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Dear General Norstad:

Since receiving your letter of November 16 and its enclosure, "SACEUR's Instructions to SHAPE Planners," I have had these instructions studied by State and Defense in relation to our basic position paper, "U.S. Policy on Military Actions in a Berlin Conflict." This study has resulted in comments which I have approved and now enclose for your guidance in planning and in future relations with your NATO colleagues.

Secretaries Rusk and McNamara will be in Paris next week and will want to talk over this matter with you. Please take full advantage of the presence of the Secretaries to give them the benefit of your views and to set forth any difficulties which you may anticipate in bringing our Allies to a full and sympathetic participation in our contingency preparations.

Sincerely,



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