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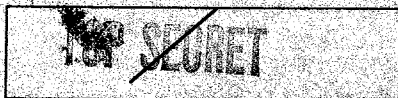
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NSAM No. 204, 7 November 1962

This NSAM advised that with the assumption of duties as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by General Taylor, changes were required in the composition of the Special Group (CI).^{48/} The new composition of the Special Group was to be as follows: The Department of State (Chairman), Department of Defense, Department of Justice, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Agency for International Development, Central Intelligence Agency, and White House; at a later date the United States Information Agency was added. The President advised that he expected these departments and agencies would be represented on the Special Group (CI) by the same officials listed in NSAM No. 124. The White House representative was to be provided through the Special Assistant for National Security Affairs, and Mr. Michael V. Forrestall was designated for this purpose. It would be his responsibility to assure White House coordination where needed and to keep the President fully informed.

It might be noted that the assignment of the Attorney General as a member of the original Counterinsurgency Group as listed in NSAM No. 124 must be considered as a purely personal appointment based on the President's bitterness over the results of the Cuban operation and his implicit trust in his brother, Robert F. Kennedy. Ordinarily it

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would not be considered that the responsibilities of the Attorney General were in any major way concerned with the responsibilities of the Special Group (CI). NSAM No. 204 designated the Department of Justice as providing a member of the Group, not specifying that this be the Attorney General.

NSAM No. 283, 13 February 1964

In this NSAM, the President noted with approval that considerable progress was being made in the Government's internal defense/counterinsurgency training effort and expressed his desire to be assured that this effort be sustained in the future. The NSAM continued with specific recommendations as to the type and degree of training to be provided for all officers who were either going overseas into underdeveloped areas where subversive insurgency was considered to be a threat, or as officers in the headquarters of various departments and agencies would be concerned with such activities in these areas. It directed that the Special Group (CI) oversee and support the entire training effort and report periodically to the President upon the degree to which training objectives spelled out in the NSAM are being achieved. An interagency subcommittee on training would be established by the Special

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