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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

I don't know whether the President mentioned this to you during your visit to Hyannis Port on Saturday or not, but he has asked us to get him a prompt answer to the following questions:

"If we mobilize a million men (thinking of the Berlin situation), what would we do with them -- how many would be combat troops, how many would be logistic support units, etc.? Would we send the million to Europe, how long would it take to get them over, how many ships, if by sea, how many would we plan to send by plane? How many days would it take to get all of them there? Where would they be positioned in Europe when they get there?"

The President does not desire a lengthy staff study, but understands that a good deal of this data is probably available, and, as he expressed it, "would like to have someone spend about a half day on the answers to these questions."

McGeorge Bundy

cc: Chairman, JCS

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