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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

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SUBJECT:



REFERENCE:

1. The reference relieves the need for a needle, but I will still send out a short message today asking Carl to let us know at least weekly what is transpiring (even if nothing is) so you will not be embarrassed downtown.

2. Paras 3 and 4 indicate that one major diplomatic object of Carl's mission has been achieved -- i.e., the case is being turned over to the Station to handle (as opposed to the former arrangement where John Hart was given an occasional crumb to chew on but not able to bring all our local resources to bear.)

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3. FYI, I told [redacted] before his departure that Carl was in Saigon and gave him a very general idea of why Carl had been dispatched, adding that I hoped that by his arrival Carl and John would have been able to persuade the Ambassador to allow them to give him [redacted] a complete fill-in and enlist his assistance.

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[redacted] feathers went way up at the outset of our conversation but they were back in place when we parted and he said he would do everything he could to help Carl in the latter's mission. [redacted] and I also reviewed the Station's whole anti-VC/NLF program with an eye to speeding and improving results. I made very clear the political pressure we were under from Washington to produce. We will work closely on this together from our respective sides of the Pacific in the weeks and months ahead.

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