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PERSONAL FOR SECRETARY DOUGLAS, GENERAL WHITE AND GENERAL
ESTES FROM PARTRIDGE.

It has been brought to my attention that the approval of the contract for continued development of the F-108 aircraft and associated equipment is being delayed because of what appears to be a feeling that the North American Air Defense Command Headquarters is opposed or at least does not whole-heartedly support the requirement for this new weapons system. I should like to make it clear that this Headquarters considers it mandatory to continue the development and fully supports the requirement for the F-108 weapons system. I should like to emphasize that to be acceptable in the air defense role the development of the weapons system must include not only the airframe itself but the RADAR and fire control gear, the engine, the missile and the associated ground environment and I assume that all these factors are included in the development project.

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ACTION CHANGED TO: CAD (17 Jan 58) Prepare reply for signature of
CCS NLT 1200 hours, 20 Jan 58.

ACTION: SAFS

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