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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: CPX of SIOP Execution for the President

1. During our discussion concerning briefings for the President on emergency actions at the Joint Chiefs of Staff meeting on 27 November, General LeMay recommended that we develop and conduct a CPX so that the President could see how the SIOP would be executed and how he would get his information.

2. I would like to have a scenario for a CPX developed, of approximately 20 minutes duration, which the Joint Chiefs of Staff could conduct for the President. Its primary purpose should be to familiarize him with the intelligence that would probably be available, the military considerations involved, and the decisions he would have to make in order to execute the SIOP.

3. Although it would be desirable to conduct the CPX in the National Military Command Center, preparations for the CPX should also provide for its conduct at the White House in view of the possibility that the President's schedule will not permit his visiting the Pentagon in the next few months.

(Sgd) MAXWELL D. TAYLOR

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