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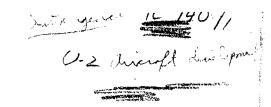
Memorandum of Conversation

Washington, November 24, 1954, 8:10 a.m.

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Others present:

Secretary of State (for part of meeting) Secretary of Defense Mr. Allen Dulles Secretary of Air Force General Twining Lt. General Cabell Lt. General Putt Colonel Goodpaster

Authorization was sought from the President to go ahead on a program to produce thirty special high performance aircraft at a cost of about The President approved this action. Mr. Allen Dulles \$35 million. indicated that his organization could not finance this whole sum without drawing attention to it, and it was agreed that Defense would seek to carry a substantial part of the financing.

The Secretary of Defense sought the President's agreement to taking one last look at the type of operations planned when the aircraft are available. The President indicated agreement.

To a question by the President, the Secretary of State indicated that difficulties might arise out of these operations, but that "we could live through them. "

In summary, the President directed those present to go ahead and get the equipment, but before initiating operations to come in for one last look at the plans.

A. J. Goodpaster

