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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the President, Monday, October 21, 5:00 p.m.,
in the Cabinet Room -- Berlin Convoy Procedures

Participants: The President

State

Under Secretary George Ball
Mr. William Tyler
Mr. Richard Davis
Mr. John Ausland

Defense

Secretary Robert McNamara
General Maxwell Taylor
Mr. Paul Nitze
Brigadier General Lucius Clay, Jr.

CIA

Director John McCone
Mr. Janney
Mr. Whitman

White House

Mr. McGeorge Bundy
Mr. David Klein
Lt Colonel W. Y. Smith

After discussion of the recent convoy problems with the Soviets, the President decided:

1. The Soviet Union should be informed of US convoy procedures. *residing in*
2. The US procedures, *known original with US but not involving change in US procedure* should be passed to Ambassador Dobrynin *on* to give the Soviet political leadership rather than the military authorities control of the matter from the start.
3. The Soviets should be advised of existing national convoy procedures. Nevertheless, the Allies should attempt to achieve de facto harmonization of these procedures.
4. The next non-dismountable US convoy should be scheduled after Ambassador Dobrynin has been informed of the procedures, with the exact timing of the convoy to be decided later.

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