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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

I talked with Congressman Cole on the telephone relative to Mr. Brobeck's request that the Bull Report be furnished.

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I explained what the Bull Report was, an interim step in our preparation of a policy statement for the Council, pulling together all of the "continental defense" programs based on unscreened unilateral Service projection, and who was on the Committee and what use we put the report to; that Sprague had seen it in the course of his studies; that whatever value remained in it, his Committee would derive in hearing Sprague's presentation; that because of the nature of the Report it was not something that he would want to see - i.e. an interim study asked for by the P.B. to help it in the preparation of its policy recommendations for the Council, an internal Executive Department paper.

He said that he understood it was the best report on "continental defense" and that I apparently meant that the Legislature could not see papers that went into making up a finished product but only the finished product. I replied that I did not mean to say that or be stuffy, but that the Executive should not make available working papers used in arriving at Council recommendations to the President.

He said that if that was the way it was, he would have to take it. Perhaps, he said, there might be some changes made later (I didn't understand this remark and didn't pursue it).

I did not say that the Bull Report was an MOC document and, as such, could not be disclosed without Presidential permission. I would have gone this far, had it been necessary.

Our talk remained on a friendly basis, as all our talks have been. In closing, he said that he would wait and hear what Sprague had to say.

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