

D. PRESIDENT KENNEDY FEELS POSTPONEMENT OF THE OPERATION BY GRC TO 1 OCTOBER 1962 IS MOST APPROPRIATE BECAUSE IT WILL GIVE MORE TIME TO BOTH SIDES FOR JOINT STUDY OF CONDITIONS ON THE MAINLAND AND MUTUAL CONSULTATION ON DETAILED GRC PLANNING FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS AS WELL AS FOR STRENGTHENING FURTHER THE CAPABILITY FOR THE INITIAL DROP.

E. WITH REGARD TO THREE POINTS FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS:

1. THE EXECUTION OR NON-EXECUTION OF AIR DROP CAN BE DECIDED ONLY AT TIME CLOSE TO THE TARGET DATE (1 OCT 62) AND MUST BE BASED UPON FEASIBILITY JOINTLY AGREED AT THAT TIME.

2. ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO POINT FOUR OF "SEVEN POINTS" WHICH IS DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS STEP UP COLLECTION OF MAINLAND INFORMATION AND CARRY OUT PROBING ACTIONS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MORE CONCRETE EVIDENCE SO AS TO INSURE WELL-FOUNDED DECISIONS AND SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF PLANS.

F. IN VIEW OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THE SUBJECT MR KENNEDY CANNOT AT THIS TIME MAKE ANY FORMAL AGREEMENT NOR ANY ADVANCE COMMITMENT ON INITIAL OR SUBSEQUENT MAINLAND OPERATIONS AND HOPES THAT PRESIDENT CHIANG WILL UNDERSTAND THIS. PRESIDENT KENNEDY ASSURES PRESIDENT CHIANG THAT SEVEN POINTS PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT CHIANG ARE ACCURATE EXPRESSION OF THE POLICY POSITION OF THE U.S. ON CHINA MAINLAND OPERATIONS.

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G. PRESIDENT KENNEDY WELCOMES THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HIGH LEVEL INITIATED BY PRESIDENT CHIANG AND WISHES FULLEST AND FRANKEST DISCUSSION OF THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT SO AS TO INSURE A CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP OF CLOSEST CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GRC AND UNITED STATES.

3. CHIANG CHING KUG TOLD ME TODAY 19 APR GIMO WILLING ACCEPT SEVEN POINTS AS BASIS CLOSE STUDY AND COOPERATION DURING NEXT FEW MONTHS. GIMO HAS AUTHORIZED GROUP SENIOR STAFF OFFICERS MEET TOMORROW FOR SECRET CHANNEL OFF-RECORD DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH FULL DISCLOSURE GRC CLANDESTINE AND MILITARY PLANS WILL BE MADE TO PERMIT AMERICANS TO CRITIQUE UNOFFICIALLY AS BASIS FOR FEASIBILITY ESTIMATES AND MAINLANDSITUATION STUDIES IN LIGHT OF CONTINUING DEVELOPMENTS FOR NEXT SIX MONTHS. THIS IS AWAITED VISIBLE SIGN INTENT TO PLAY BALL FOR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. WE ALSO HAVE [REDACTED] CONFIRMATION GIMO HAS DEFINITELY POSTPONED JUNE TARGET DATE FOR COUNTERATTACK PLANNING.

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4. FOR MOMENT SITUATION UNDER CONTROL BUT BELIEVE ME IT WAS CLOSE THING. COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP LIABLE COME UNSTUCK IF NOT GIVEN SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION THIS END AND TANGIBLE SIGNS OF ACTIVE INTEREST FROM WASHINGTON. AIRCREWS SHOULD GO TO TRAIN SOON AND WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE INVITED TO STATES TO EXAMINZATECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF ECM PREPARATION OF AIRCRAFT. IF YOU
~~ALRCH~~DISCUSSIONS YOU WANT TO GIVE BOOST TO FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS

HERE AT NO REAL COST BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO SEND
ADDITIONAL MESSAGE STATING MORE THAN TWO C-123'S COULD BE MADE
AVAILABLE IF JOINT STUDY PROVED THEIR NEED AND AIRDROP OPERATION
JUDGED FEASIBLE. IT WAS MUCH RESENTED BY GIMO AS NIGGARDLY
APPROACH THAT TWO C-123'S WERE SPECIFIED WHEN HE HAD ASKED FOR
FIVE AND USG HAD SAID IT WAS NOT FIRMLY COMMITTED TO GIVING ANY.
IN OTHER WORDS GENEROSITY OF TERMS WOULD HAVE COST NOTHING BUT
WE REFUSED EVEN THAT. SUGGEST AUTHORIZING STATEMENT RECOMMENDED
ABOVE WITH SAVING COMMENT ONLY TWO PLANES CAN BE READY WITHIN
SIX MONTHS.

5. MY DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON 20 APRIL SPELLS CLOSE THIS
PHASE DISCUSSIONS. GIMO GIVING ME AUTHOGRAPHED PHOTO FOR PRESIDENT
AND POLITE-NON SUBSTANTIVE LETTER. BELIEVE WE HAVE COME OUT
~~WIDE BETTER NONSUBJECTS WE HAVE COME OUT~~

AS WELL AS POSSIBLE WITH INSTRUCTIONS YOU GIVE ME TO WORK WITH.
HOPE THINGS STAY ON TRACK. THANKS FOR GOOD BACK-UP AS USUAL.
SEE YOU SOON.

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