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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Marshall Wright *MW*

SUBJECT: Mobutu and C-130's

Good job!
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The Department of Defense will have to me by 9:00 tomorrow morning a letter of authorization on the sale of three C-130's. It has got to be a cash deal, but Mobutu said five times "Je suis préparé acheter." I have put the arm on Defense for two things which can serve to illustrate the warmth of our President's regard. First, waiver of the 2% charge on quality control. It amounts to \$300 thousand, most of which is not actually out of pocket. The second is waiver of the R&D cost, in this case \$48 thousand, none of which is out of pocket. I have got Defense moving in this direction but you will probably get a call tomorrow morning from Dick Ware or Warren Nutter to confirm that this is what the President wants. Please tell them yes.

There is no problem about Presidential determination under Conte-Long. If Mobutu is really prepared to pay for these aircraft, we will have everything done before he leaves town tomorrow, including expediting delivery.