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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: McNaughton Request for Downgrading Classification of  
McNamara Paper**

1. I talked to Mr. McNaughton on the phone at 10:30 this morning (16 September). What he wants is to have the Summary Discussion and Principal Findings of the McNamara Paper taken out of the COMINT category or sterilized into a non-COMINT version. His reason is that he cannot keep COMINT in his office, hence he has to make a production of calling for the paper from a vault every time he wants to consult it. He would like to have a version of the Summary he can keep in his personal safe for ready reference in preparing his own memoranda and papers on Vietnam for the Secretary of Defense.

2. I told Mr. McNaughton that we would be willing to consider his request but, for bureaucratic reasons, we would have to have a piece of paper in order to do so. I asked that he send me a memorandum on this matter and said we would look into it but, without being offensive, offered him no encouragement.

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