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THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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0445 EST

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Army National Guard Helicopter Support for
Loring AFB

1. At 292035 EST Oct 75, LTC Dyer, Office of the Director of Operations, USAF, requested that the Army National Guard (NG) helicopter and crew currently located at Loring AFB, Maine, be made available to the Commander of the 42nd Bomb Wing until 300800 EST Oct 75. The NG helicopter would be employed to track and identify the unidentified helicopter that has violated the airspace in the vicinity of the weapons storage area at Loring AFB during their early morning hours of 28 and 29 Oct 75. LTC Dyer stated that international borders would not be crossed, and that apprehensions would not be attempted by personnel embarked in the NG helicopter. Any civil police on board the aircraft would participate only to the extent of communicating with appropriate police officials on the ground, with the latter singularly responsible for the apprehension of the suspect aircraft or crew.
2. This request was relayed to MG Sniffin, DA Director of Operations, DCSOPS, at 292100 EST. MG Sniffin indicated - his intent to check with Army legal officials on the matter prior to making a decision.
3. The SAC Command Post was informed at 292050 EST of the request by LTC Dyer, and the fact that MG Sniffin was checking with Army legal authorities. Col Freeman, AF Operations Center, was also informed of the status.
4. Col Bailey, Mil Asst to the Special Asst to SECDEF/DEPSECDEF, has been advised of the helicopter request should DOD approval be required.
5. The State Department Canadian Desk Officer has been kept informed of the situation.
6. At 292230 EST MG Sniffin approved use of the helicopter with the following constraints:
 - a. Tracking and identification only.
 - b. Apprehension by U.S. personnel not authorized.
 - c. No crossing of international borders.