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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

With your permission, I would like to schedule a meeting with you some time during the period of 22 through 25 September. The purpose of the meeting is to give the Joint Chiefs an opportunity to discuss their concern over the question of the budget guidelines issued to the Defense Department. We are presently putting the 1971 budget together, as well as carrying out the 1970 reductions under the fiscal restraints approved by you. Personally, I would recommend that you give them an hour now rather than wait until a later date. They will feel much better if they can at least express to their Services that they have had an opportunity to present the military point of view.]✓

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