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Wednesday, August 30, 1967
11:00 a.m.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Bill Moyers called this morning about his proposal.

I told him we were all grateful for his willingness to pitch in; that you were thinking it over; that the major questions were whether:

- a piece by him would be regarded as an Administration hand-out;
- the rest of the press would regard it as unfair that he had access to special information.

He said:

- the article would not contain special information beyond what he would know from his time in the White House;
- he wished to come down to refresh his memory on dates and facts bearing on the situations at the time when you had to make key decisions -- not to acquire fresh hot information not available to the rest of the press;
- he could, he believed, slip in and out of town quietly.

On balance, I am for letting Bill write the article because he is not viewed as a hawk and because he is in a position to say things about the situation you confronted in 1964 and 1965 which could clear away misunderstandings generated by Hilsman, Galbraith, etc.

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