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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF *cy 1 + 8*

Subject: Operational Air Plan (China) (U)

Reference: JCSM-821-63

1. The Proposed Memorandum to the Secretary of Defense, subject as above, is not responsive to the request of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) to "prepare an operational plan for an air attack" to undertake destruction of the Chinese Communist nuclear production facilities.

2. I would like for the Joint Staff to recast the proposed Memorandum to the Secretary of Defense so as to:

a. Establish the target complex to be attacked to accomplish the task.

b. Prescribe the level of damage to be achieved.

c. Set forth a plan of attack consistent with the criteria specified by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) in his memorandum of 31 July 1963.

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