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MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: Al Haig

SUBJECT: Talker for Luncheon with Admiral Zumwalt at 1:00 p. m.,
Friday, November 6, 1970

Although your luncheon meeting today is primarily a social get-together, you may want to raise the following subjects with Admiral Zumwalt:

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-- Tell him you have been most impressed by what you have heard about the program he has launched to boost morale and keep talent in the Navy. (See article, on Mft flap, from current issue of TIME.) Ask him to elaborate on some of the present-day problems of motivating young people for service life.

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-- Ask for his thoughts on possible Defense Department organizational changes resulting from the Blue Ribbon Defense Panel study.

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-- Ask him what changes in Naval force structure he would make if the Navy's budget were increased by \$1 billion; decreased by \$1 billion.

-- Discuss the possibility of establishing a greater American presence in Malta; including the need for repair facilities, possible home-porting of Sixth Fleet ships, effect on stability of Maltese Government, need for best possible U. S. representation, and possible ways to stimulate Maltese acceptance of an increased presence (e. g. approaching the Maltese community in San Francisco).

-- Since both you and Admiral Zumwalt have talked to Lee Kuan Yew, you might ask Admiral Zumwalt how he evaluates the political/military impact of possible Soviet use of facilities in Singapore and whether he favors an effort to establish a U. S. base there.

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-- Ask for his assessment of the implications for Hemispheric Defense of Allende's election in Chile and measures we should consider taking.

-- Tell him that a NSSM is being prepared calling for an inter-agency study of the Indian Ocean, and ask for his candid views on what measures should be taken, if any, in light of Soviet naval expansion into the Indian Ocean and British withdrawal.

-- Ask Admiral Zumwalt to explain the advantages and disadvantages of the possible reconfiguration of aircraft carriers for a dual attack and anti-submarine warfare role.

-- Admiral Zumwalt may ask whether you are planning to talk to Vice Admiral Rickover. Tell him you have made several attempts to meet with Admiral Rickover and expect to see him after your return from Florida. Ask how he feels about Rickover's ideas.

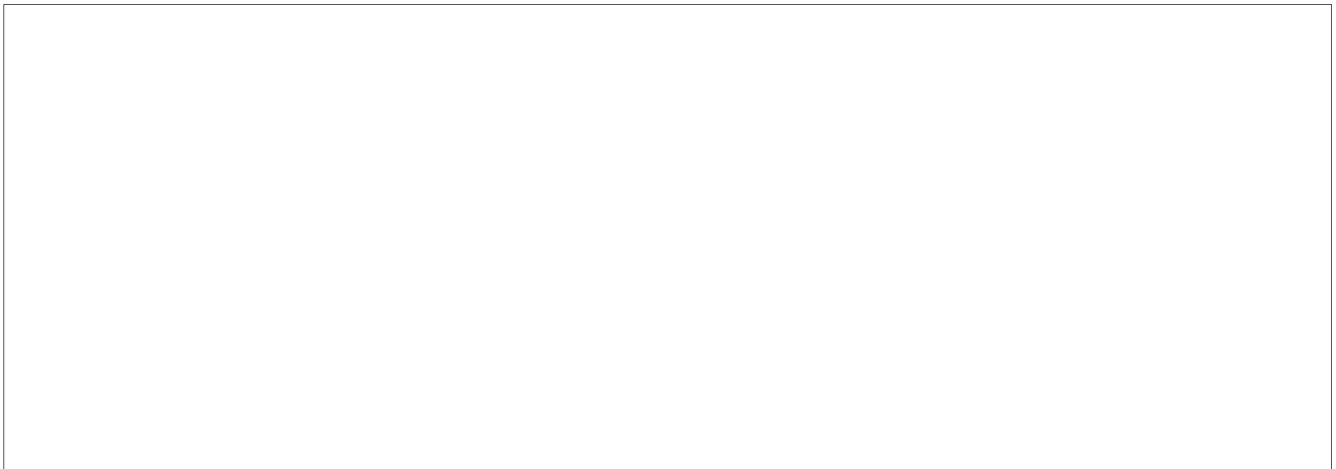
-- Ask Admiral Zumwalt whether he feels we can effectively combat the Soviet Y Class (Polaris type) submarine threat.

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(added to talker for Mr. Kissinger from Gen Haig, Nov 6, 1970
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