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LIMITED OFFICIAL USEMEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Negotiations with Czechoslovakia
for Civil Air Transport Agreement

Negotiations with Czechoslovakia for an air transport services agreement are scheduled to begin in Prague on April 4. A new agreement, when reached, would up-date and replace the 1946 air transport agreement.

The United States had originally proposed that the talks be held last November, but when the Czechs counterproposed a later, unacceptable date, it was agreed to defer the talks until "early 1967." We subsequently deferred setting a new date until satisfactory resolution of the Kazan-Kamarek incident.

White House concurrence in holding these negotiations was given in response to my memorandum of September 3, 1966. The background and issues remain as described in that memorandum. Congressional reaction, which can be characterized as not unfavorable, was set forth in my memorandum of October 7, 1966.

As requested, another check will be made with the President if the negotiations result in a recommendation that an agreement be signed. Since the Czechs could be highly sensitive if the U.S. Government withheld final approval of an agreement reached on an ad referendum basis we are carefully coordinating the U.S. position in advance among the various agencies having an interest.

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