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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CORONA Meeting - 10 November 1964

1. A meeting was convened on 6 November 1964 to discuss Agency participation in subject meeting. In attendance were: [redacted] McDonald, [redacted] McMahon, [redacted] and myself.
2. After considerable discussion on the best approach the choice of entries narrowed to three:
  - a. Not attend.
  - b. Send weak representation.
  - c. Send strong representation.

During the ensuing discussion, the choice to not attend was almost immediately discarded as a tactical error. The pro and cons of weak vs. strong representation were then discussed in great detail, centering around whether now was the time to "dig in" or not. General agreement was finally reached that we should attempt to hold the line and that strong representation offered the best approach.

3. Consequently, [redacted] McDonald, et al will attend with instructions to confine their observations and comments solely to technical matters, and not enter into any political or bureaucratic argumentation. Their charter was to agree or disagree on proposed technical changes; if the latter, to state they were under direction to refer the matter to their Headquarters. They were further to arrange for such sessions to take place only with U. S. Government personnel present.

4. I subsequently related the above decision to General Carter who indicated his 100% approval.

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