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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Meeting with the President - 10:15 - 9 December 1963**

The meeting was very brief as the President was behind schedule. Involved were a quick review of the Checklist and a brief discussion of the Bolivian problem and I advised the President that this was an extremely dangerous situation because the miners in this area were notorious, vicious men who ruled with guns and placed a very low value on life.

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**NOTE: I wish the situation watched hourly by**   
 our experts on Bolivia.

The President asked that I brief the Congressional leadership on Tuesday morning, covering the subject of 11-3, 11-4 and the Soviet economy. He allowed me 20 minutes and wants to give all possible information with a minimum of deletions for security. He wanted to handle the foreign aid approach carefully so it wouldn't kick back on his foreign aid program. I will be followed by Rusk for 5 minutes and by McNamara for 5 minutes. The meeting will be in the Cabinet Room.

**ACTION: Briefing papers and charts should be prepared for review late this afternoon or this evening.**

Prior to seeing the President I talked to Bundy briefly about a number of matters. He raised the Washington Post article on SAMOS, asked whether any damage assessment was being made. I replied affirmatively.

**ACTION: Wheelon and Bannerman should go into this. I feel that in all probability the article is a clever piece of putting together of everything that's been published, in an interesting and conclusive way. However the extent to which the word "SAMOS" is used leads me to believe the article was inspired and probably given substantial help by the Air Force.**

Bundy stated that the President wished to talk to me about travelling personally and desired to work out arrangements so that my doing so would not be resisted by Ambassadors. He advised Bundy it would be virtually impossible for him to travel but he would like me to plan to travel and to report to him on my observations. The President did not raise this question.

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