MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

As you will recall, I forwarded to you two copies of the Joint Chiefs' 2 May 1969 Contingency Plans for Strikes on North Korea. Following my receipt and transmittal to you of those plans, I asked the Chiefs to consider at least one other alternative. That was a strike involving a more limited number of B-52s, possibly 2 or 3, against a single military target.

The Chiefs have responded with the attached plan. It is, in my judgment, more sensible than any yet postulated. From General Wheeler's comments, I believe he feels the same. The plan meets more of the general criteria with which we worked in the wake of the EC-121 incident than other plans.

[Signature]

Attachment (NOT ATTACHED)

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The attached (redacted) contingency plan for action against North Korea as, in my judgment, more sensible than any yet postulated. I gather from General Wheeler's summary that he may think so, too.

Shell I send a copy to Kennedy, too?

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With cover note opposing the above. Glad we wait long.
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Mr. Laid:

While we may not want to consider too seriously any of the North Korean contingency options, I believe that it is most important that we consider a more complete—and more reasonable—range of options. The attached means of consideration of an option which, in my judgment, includes more than any of those postulated so far. Laid
### Summary of JCS Options

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