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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: [redacted] Developments

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2. Re other matters; Attached is a letter from [redacted] which arrived yesterday. It is a shame that he has to be pulled out, though medically there is no choice. I have thought some more about the replacement problem and exchanged views thereon with Messrs. Colby, Smith, and [redacted]. If you want to send a replacement emissary, the best man for the job (all factors considered) is [redacted]. He is not due to return to Hqs. until June, 1967, but since he has been in [redacted] since May 1963, I would have no compunction about pulling him out ahead of schedule. [redacted] is an aggressive, imaginative and very capable officer, with native fluency in French. (He looks like a French rubber planter.) He has spent over five years in Vietnam (1954 - 1960) and two more (1960 - 1962) [redacted]. He has as much background knowledge on Vietnam as anyone I know and is a walking encyclopedia on Vietnamese personalities. I had designs on him for our Staff after his return anyway. I am still not sure a replacement is necessary and would like to discuss this matter with you at your convenience.

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