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Wednesday, June 26, 1968 -- 9:00 a.m.

Mr. President:

*Pres file*

Clark Clifford called this morning with the following points and questions for you.

1. Gen. Johnson retires at midnight July 2 as Chief of Staff of the Army. Clifford is told that it is customary and traditional for the retiring Chief of Staff to be given a Distinguished Service Medal by the President at the White House. His question is: Would you agree to give Gen. Johnson a DSM at a small White House ceremony on July 2?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Call me \_\_\_\_\_

2. Westmoreland takes over as Chief of Staff, Army, on Wednesday, July 3, having arrived in Washington on Monday or Tuesday. It is traditional that the Chief of Staff of the Army be sworn in at the Pentagon. But it would also fit custom if you were to award Westmoreland a DSM for his 4 years of service in Vietnam. Clifford recommends that you do this at a small White House ceremony after you return from your 4th of July weekend; say, July 8 or 9. His question, therefore, is: Do you wish to award Westy a DSM at a White House ceremony on July 8 or 9?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

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