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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I enclose a copy of a letter dated 17 March 1956 which I sent to Colonel Goodpaster at the White House with regard to the contemplated visit here of General Koenig.

Subsequent to the message contained in my letter of 17 March, I received further messages [redacted] that General Koenig is planning to leave for New York on April 10-11 and that General De Benouville (the French General mentioned in the enclosure) is departing for New York the same day via TWA. [redacted]

Our messages indicate the purpose of this visit is to endeavor to enlist support for the idea of a return to power by General De Gaulle. Such return to power would apparently be acceptable to the General only if based on agreement of the Assembly to grant his Government a stipulated period to permit him to rule by decree. The Assembly would remain in session but would only consider legislation which General De Gaulle might present. Another plank in General De Gaulle's platform is apparently that he should be allowed to select Ministers who are not Deputies.

I have passed on word [redacted] in reply to General De Benouville's inquiry, that I did not see how either the President or Secretary of State could receive General Koenig for the purposes indicated.

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ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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