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October 18, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

RE: Report on Stockpile Criteria

The President on December 1, 1964 established a Special Committee on Stockpile Objectives chaired by a Special Assistant to the President, with representatives from the Departments and Agencies listed on Attachment A. Since that time the Committee has had under continuing review the criteria upon which the stockpile objectives are determined.

President Johnson specifically charged the Committee to give particular attention to:

"(1) The major military and economic assumptions used in calculating existing conventional war stockpile objectives.

"(2) The assumptions, techniques, and goals used in the establishment of post-nuclear attack supply requirements.

"(3) The relationship of economic rehabilitation requirements to other post-nuclear requirements, such as those for food, shelter, medicine, and other resources required for the survival of the remaining population in the period of extreme emergency."

The Committee has completed its Report, and the President has asked that it be considered in the National Security Council, especially its one major recommended change in the criteria concerning accessibility to and reliance upon certain Free World foreign sources of supply in the event of a war involving only the use of non-nuclear weapons.

Criteria and assumptions governing stockpile objectives were set forth by an order of the Security Council (NSC Doc. 5810/1, May 5, 1958) and by the President's letter of February 24, 1964, addressed to the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning, copy of which is Attachment B.

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By wj/cdm, NARA, Date 5-9-02

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That portion of the President's letter which continued the policy of limiting consideration of emergency sources of supply to those foreign countries which are contiguous to the United States is the provision which the Committee recommends be changed so as to:

Permit consideration of emergency supply sources from those countries listed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff as probably accessible during a wartime emergency, subject to discounts by the Joint Chiefs for possible losses in transit and additional discounts by the State Department and OEP based on political and economic reliability and other national security considerations.

Each of the participating members of the Committee shown on Attachment A has a complete copy of the Report for further reference.

It was originally intended that key members of the Armed Services Committees of the Congress be invited to attend the discussion. However, in light of the adjournment of Congress, the Committee will brief them at a later date if this basic change is approved by the President.

SIGNED

Price Daniel  
Director

Attachments - 2  
As noted above

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MEMBERS - SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STOCKPILE OBJECTIVES

E. Ernest Goldstein, Special Assistant to the President,  
Chairman

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Edward R. Fried, National Security Council Staff.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1964

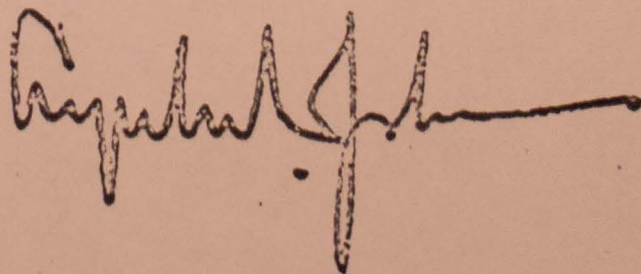
MEMORANDUM TO Mr. Edward McDermott

SUBJECT: National Stockpiles

I have had an opportunity to review the materials which you prepared last month summarizing significant developments during the past two years and setting forth two basic questions in the handling of the national stockpiles.

With regard to the question of whether the stockpile objectives for the various items should be based on criteria which assumes the availability of materials from friendly nations not contiguous to the United States in developing new objectives I believe it is desirable to remain with the present criteria which includes as emergency sources of supply only those which are domestic or from contiguous countries. I understand that this will in no way affect the disposal program as recommended by the Executive Stockpile Committee. Should it become clear that application of this criteria requires new acquisition of materials now in the stockpile inventory, please bring this to my immediate attention.

With regard to basic guidelines in disposing of surplus materials, existing practices should be continued, namely, that disposals are to be made only when this can be done without serious disruption of domestic or foreign markets and after proper evaluation of international considerations. The general procedural machinery established for making these determinations now in effect appears to be appropriate and desirable, and should also be continued.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Robert McNamara", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.