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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