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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Recommended Publication of Selected Portions of the Material Contained in the so-called McNamara Report, "The Roles of Airstrikes in Attaining U.S. Objectives in North Vietnam"

REFERENCE : Memorandum to DDI from D/OSR, dated 8 April 1966, same subject

1. Regarding the proposal in paragraph 3.a. of the reference, we agreed yesterday that I should call [] and try to arrange for: (a) DIA publication of the material in Appendix B (Operational Analysis of the Rolling Thunder Attack); and (b) OSR publication of material in Appendix C (Appraisal of the Effects of the Bombing). We also agreed that such publications would make no reference to the Allen, [] report for McNamara and that we would eliminate all reference to recommendations and any criticism of Rolling Thunder operations.

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2. Following my call to [] he checked with J-3 and was given their OK for publication; however, [] preference was either that CIA publish both appendices or that they be published as a joint CIA/DIA report. In the latter case, he suggested the report should note that CIA had done the analytical work and that many of the inputs had come from DIA.

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3. Of his two options I told him that we would prefer the second; that we would not wish to publish the report solely under our own label.

4. You asked late yesterday whether [] had McNamara's or Vance's approval. He has not checked this. However, I will go back to [] on this if you wish. The other question, of course, is whether we are willing to publish Appendix B and C as a joint report. I recommend that we do so.

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