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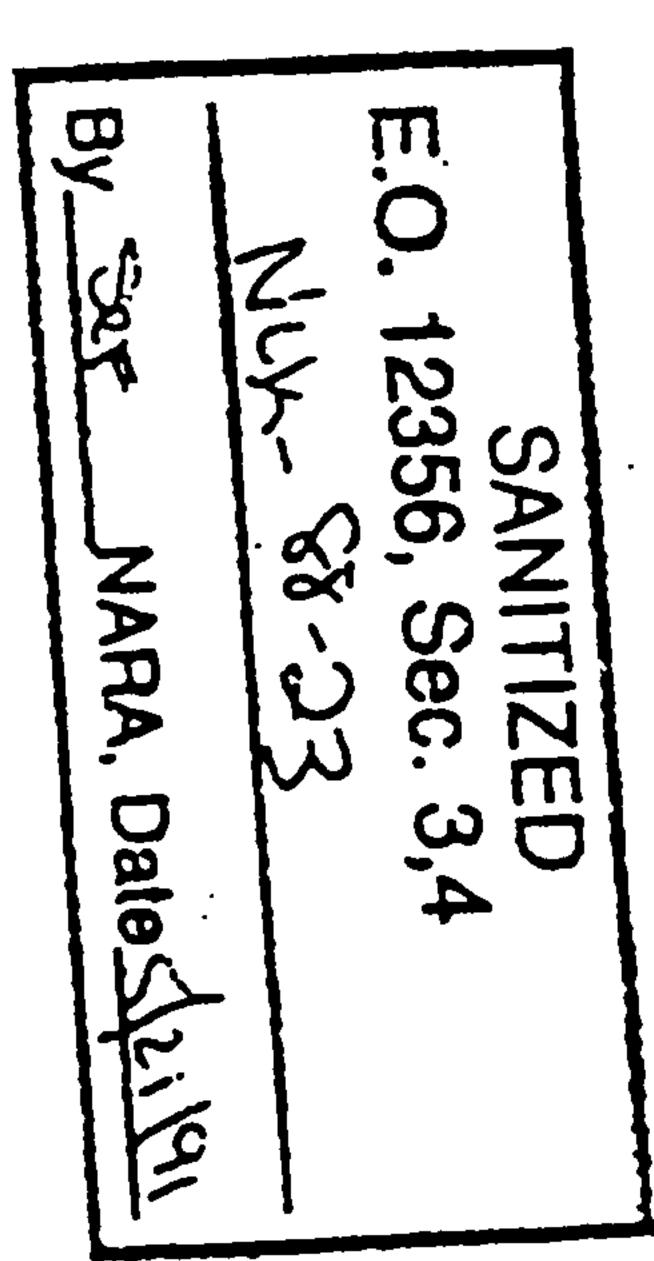


Minutes of meeting on April 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Present: The President, Secretary Rusk, Secretary McNamara, and Mr. McGeorge Bundy

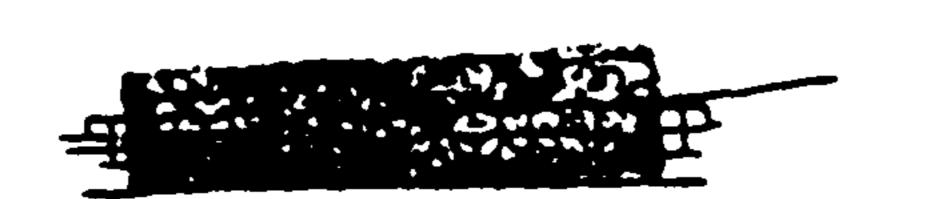
The meeting opened with discussion of the question of possibility of Secretary Rusk explained that this is not essentially a matter of our having a special policy._____ We have rather a standing policy which ----is now trying to get us to change, although neither he nor his Foreign Minister has ever asked .-------Secretary Rusk believed that centrally In his pursuit of this objective he was standing alone among the The Secretary believed we must recognize that if we go in ____ direction in these matters we will have very great difficulties with our At the same time the Secretary believed that our existing policy should be carefully delineated. He had restrained some of his own people who wished to extend a policy ---consulted only on As for consultation, the Secretary felt that matters that were of primary interest to others. There had been no

consultation on such matters in his own sphere as





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this matter now. In the he was not prepared to the only thing we could he believed therefore	d be sure of getting from	n our policy. He thought was money. st to have public specula
Secretary of State, in with Mr. McNamara	urned to the problem urging adoption of the p	roposed policy, agreed
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Secretary McNamar elieved for himself that there is no military requirement for suc. _____ but he pointed out that the Joint Chiefs and General Norstad disagree strongly. As to the cost of such a force, he thought it might run to about 2 billion dollars. The U. S. might contribute 600 million dollars, and ______ 400 million dollars, but he could not see who would pay for the other billion. Nevertheless, he was very enthusiastic about submitting the proposal for its political values.

Secretary McNamara then expressed his own preference for an American-manned and American-financed force which would be a genuine part of the American strategic deterrent. He thought such a force would be more justifiable in economic and military terms, and he believed that it might in the end meet the political requirement too.

At the President's request, Mr. McNamara detailed the opposition of the Chiefs as follows:

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It was agreed that each Secretary would explain these matters to his own subordinates, and later the President approved the attached guidelines as guidance for all concerned.