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MEMORANDUM

From: LCD
To: JHW
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Subject: Luncheon Conference with JDR III on February 13, 1952

At the luncheon with JDR III on February 13, LCD made the following points:

- 1) Solution of the population problem obviously depends on both
 - a) extension and improved utilization of resources, and
 - b) limitation of population growth.It is clear that attack on only one of these two aspects cannot by itself solve the problem. It is a safe prediction that much more attention and resources will be devoted to (a) than to (b).
- 2) In view of the above, a private individual willing to do so can make an especially useful contribution to this problem by working on (b).
- 3) Public discussion of the matter or attempts to formulate over-all general programs for wide adoption lead inescapably to bitter controversy and are not likely to be very effective.
- 4) There are, however, a number of strategic points at which private effort might make a really important difference:
 - a) development of a more effective, cheap, foolproof contraceptive device suitable for use among ignorant peasants in backward areas;
 - b) studies of the motivational patterns relating to family size and of the factors influencing these motivational patterns among the peoples in backward areas; and
 - c) assistance to improve the technical quality and effectiveness of selected operating programs or clinics in countries where population pressure is acute.

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