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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

SUBJECT : Decree of the Central Committee of the CPSU  
Concerning the Vienna Talks between Premier  
Khrushchev and President Kennedy

1. Enclosed is a verbatim translation of a decree of the Central  
Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union concerning the  
Vienna talks between Premier Khrushchev and President Kennedy. It  
presents instructions on dissemination of information about the talks  
to various Party echelons and foreign governments.

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FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANS:

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cc: The Military Representative of the President

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National Security Affairs

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There follows a verbatim translation of a decree of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, dated 17 June 1961, concerning the Vienna talks between Premier Khrushchev and President Kennedy on 3 and 4 June 1961. This decree bears the notation "Not for Publication".

"1. The Central Committee of the CPSU fully approves the great and fruitful work of Comrade N. S. Khrushchev during his meeting and discussions with The President of the U.S.A., J. Kennedy, in Vienna on 3 and 4 June, 1961.

"In the course of the talks Comrade Khrushchev profoundly and effectively explained the position of the Central Committee of the CPSU and of the Soviet Government on the questions of disarmament, suspension of testing of nuclear weapons, the German peace treaty, the peaceful settlement in Laos, the problem of peaceful coexistence, and other important international problems.

"These talks were conducted by Comrade Khrushchev with great skill and in an aggressive spirit.

"The Central Committee of the CPSU completely approves and affirms the firm position taken by Comrade Khrushchev on the question of normalizing the situation in Western Berlin on the basis of the conclusion of a German peace treaty.

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"The Central Committee of the CPSU considers that the meeting and talks held by Comrade N. S. Khrushchev with J. Kennedy were useful. They open certain possibilities for further contacts between the governments of both countries for the deliberation and resolution of important international problems. The talks permitted the explanation of the position of the Soviet Government directly to the President of the U.S.A. and, at the same time, permitted a better clarification of the position of the present government of the U.S.A. on the problems under deliberation. The meeting showed that there should be no illusions concerning the stand of the present president of the U.S.A. and of the American Government as a whole relative to the possibilities for an agreed resolution of disputed international problems and of serious improvement in Soviet-American relations in the near future.

"2. To acknowledge the necessity for the following persons to familiarize themselves with the minutes of the talks of Comrade Khrushchev with the President of the U.S.A., J. Kennedy; members of the Central Committee of the CPSU; candidate members of the Central Committee of the CPSU; members of the Central Auditing Commission; members of the Bureaus of the Central Committees of the Communist Parties of the union republics and of oblast, kray and rayon Communist Party committees; responsible workers of the Central Committee of the CPSU and of the central government apparatus; editors of central newspapers and journals; responsible workers of the republics, krays, and oblasts; and secretaries of large party organizations at the discretion of rayon parties.

"3. To consider it advisable:

a. To transmit the full minutes of the talks between Comrade N. S. Khrushchev and the President of the U.S.A., J. Kennedy, to the first secretaries of the Central Committees of the Communist and Workers' Parties of the Socialist Countries, and also to Fidel Castro.

b. To instruct the ambassadors of the USSR in France and Italy to acquaint Comrades M. Thorez and P. Togliatti with the minutes of the talks of Comrade N. S. Khrushchev.

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c. To instruct the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR to communicate confidentially (orally) the substance of the talks of Comrade Khrushchev to the heads of state or of government of Afghanistan, Burma, Brazil, Ghana, Guinea, India, Iraq, Cambodia, Morocco, Mali, Mexico, Nepal, UAR, Somalia, Finland, Ceylon, Ethiopia, and also Yugoslavia.

"4. To instruct the Central Committees of the Communist Parties of the union republics to have the kray, oblast, city, and rayon Party committees prepare explanations of the political significance of the meeting and talks of Comrade Khrushchev with J. Kennedy, based on Comrade Khrushchev's radio and television speech of 15 June 1961.

"5. To require the editorial departments of Pravda, Izvestiya, and other central newspapers and journals and of radio and television to propagandize systematically the Leninist foreign policy of the Soviet Union, paying special attention to the explanation of the Soviet Government's proposals on general and complete disarmament, on the German question, and also on other questions which were explained by Comrade N. S. Khrushchev in his talks with J. Kennedy and in his speech over radio and television on 15 June 1961.

Central Committee of CPSU"

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