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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Memorandum for DCI from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, ISA, subject "Request for Special Estimate Concerning Southeast Asia"

1. A memorandum on the subject of Chinese Communist intentions in Southeast Asia was under preparation in ONE at the time the communication from Mr. Nitze was received. A copy of the memorandum was sent to Mr. Nitze to determine whether it adequately met his requirements. This memorandum has been converted into SNIE 10-2-61, "Communist Short Range Intentions in Mainland Southeast Asia", with a USIB target date of 27 June.

2. On June 21 I called Colonel Thomas Wolfe of ISA to confirm that ISA was aware of the action taken by CIA, that the target date for the SNIE, June 27, was satisfactory, and that the proposed SNIE covered the matters of interest to ISA. Colonel Wolfe replied in the affirmative. We agreed that no formal CIA answer to Mr. Nitze's memorandum was necessary.

[Redacted Signature]

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