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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: White House Request for Map of North Vietnam

1. Origin of Request. Early Thursday morning, 11 April 1968, the Map Library Division, Reference Desk, OBGI, received a telephone call from Mr. McCafferty's office requesting a map of North Vietnam with certain specifications. The request was honored and the map delivered to the White House by late morning. Whereas the map was described, on arrival, as "just what we wanted", at 1530 the Map Library received a second phone call explaining that the map was not acceptable and suggested an alternative. The Map Library then turned to the Cartography Division, OBGI, for assistance at 1600.

2. Nature of Request. The map was to be of North Vietnam, 24" vertical, mounted on styrofoam and folded once along the vertical axis. It was to show terrain and transportation, airfields, passes, and route packages. The instructions stated that the map should not be classified even though the route packages (obtained from SAVA) is classified intelligence.

25X1A9a 3. Coordination. Upon receipt of the request, Chief, Cartography Division alerted [redacted] Deputy Director, OBGI, and [redacted] SAVA, of all details known. [redacted] seemed a bit annoyed that the request had not been channelled through SAVA initially but volunteered to assist in any way possible. He added that the map had something to do with the President's son-in-law, Captain Robb. Later when Mr. McCafferty was questioned about Captain Robb's connection with the project he stated -- "that's part of it." 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 4. Production and Delivery. The project was a relatively simple one and was delivered to Mr. McCafferty's office at the White House at 1800 by [redacted] Cartography Division, OBGI. Along with the map a copy of the Indochina-Vietnam Map Folio was included although not initially requested. This was a duplicate copy of the folio produced months ago for Vice President Humphrey.

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The following day, Friday, 12 April 1968, Mr. McCafferty phoned [REDACTED] and inquired about the second "backup" copy of the map. This was delivered to the White House at 1000.

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