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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 298

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Administrator, Agency for International  
Development

SUBJECT: Study of Possible Redeployment of U.S.  
Division now Stationed in Korea

This is to request that the Secretary of State coordinate a joint State-AID-Defense study which will enable me to weigh and resolve the choices facing us with respect to the possible redeployment--to Hawaii--of one of the U.S. Divisions now stationed in Korea. The study should explore what sequence of U.S. actions, involving economic assistance, military assistance, diplomatic communications, and public statements, would minimize the negative effects and maximize the benefit of such a redeployment, taking into account

- Korea's military security
- Korea's short-term political stability
- the long-term U.S. objective of stimulating sustainable economic expansion and strengthening Korea's social and political institutions.

Specific requirements follow:

1. In considering changes in the level and composition of U.S. assistance, the study should offer both a bare-bones minimum program and a more generous variant which would fully compensate the Korean Government for the loss of a U.S. Division. In connection with the latter, attention should be given to the internal economic and military measures by the ROK which we might bargain for--measures that might

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appreciably shorten the period of Korea's dependence on extraordinary economic assistance.

2. The study should assess the value of such a redeployment to Hawaii for the balance and flexibility of the U.S. military posture.

3. The study should contain estimates of the budgetary gains and costs.

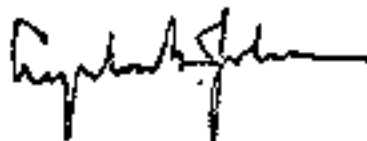
4. As regards the U.S. balance of payments, the study should estimate both the gross gain of withdrawing a U.S. Division, and the net gain that will result, after account is taken of the recommended changes in U.S. assistance.

5. The study should include recommendations as to the steps we should take, in the event of a redeployment, (a) to avoid any misreading of our intentions in Japan, Southeast Asia, Europe--and in Russia and Communist China, and (b) to explain the good sense of the move to the Congress and the U.S. public.

6. As regards timing, I should like two alternatives to be explored: one with a decision date of June 1, 1964; the other with a decision date of December 1, 1964. With respect to each alternative, the study should elaborate a detailed plan of action, giving announcement dates and implementation dates for all major actions.

The study should be completed in time for NSC consideration on May 26.

The White House staff officer assigned to follow the study will be Mr. Robert Komer. Mr. Francis Bator will act in his stead until Mr. Komer's return.



cc: Director of Central Intelligence

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cc: Mr. Bundy ✓  
Mr. Komer  
Mr. Bator  
Mr. Johnson  
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