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August 6, 1963

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 258

TO:

Secretary of Defense

Secretary of Commerce

Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space

Administration

Director, Bureau of the Budget

Director, Office of Emergency Planning

SUBJECT:

Assignment of Highest National Priority to

Program 437

In response to a recommendation by the Department of Defense dated July 31, 1963, the President under the authority granted by the Defense Production Act of 1950 today established the program listed below as being in the highest national priority category for research and development:

Program 437

McGeorge Bundy

Information copy to:

Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission Director, Office of Science and Technology

cc:

Mr. Bundy Mr. Johnson NSC Files

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