MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. McGeorge Bundy
                            Special Assistant to the President
                            for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Affirmation of the Role of the Director of
                            Central Intelligence and of the Central
                            Intelligence Agency in Wartime and in
                            National Emergencies Short of War

1. In keeping with my responsibility as Director of Central Intelligence and the request set forth in the President's memorandum of January 16, 1962 for recommendations to facilitate the accomplishment of the objectives of my office, I am forwarding herewith a proposed National Security Action Memorandum for approval by the President.

2. At the present time there are no outstanding executive orders or executive directives pertaining to my role as the Government's principal foreign intelligence officer and the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in the event of future war and during national emergencies short of war. Therefore, I believe it is necessary and desirable at this time to affirm the continuity of my role and the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in such circumstances.

3. Current review of the responsibilities and authorities of my office and of the Central Intelligence Agency does not indicate need for change in either statutory or executive directives to meet the requirements of national emergency situations.

                                                  JOHN A. McCONE
Attachment   Director

cc: Secretary of State
     Secretary of Defense
     Director of the Office of Emergency Planning

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