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**OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD**

December 17, 1959

**NOTE TO HOLDERS OF:** Memorandum for the Operations Coordinating Board dated March 10, 1954, subject: "Special Committee Report on Indo-China, Phase "A" (NSC Action No. 1019a)"

With the concurrence of organizations primarily concerned with its development, the above document and its inclosure is hereby downgraded from TOP SECRET to SECRET.

All holders are requested to place appropriate downgrading markings on this report in accordance with the security regulations of their respective agencies.

*Bromley Smith*  
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Executive Officer

NSC review(s) completed.

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**Remarks:**

This is the final action taken on the TS documents which I returned to you on 6 December. The numbers are 93581, 93563, 93581-A.

Angela

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<p>The attached are the papers that were taken from the box of retired SA/DCI files. Note the covering memo. When we receive notice from the OCB as to the official downgrading, I will forward it to you.</p> <p>Thanks for all your help.</p> <p>Angela</p>			
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25 November 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Ernest F. John  
Deputy Director  
Office of OCB Affairs  
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Downgrading or Declassification  
of OCB Document

In accordance with your memo of 2 November 1959, we have reviewed the Memorandum for the OCB, 10 March 1954, subject: "Special Committee Report on Indo-China, Phase A (NSC Action 1019a)." "

It is our opinion that the factors dictating the original Top Secret classification of the report attached to the above-mentioned memorandum are still partially valid. We would agree, however, to a downgrading to Secret.

(Signed) Thomas A. Parrott

THOMAS A. PARROTT



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

2 November 1959

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. THOMAS A. PARROTT  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street  
Washington 25, D.C.

SUBJECT: Downgrading or Declassification of OCB Document

The Executive Assistant, OCB Staff has transmitted to this office a request from the Chief MAAG, Viet-Nam to downgrade or declassify the following OCB document: Memorandum for the OCB, dated 10 March 1954, subject: "Special Committee Report on Indo-China, Phase "A" (NSC Action 1019a)", classified Top Secret. Subject is unclassified. The requesting office did not indicate reason for desiring this document to be downgraded.

Defense participation in the development of the referenced memorandum involved primarily the Office of Special Operations (OSO), Office of the Secretary of Defense. OSO has advised that it will defer to the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of State in downgrading or declassifying this document.

Request that you initiate a review of those portions of the memorandum assigned to the Central Intelligence Agency for action and advise this office of the appropriate reclassification that may be assigned. State has been requested to initiate a similar review of the classification of the political sections of the document. Upon receipt of replies from your agency and from the Department of State, this office will recommend to the OCB Staff Executive Officer the appropriate reclassification of the document.

Ernest F. John  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy Director  
Office of OCB Affairs