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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: SAC Maneuver of Sealed-Pit Weapons (S/RP)

1. Reference is made to your memorandum for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 29 September 1958, subject as above, wherein you outlined the Presidential approval for SAC airborne alert exercises. This memorandum also contained a request for periodic submissions to the President's briefing book of the progress of the airborne exercises. The information contained herein represents the first submission of the progress reports.

2. Operation HEAD START is an airborne alert exercise utilizing B-52 aircraft. Operating from (b)(1)



Each aircraft flies approximately this same triangular course twice during each mission, is refueled once by a KC-135 tanker, for a total mission time of approximately 19 hours.

3. Pursuant to the Presidential approval, operation HEAD START was commenced with sealed-pit weapons on 3 October 1958. During the period 3 - 31 October 1958, results were as follows:

- a. Aircraft Scheduled - 116
- b. Aircraft Airborne - 108
- c. Missions Completed - 106

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- d. Effective Hours Scheduled - 1920:20
- e. Effective Hours Realized - 1783:09
- f. Effectiveness - 92.8%
- g. Accidents/Incidents - None

4. It is requested that the above information be submitted for the President's briefing book.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

SIGNED

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