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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: [redacted] Developments and Related Matters

REFERENCES: (a) [redacted]
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1. McNamara Briefing [redacted] This is a short cable you should read. McNamara and Katzenbach were briefed on [redacted] and related matters in Amb. Lodge's presence. McNamara seemed pleased at the way things are being handled. I told Hart in [redacted] Washington [redacted] that if McNamara (and, by implication, other concerned Washington parties of equal or greater rank) buys present arrangements, a replacement [redacted] Hqs. emissary will not be necessary. If he or others in Washington press, however, we will have to send one for Washington optics.

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3. Kissinger and the Amnesty/Defection Problem [redacted]

Kissinger went to Vietnam with McNamara to look into the Amnesty question and the possibility of splitting the NLF/VC. He brought up [redacted] with Hart and is obviously witting. (This was news to me.) He told Hart Harriman wants to force the GVN to negotiate with the Viet Cong -- a course Kissinger labels (accurately) as "disasterous." Kissinger felt he could stave off this folly for a few months (eight or nine at most), but to do so he would have to be able to argue, convincingly, that the U.S. mission was working effectively on splitting the opposition. I will check on Kissinger's brief and degree of knowledgability (via Cooper and Unger) and give Hart the background fill-in he requests and obviously needs.

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