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May 11, 1962

**MEMORANDUM**Addendum to Memorandum for the Record of May 10, 1962**SUBJECT: Discussion with General Eisenhower, Mr. McCone  
and Mr. Forrestal present.**

Among the comments made by General Eisenhower in an off-the-cuff and most probably, in an unconsidered manner, were the following:

If he were sending troops into Laos, he would follow them up with whatever support was necessary to achieve the objectives of their mission, including -- if necessary -- the use of tactical nuclear weapons.

General Eisenhower recalled that when he first came into office, the Korean War had been going on for two years, and a policy had been established that foreclosed military strikes north of the Yalu. He said that this had been a mistake, and that the enemy should have been hit at his sources of supply.

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