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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 139

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ADMINISTRATOR, AID

(SUBJECT: Military Aid Program for Greece)

I am concerned lest if we increase MAP for Greece as is, I gather, being advocated by General Norstad, we will be going contrary to the President's instruction in NSC Action 2447 of last January 18th. In effect it called for prompt further reviews of US aid programming for certain key countries, including Greece, and recommendations by July 15 for proposed FY 1964-68 military assistance plans (including the final proposed FY 1963 program) on certain alternative bases.

My query is whether a quick decision now would not at least partly prejudge the outcome of this exercise. If a quick decision is imperative, we must of course bite the bullet. However, in view of the President's desire for a thorough-going review of the Greek and Turkish aid programs, I believe we should consult his wishes in this case.

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The Director of Central Intelligence
The Director, Bureau of the Budget

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