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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12 July 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Actions agreed at the discussions at
Hyannis Port, 8 July 1961

1. Within ten days (i. e. , by 18 July)

a. The Secretary of State will submit a political prospectus on Berlin and related matters with appendices covering political, economic and propaganda actions in support of the U. S. program.

b. The Secretary of Defense will produce the defense plan in support of the U. S. program to include such matters as the ground probe, airlift (garrison and civilian) and measures to improve overall military posture particularly in the field of conventional weapons and forces. For the latter, he will base his recommendations on the assumption that main reliance will not be placed on the use of atomic weapons at the outset of a military engagement with the USSR in Europe.

(Mr. McNamara considers that the papers being prepared by Defense for the NSC meeting on 13 July 1961 respond to the foregoing undertaking.)

c. Based upon the foregoing documents, the Kohler task force will prepare a combined check list of possible actions relating to Berlin which should be considered for implementation in the present and emerging situation. The list will show for each action the lead time of decision.

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2. General Taylor will arrange an early meeting of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Committee to obtain a new recommendation on the reorganization of the CIA assuming that new legislation is to be sought. (This meeting is now set for 18 July.)


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