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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Speaking Engagements

- 1. On 4 April I raised with you the matter of two requests
 I had received to speak on Vietnam. One came from Professor Samuel P.
 Huntington of Harvard University, asking me to participate in the
 14 15 May Conference on "Political Development in Vietnam" sponsored
 by the AID-affiliated Southeast Asia Development Advisory Group in
 conjunction with the Johnson (Wax) Foundation of Racine, Wisconsin, and
 conjunction with the Johnson Foundation's Wingspread Conference Center.
 to be held at the Johnson Foundation's Wingspread Conference Center.
 The other came from my old Senior Society at Yale. You approved my
 accepting both of these engagements providing the ground rules were
 kosher.
 - Huntington, who visited me in my office last week. (He is taking a leave of absence from Harvard to serve as a member-consultant to the Department of State's Policy Planning Council.) The conference will be a closed affair, at which the press will not be present. Its participants a closed affair, at which the press will not be present. It will give an include government and academic experts on Vietnam. I will give an oral address on the political role of the Vietnamese military establishment but will not submit a written paper. There will be a list of conference participants with their organization affiliation; and, if I go, conference participants with their organization affiliation; and, if I go, this Agency. These conditions seem to me to meet your requirements, of this Agency. These conditions seem to me to meet your requirements, and I now plan to attend. I would leave on Saturday morning (May 13) and return to Washington Sunday evening (May 14). I would not be absent from Washington during any part of the work week.

- 3. I have tentatively arranged to go to New Haven on Sunday, May 21, to speak at the Sunday evening meeting of my Society. This will be a completely closed session with none but members present. I will give an oral run-down on the issues and problems in Vietnam and then answer questions from the assembled members.
- 4. Though you have already given in principle approval to my participation in these two exercises, I do want to touch base one final time before embarking on either.

Geofge A. Carver, Jr.
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