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TO: The Secretary of Defense
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This memorandum supersedes NSAM 255, dated July 31, 1963, and sets forth responsibilities and instructions for the operation of the U.S. terminals of the US/USSR Direct Communications Link (DCL).
Incoming messages will be translated and delivered to the White House by the fastest secure means available. Cyrillic text will also be forwarded to the White House as quickly as possible. Distribution of messages will be made in accordance with White House instructions.

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
    The Director of Central Intelligence