

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

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Berlin Blockade

Name: MEMORANDUM

Date: October 21, 1948

Organization:

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Regarding: Stating Mr. Ayers announced the following: The President today authorized General Lucius Clay to draw up to 66 additional C-54 type aircraft for service in connection with the Berlin airlift. —On 12/17/48, Stephen F. Leo, Department of the Air Force sent memo to Col. Landry attaching draft of Christmas message—On 12/18/48, Col. Landry sent memo to Mr. Leo attaching revised message approved by the White House and is suggested for a SCROLL to be prepared by the Air Force for the President's signature by Dec. 20.—The message, dated 12/21/48 signed by the President, to the Men and Women of the Berlin Airlift—stating this visit to Germany by Vice President elect Barkley gives him ideal opportunity to express to them his appreciation of their outstanding service. Says the Berlin airlift, under the direction of our Air Force is an achievement of historic and far-reaching significance, by the joint efforts of our Army, Navy and Air Force together with the forces of Great Britain and France. It expresses the unity of the western nations in the cause of peace. Says OPERATION VITLES has assured the world of our faith in our ideals and at this Christmas Season the American people are thinking of them and their loved ones and wishes for them a very Merry Christmas.

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