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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

As you will recall, I forwarded to you two copies of the Joint Chiefs' 2 May 1969 Contingency Plans for Strikes on North Korea. Following my receipt and transmittal to you of those plans, I asked the Chiefs to consider at least one other alternative. That was a strike involving a more limited number of B-52s, possibly 2 or 3, against a single military target.

The Chiefs have responded with the attached plan. It is, in my judgment, more sensible than any yet postulated. From General Wheeler's comments, I believe he feels the same. The plan meets more of the general criteria with which we worked in the wake of the EC-121 incident than other plans.

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MEMO FOR Mr. Laird

The attached added contingency plans for action against North Korea are, in my judgment, more sensible than any yet postulated. I gather from General Wheeler's summary that he may think so, too.

Should we send a copy to Henry Kissinger?
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Mr. Laird:

While we may not want to consider too seriously any of the North Korean contingency options, I believe there is merit in having the JCS consider a more complete - and more reasonable - range of options. The attached memo asks for consideration of an option which, in my judgment, makes more sense than any of those postulated so far.

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Summary of JCS Options

<u>Alt</u>	<u>No. & Type Acft</u>	<u>TGT</u>	<u>Bomb Tonnage</u>	<u>React Time Not. to ToT</u>	<u>Expected a/c Losses</u>
A	14 B-52s	1 Aflid	272 tons	24 hrs	10% (1-2 acft)
B	48 F-4s (land-based)	1 Aflid	188 tons	48 hrs	2.5% (1-2 acft)
C <u>night</u>	8-14 A-6s (1 CVA)	1 Aflid	48-84 tons	26-86 hrs	2.5% (1-2 acft)
<u>day</u>	8 A-6s 12 A-7/A-4 (1 CVA)	1 Aflid	N/A	26-86 hrs	2.5% (1-2 acft)
D	50 B-52s	4 Aflids	1364 tons	48 hrs	<10% (5 acft)
E	48 F-4s	4 Aflids	188 tons	48 hrs	2.5% (1-2 acft)
F <u>night</u>	8-24 A-6s (3 CVAs)	4 Aflids	48-144 tons	26-86 hrs	2.5% (1-3 acft)
<u>day</u>	72 A-4/A-6/A7	4 Aflids	N/A	26-86 hrs	2.5% (1-3 acft)
G	Any of above	4 mil tgts			
ADDED	2-3 B-52s	1 Aflid	38-65 tons	210-26 hrs	< 10%

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