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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

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*Mr. Mitchell  
& Mr. MacNamara*

Last September we reluctantly agreed to lend John Deutsch of this Department to help in the preliminary organization of National Selective Service. It was clearly understood and confirmed in writing that this was a temporary arrangement for two months only. Early in November his time was up, but the conditions in National Selective Service were still so chaotic that we agreed, under pressure, to let him stay on till the end of the year.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. MacNamara are now pressing me very hard for a further temporary extension of the loan of Deutsch's services. I have told them that we cannot agree to a further extension because the economic work of the Department has increased very rapidly in recent months with the United Kingdom and United States both raising major questions of general international economic policy, which we have to be equipped to study. Mr. Mitchell may raise the question of Deutsch's services with you direct. If he does so, I can say, with an absolutely clear conscience, that we cannot any longer get along without his services.

*W.L.M.*

*I am glad you are  
believing to see monitor  
of the working with  
the new method in our  
own Department.  
W.L.M.  
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