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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Expansion of Czechoslovakia Task Force to Include Romanian Contingency

As a result of the continuing concern over the possibility of Soviet military intervention in Romania, I have augmented the existing Czechoslovakia Task Force to include responsibility for developments affecting Romania.

The expanded Task Force is preparing appropriate contingency plans for possible use in the event of Soviet military action in Romania.

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DRAFT STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The world is outraged by the news that the Soviet Union and certain of her satellites have once again and without provocation perpetrated a brutal aggression on an independent country of Europe. The attack on Romania and the invasion of Czechoslovakia which preceded it betray a callous disregard for the integrity and sovereignty of independent nations. This action is directly contrary to the often-repeated statements by the Soviet Government condemning interference in the internal affairs of others.

The attack on Romania by the Soviet Union and her allies raises deep and disturbing questions. I call upon the leaders of the Soviet Union to reverse their present course of action, which can lead only to misery among the brave peoples of Central Europe and to despair among all those who have hoped for progress in the search for a lasting peace.

We are consulting urgently with like-minded nations with a view to this new situation being considered by the United Nations, which is most directly concerned with the violation of a country's rights under the Charter of the United Nations.

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