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# ACTION MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

8/29/62

Action Memorandum No. B-17

Date 25 August 1962

TO : DDCI DD/P (SGO)  
SUBJECT : Executive Director C/FE (Action)

REFERENCE:

1. At the Special Group (CI) meeting of 23 August, as result of discussion of the Southeast Asia status report, the DCI asks elaboration of the phrase,

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Action: C/FE to prepare appropriate response for submission to O/DCI via DDP(SGO), by Wednesday afternoon, 29 August.

2. There was a discussion of Governor Harriman's proposal to send a Washington team to study the political situation in South Vietnam.  suggested a team go in advance of General Taylor's visit. Mr. Gilpatric and General Lemnitzer opposed Harriman's suggestion. The DCI took the position that the Ambassador, General Harkins, and COS, Saigon could establish their own "Board of Estimates" on the scene to analyze and assess the situation. The matter was left unresolved.

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SUSPENSE DATE: 29 August

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