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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FITZGERALD

SUBJECT: Performance of [REDACTED]

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As you know, we have lately finished NIE 14.3-66 on the capabilities of the North Vietnamese to carry on the war in South Vietnam. This was of course a very important paper. It took a great deal of work in drafting and coordination. I wanted you to know that [REDACTED] who is on loan to us from the Clandestine Services, was the principal drafter and staff man in charge of this effort. It was in fact the first time he has been the man in charge of a paper, and his performance was first rate in every respect. We are now sure that we made no mistake in asking for his services, and we hope you will agree that you made no mistake in letting us have him.

ANDREW SMITH
Acting Director
National Estimates

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