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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Air Support Branch, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Requirement for Possible Air Resupply of [redacted] 25X1C
Insurgents

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1. [redacted] who is now Chief of Operations for [redacted] called me this morning to ask for a DPD paper on our capability to supply by air [redacted] insurgents reported to be hiding in the hills following the [redacted] He says that in view of highest level interest in this question, [redacted] has been called upon to provide an Agency position with the understanding that no action can be taken without highest level political approvals. 25X1C

2. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you would bring together a brief paper on DPD's air resupply capability based upon the following set of assumptions:

a. Arms and ammunition in as yet undisclosed quantities may have to be air dropped into remote mountain areas of the [redacted] 25X1C

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b. The only air bases available for such air resupply would be U. S. owned; i.e., either Round Robin from a ZI military base or one-way drops staged from a ZI base terminating after drop in the U. S. base, i.e., [redacted]

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c. Drops would be by night at [redacted]

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d. The question of marked or unmarked aircraft has not been resolved at this stage, but in view of the assumption that U. S. military bases can be used, the question of U. S. military markings does not appear to be material; in other words, I infer that USAF markings could be used.

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3. I believe this need only be a preliminary estimate of our capability, having to do for example with the maximum number of flights which could be staged from say [redacted] in a given night. You might also treat our capability to carry on sustained air drops of this sort; i.e., for what length period could a maximum effort be mounted in view of our present limitations on aircraft and manpower? You may wish to fudge a bit on the question of numbers of aircraft available, since if this requirement is to materialize at all, it appears likely it will do so in the very near future before we have given back all the C-54's which were borrowed from [redacted]

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