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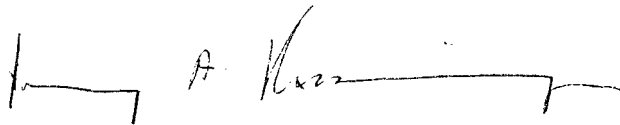
TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Contingency Plans for Vietnam

The President has directed the preparation of a contingency plan setting forth proposed U.S. reaction to Communist attacks on urban centers in South Vietnam. The plan should provide an integrated scenario of political and military reactions, including interaction with the Government of the Republic of Vietnam. The plan should provide appropriate responses for several contingencies, including major attacks on the large cities, minor, but sustained, attacks on the large cities, and intensified attacks against smaller urban centers such as provincial and district capitals. The plan should provide options where possible with a recommendation as to choice of option.

The President has also directed that a contingency plan be prepared to cover proposed U.S. action in the event of the assassination of the President of the Republic of South Vietnam. This plan should discuss the various South Vietnamese leaders who might come to power, and should include recommendations as to which leader or group the U.S. should be prepared to support.

The President has directed that these plans be prepared under the auspices of the NSC Ad Hoc Group on Vietnam. They should be forwarded to the NSC Review Group by February 17, 1969.



cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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