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Monday, August 14, 1967, 11:30 A.M.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**SUBJECT: Meetings of the National Security Council**

The figures on National Security Meetings are as follows:

From November 1963 to August 1967 - 53 meetings

From January 1961 to November 1963 - 45 meetings

The average for the entire period <sup>from</sup> for 1961 is slightly above one NSC meeting per month.

During the first 34 months of your administration, 45 NSC meetings were held--the exact number of meetings held during the 34 months of the Kennedy administration.

During the Eisenhower administration the Council met each week, averaging about 50 meetings annually.

There is attached a list of the dates of NSC meetings since 1961 and the subjects discussed.

Because you use the Council differently from the way President Eisenhower used it, the number of NSC meetings is very misleading as an indicator of the amount of time you spend on national security problems.

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## CALENDAR OF NSC MEETINGS

### February 1, 1961

1. Attendance at National Security Council Meetings
2. Significant World Developments Affecting U.S. Security
3. Military Budgets and National Security Policy
4. Studies of Executive Branch Organization
5. National Security Policies Requiring Urgent Attention
6. Organization and Procedures of the National Security Council

### February 9, 1961

1. Significant World Developments Affecting U.S. Security
2. Discussion of Crisis Areas
3. National Security Policies Requiring Urgent Attention

### March 29, 1961

1. A Review of North Atlantic Problems for the Future

### April 22, 1961

1. U. S. Policy Toward Cuba
2. Strengthening the Basic U.S. Posture Toward the Communist World
3. The Geneva Test Ban Negotiations
4. Review of U.S. Space Program

### April 27, 1961

1. The Situation in Laos
2. U.S. Policy in Viet Nam
3. Emergency Freedom Fund
4. U.S. Policy Toward Cuba
5. Privileged Nature of NSC Discussions

### April 29, 1961

1. U.S. Policy with Respect to Laos
2. U.S. Policy in Viet Nam

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May 1, 1961

1. U.S. Policy with Respect to Laos

May 2, 1961

1. U.S. Policy with Respect to Laos
2. The Geneva Test Ban Negotiations

May 5, 1961

1. U.S. Policy Toward Iran
2. U.S. Policy Toward Korea
3. U.S. Policy Toward Cuba
4. U.S. Policy Toward the Dominican Republic and Haiti
5. U.S. Policy Toward British Guiana
6. U.S. Policy in Mainland Southeast Asia

May 19, 1961

1. Military Considerations Involved in the Resumption of Nuclear Testing
2. U.S. Policy Toward Iran
3. U.S. Policy in Viet-Nam

June 13, 1961

1. Report by the President on the European Trip
2. Korea

June 29, 1961

1. Kuwait
2. Berlin
3. Laos

July 13, 1961

1. Berlin

July 19, 1961

1. Berlin

July 20, 1961

1. The Net Evaluation Subcommittee

August 8, 1961

1. Nuclear Testing

October 13, 1961

1. Future Meetings of the Council
2. Policy Toward Yugoslavia and Poland

November 2, 1961

1. Nuclear Testing

November 15, 1961

1. Briefing on Communist China
2. South Vietnam
3. Tribute to CIA Director Allen Dulles

December 5, 1961

1. Volta River Project

December 19, 1961

1. Reports on Paris Meetings