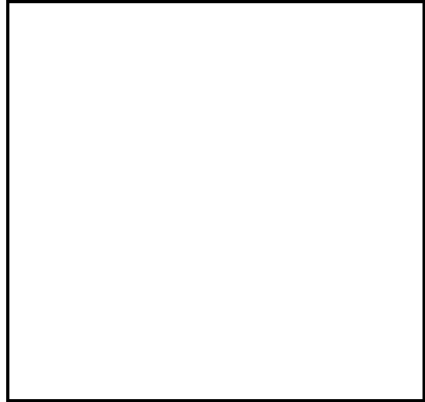


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General Graves B. Erskine, USMC, Ret.
Assistant to the Secretary of Defense
(Special Operations)
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Erskine:

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The Director, in his capacity as coordinator under NSCID No. 5, has prepared a dispatch to his designated representatives in the field for NSCID No. 5 matters informing them of the Joint Study Group Recommendation No. 37 and instructing them as to the steps they should take in implementation thereof. The Director has instructed me to provide you with a copy of this dispatch for your information, and a copy is attached hereto. Copies have also been forwarded to General Collins, General Willems, Admiral Lowrance and General Walsh. I have suggested to General Willems, Admiral Lowrance and General Walsh that those elements

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be informed of this step, and that copies of any complementary dispatches which may be sent to such units be provided this office.

If you have any questions concerning the substance of this dispatch, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

AC/DCI/[Redacted]:rad 22 June 61

SIGNED

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