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Memorandum to: Messrs. Dean, Heinz, Nebolsine, Rockefeller, Rusk, Jackson,
Ball and Ferguson

From: Joseph E. Johnson

Subject: Bilderberg Group

As most of you know, Prince Bernhard decided last week that there should be a Steering Committee meeting on 21-22 March. The final decision was not to make it an expanded Steering Committee meeting. The agenda will consist of two items:

1. Discussion of the Berlin crisis
2. Plans for a proposed September conference.

With respect to (1), it seems desirable to have both a brief background paper and a briefing from a top official in Washington.

With respect to (2), I enclose a copy of a memorandum of a conversation I had with Dr. Retinger some days ago on this subject. I also enclose a copy of a letter from George Nebolsine concerning the future in general.

It is hoped that we can have a meeting next week with as many American members of the Steering Committee present as possible. I expect to hear from Arthur Dean about a suitable time for the meeting and will let you know as soon as I have heard from him. He will also arrange to have an appropriate person from Washington to be with us.