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4 July 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Background to the Acquisition of Prime Minister Ky's Comments on the Thieu-Ky Slate, and the Alleged Agreement that Thieu will be a Figurehead and Ky the Real Power if the Slate Wins [redacted]

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1. Prime Minister Ky's analysis and explanation of the arrangement whereby he and Thieu are running on a single slate with Thieu the Presidential and Ky the Vice-Presidential candidates and the agreement allegedly reached whereby, if elected, Thieu will be a figurehead and Ky the real power were obtained in the course of a 2 July meeting with Mr. Russell Miller, a CAS officer in Saigon. [redacted]

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2. The meeting between Ky and Mr. Miller took place at Ky's initiative. Ky and Mr. Miller had last met on 21 June, ~~the~~ meeting also held at Ky's initiative and the one during which Ky recounted his decision to replace Brigadier General Loan as Chief of the Military Security Service (TDCS DB-02242-67). At this 21 June meeting, Mr. Miller had told Ky that he had to take a short trip [redacted]

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Ky upon his return. On Sunday, 2 July, Mr. Miller called Ky to say that he had returned [redacted] Ky asked Mr. Miller to come see him that evening.

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3. At the 2 July meeting Mr. Miller remarked that much of interest had developed from the recent Armed Forces Committee meetings which ended with the announcement of the Thieu-Ky ticket.

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This remark launched Ky into a monologue [redacted]

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4. [redacted]

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[redacted] Ky seems to like to talk to Mr. Miller and use him as a sounding board but does not ask Mr. Miller to express any of his (Mr. Miller's) opinions. Mr. Miller's contacts with Ky are of course carried out with Ambassador Bunker's full knowledge and approval.

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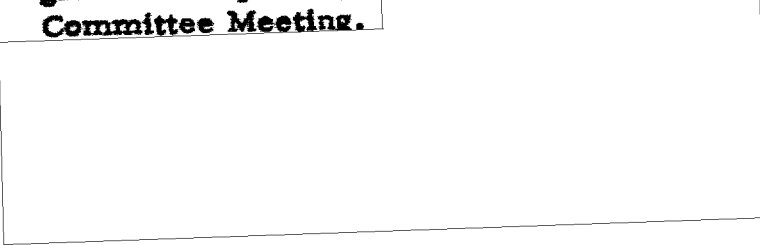
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Attached is a copy of a memorandum
given to the principals of the 4 July Vietnam
Committee Meeting. 



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Attachment

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