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FROM WALT ROSTOW
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NOVEMBER 24, 1967

FOLLOWING IS SECRETARY RUSK'S RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU SEE CHIP BOHLEN, WHO IS JUST BACK FROM PARIS, FOR HALF AN HOUR ON TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK. I THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU MEET FOR A HALF HOUR WITH AMBASSADOR BOHLEN ON NOVEMBER 28 OR 29 AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU.

APPROVE ☒ DISAPPROVE ☐

DATE _____ TIME _____

11:30 Am, Tues Nov 28

DISCUSSION:

AMBASSADOR BOHLEN HAS JUST RETURNED FROM FRANCE AND IS IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION. ALTHOUGH WE ARE AWARE OF DE GAULLE'S POLICIES REGARDING SUCH PROBLEMS AS VIETNAM, THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM'S REQUEST TO ENTER THE COMMON MARKET AND THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE THE AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL VIEWS ON THE EVOLVING FRENCH POSITION ON THESE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF DE GAULLE'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 27.

THERE IS ALSO THE BASIC QUESTION OF DE GAULLE'S POWER POSITION INSIDE FRANCE IN THE WAKE OF HIS MIDDLE EAST FAILURE, THE QUEBEC VENTURE, AND THE RUMBLINGS IN THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT OVER HIS DOMESTIC POLICIES. AMBASSADOR BOHLEN'S ASSESSMENT OF THIS QUESTION WILL BE OF INTEREST TO YOU. I HOPE YOU CAN FIND THE TIME TO MEET WITH HIM.

DEAN RUSK

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