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Wednesday, September 4, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Order of Business for NSC Meeting
on Issues Raised by the Czech Crisis

The purpose of the meeting is:

- To assess the impact of the Czechoslovakian crisis on Western Europe.
- To discuss how we can use the crisis to strengthen Western European defense and NATO.
- To discuss how we carry on our current business with the Russians and Eastern Europe.

(Attached is a State Department paper discussing the problems.)

Ask Secretary Rusk to summarize the major issues and possible ways of dealing with them.

Ask Secretary Clifford to speak to the defense of Western Europe in the light of reactions to the Czech crisis and the new dispositions of Soviet troops in Central Europe.

Director Helms is prepared to reply to the question, "How scared are the Germans?"

Secretary Fowler wishes to comment on the problems from Treasury's viewpoint.

Ask Secretary Rusk to comment on the work we should be doing with the Congress.

Conclude the meeting by asking for specific recommendations on ways to strengthen Western Europe and NATO.

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