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December 11, 1974

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *de/*

TO: DON RUMSFELD

C. F.

FG-17/A

FROM PHIL AREEDA

1. As you asked.
2. Saxbe is out of town today. I will ask him for a letter tomorrow morning.

Attachment:
Memo to President

cc: *Mr. Casper*

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FROM: PHILLIP AREEDA

SUBJECT: LARRY SILBERMAN

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Memo to President's file
Silberman file
Levi (AG) file

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