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Monday, April 5, 1966
7:00 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Vincent M. Barnett, Jr. - Ambassador to Brazil

Dean Rush and Lina Gordon are both very enthusiastic about the prospect of Barnett for Brazil. They believe that he would be decidedly superior to any candidate that we have considered up to this time. Gordon has known Barnett and worked with him at various times since their common service with the WTB in World War II. He believes that he would be "terrific and wonderful" for the Foreign Service. He possesses all the qualities for the job and his Italian experience would be most relevant both in economic and language terms.

Both Gordon and I have talked with Barnett over the phone and believe he is challenged and interested but has moral qualms about requesting a leave of absence from the presidency of Colgate University. He is in the midst of a capital fund drive based upon long range plans he has developed for the university. He, however, suggests that we indicate to the Chairman of his Board of Trustees (Mr. Clarence J. Myers, former president of the New York Life Insurance Company) the importance of the Brazilian assignment and the relevance of his qualifications for the post. After consulting with Bill Moyers, I have arranged with Dean Rush to make such a call to Mr. Myers in the morning. He will have a further report for you following this call. It may be necessary to supplement the Secretary's efforts with a White House call to Myers or other members of the Board.

/s/
John W. Macy, Jr.

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4/1/66 memo to President

cc Miss Pat Petrisin, Mr. Falcon, Mr. Coffey
✓Honorable Bill Moyers

Nothing else sent to

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