for a similar study seeking reevaluation of our commitment in Europe.

I received late yesterday in my office a copy of the anticipated Javits resolution. I look forward to its introduction in the Senate. I am delighted that further interest is being generated to restudy the changing situation in Europe. I am hopeful that the interest and energies of the senior Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Dodd) and the senior Senator from New York (Mr. Javits) will be added to the 44 senators that have introduced S. Res. 49. I hope that they will add further weight and contribute to the dialogue of the 44 Senators who have expressed a need for such a study and reevaluation of the way in which the U.S. shall implement its commitment in Europe.

Javits not yet in

[Handwritten signature/initials]

Juanita:

I think the President may want to see this.

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Box no. 1392 containing the following material sent to Central Files on the above date by Mr. Moyers' office. Correspondence dated 1964, 65 & 66.

1. Statement of Jake Jacobsen re Robert xBaker
2. Memo to President from W.W. Rostow re visit by Mrs. Johnson to Latin America
3. Johnson Quotes - 1964
4. Justice Dept. Weekly reports of developments - Presidential Memo re wiring tapping
5. xKellam, J.C. - Memo to Mr. Moyers re xAustin Management Co.
6. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
7. Manpower - Dept. of Defense Military Manpower Policy Study
8. John Bartlow xMartin
9. Memo fro Sargent Shriver from Bill Moyers re 1967 Legislative Program
10. xLindsay, John (Clippings re Campaign for Mayor N.Y.C.)
11. Foreign Countries (individual folders consisting of correspondence re State Visits, foreign aid, etc.) C.F.
12. Vietnam Daily Reports (3 folders)
13. JUSPAO Weekly Reports re Vietnam

May 21, 1966
Saturday, 5:00 pm.

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FG115

H.W.S.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Secretary McNamara's comment in Canada on the need for all youth to contribute, in some form, to Government had a sympathetic reaction. To my mind, there is a growing feeling against the way the draft operates, with its tendency to draft more Negroes, more of the lower-educated groups, and more of the lower-income groups. This issue not only affects everyone between the ages of 18 and 25, but their families, their friends, etc. so that in effect, it is a real national issue.

Eric Goldman has suggested to Bill Moyers the creation of a Commission on National Service to review the drafting of manpower. *

In the attached memorandum he suggests the type of personnel for a five-man Commission, including President Eisenhower as Chairman, with an academic leader, an outstanding Negro, a liberal businessman, and a former government official, such as Bob Lovett. *

While he had other names he narrows the Commission down to:

Chairman:	President Eisenhower
	*
Members:	George F. Kennan
	J. Irwin Miller
	Constance Baker Motley *
	Harry Ransom *

The appointment of such a Commission should be accompanied by a statement on its needs and objectives which would boil down to proposals to you for possible recommendation to the Congress.

Robert E. Kintner

Original *

Nothing else sent to
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W.R.B.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12:25 p.m., Thursday

May 19, 1966

EXECUTIVE

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FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Joe Califano

Attached is an excerpt from McNamara's speech on two years of service by every young person.

If you want to play this in a low key, I would suggest you state that there is nothing new in the McNamara statement and McNamara was not speaking of compulsory service. He was speaking of things like the Peace Corps, the VISTA Volunteers, the Teachers' Corp, the Job Corps, and Neighborhood Youth Corps.

I think you should give some thought to playing it in a high key, as does McNamara. You could indicate that you had been considering ways of giving our young people an opportunity to satisfy their desires to serve their country and mankind, as indicated by their magnificent response to the Peace Corps and the Vista Volunteers. This coincides with the voluntary recognition by American youth who are not drafted that they have a moral obligation to help out; -- e. g., the private medical, Quaker and other programs, as well as the voluntary government programs like the Peace Corps. You could even add that the Pentagon has been conducting the most thorough study of the draft that has ever been undertaken to remove any inequities that exist.

If you wanted to really move out, you could set up a commission to study our use of young manpower in this country in the private and public sector, with a view toward giving everyone an opportunity to enrich themselves and their fellowman by service.

Attachment