

**21 December 1961**

**The President  
The White House**

**Dear Mr. President:**

As requested by you I have contacted both former President Eisenhower and former President Truman and have arranged to brief each of them shortly after the first of the year.

Unless other matters intervene, I will propose meeting with Mr. Eisenhower in California on January 2nd. The date of the meeting with Mr. Truman will be established to meet his convenience.

**Sincerely,**

/S/ John

**John A. McCone  
Director**

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The Director told me he advised you that he plans to brief General Eisenhower on 2 Jan 62. He said in addition to the items discussed with you, he particularly wants to cover (1) the situation in Laos, Southern Vietnam (accompanied by appropriate maps), (2) Berlin and the wall, with a map showing the wall and border crossing points. He said he desired to indicate on the map the points where we can expect trouble, (3) Katanga and the Congo, (4) Soviet missile sites.

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**As you know, the Director plans to return to Washington on the 25th, leaving for Los Angeles the afternoon of the 28th. He has asked that during this period you arrange to go over with him the material for the Eisenhower briefing. He intends to give this briefing alone.**

JSE.

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