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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : Pacification Reorganization

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1. Hart's cable (a good one) indicates that his thinking is very much in phase with ours

2. The Provincial Renaissance Units (PRUs) he talks about in his paragraph 6 are what used to be called Counter Terror Teams (CTs). The DOD organization chart accompanying their 22 September draft proposal put them under the command channel of the Deputy COMUSMACV for Pacification. With Hart, we feel strongly (for identical reasons) that they should remain

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3. The 8 October phone conversation with Hart went well. Lodge has not mentioned the reorganization proposal or shown Porter's cable to Hart, who will have to play dumb until Lodge broaches the subject. He said Lodge is "very tired" and disaster is likely to result if Porter is not present to argue the State case.

4. I have learned from Unger (and advised Hart by cable) that Porter will not be back in Saigon until after the McNamara party has left, but has had a long talk with McNamara. He thinks he has opened McNamara's eyes to the facts of Vietnamese life and believes the DOD proposal will now not be pushed, at least not in its original form.

5. There apparently will not be a 9 October White House Meeting on Vietnam -- this from Unger at 1155, 8 October.

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