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1. YOUR REF MOST ENCOURAGING. IT HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED WITH STATE AT DESK LEVEL AND TODAY I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW COPY TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND TO IMPRESS HIM WITH THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH I FELT THIS AFFORDED. I TOLD HIM STATE COGNIZANT OF MATTER.

2. I DESCRIBED NATURE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH [redacted] AND THAT ALL OUR ACTIONS CONNECTION THEREWITH FULLY COORDINATED WITH AMBASSADOR. I POINTED OUT THAT [redacted] DID NOT TRUST ALL [redacted] AND HENCE DESIRED COVERT ROUTES FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF ACTION AND PLANNING.

3. PRESIDENT KENNEDY MENTIONED CRITICAL PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH U. N. VOTE ON ADMISSION COMMUNIST CHINA AND I BELIEVE HE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER ANY LIKELIHOOD [redacted]

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COULD IN SOME WAY BE HELPFUL IN THIS SITUATION OR WHETHER IT BETTER TRY OUT THIS CHANNEL FIRST IN SOME WAY WHICH MIGHT POSE LESSER DIFFICULTIES FOR HIM.

4. SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH AMBASSADOR TELLING HIM I HAVE NOT YET PERSONALLY TAKEN UP THIS PARTICULAR IDEA WITH SECRETARY OF STATE AND WOULD PREFER TO GET YOUR JOINT VIEWS BEFORE DOING SO AS WE HAVE THE TIME FOR THIS. I FEEL PERSONALLY HOWEVER THAT WE SHOULD MAKE SOME EARLY EFFORT TO FOLLOW UP ON [REDACTED] OFFER] AND TEST OUT ITS POSSIBILITIES.

5. KINDLY LET ME HAVE YOUR JOINT VIEWS AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WITH STATE.

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