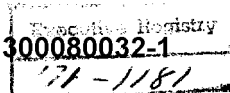


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The Honorable Ray S. Cline
Director
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Dear Ray:

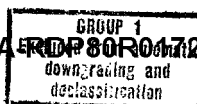
A few days ago I discussed with you the possible need for a committee in which the intelligence community's problems in Vietnam could be thought out and some recommendations drafted. After taking soundings which indicated the community was in favor of such a move, I informed Dick Helms and he has approved formation of the committee.

George Carver will chair the committee and the balance of the membership will comprise CIA, DIA, NSA, State and a representative from the NSC.

The problem before the committee will be to provide guidance on the direction and level of effort required of the intelligence community in Vietnam over the next two years. As the Vietnamization process continues and the war in Vietnam alters character as a result of phased reductions of U. S. ground force levels and theater assets, U. S. intelligence support must be geared to this changing situation. The general terms of reference of the committee will be to define the role of U. S. intelligence in Vietnam over this period, to identify more clearly the tasks of individual agencies, to establish some guidelines for personnel strengths and to put forward the resultant recommendations for policy approval.

If you will call me as soon as you have selected your representative on the committee, I will keep George Carver informed and he will call the first meeting as soon as all the nominations are in. Our

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purpose is to put the committee in motion and conclude its business as rapidly as possible, particularly as the problems of many of the agencies concerned are becoming increasingly urgent.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Bronson Tweedy

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