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MEMORANDUM FOR: Contributors to the Weekly and Monthly Reports on the Situation in South Vietnam

SUBJECT : The Monthly Report

1. After considerable reflection and study, and with the concurrence of Mr. Chester Cooper, I have determined that the Monthly Report on the Situation in South Vietnam in its present form should be discontinued. I expect to include a note to this effect in the 6 October Weekly Report.

2. My judgment, which is shared by others among our contributors and readers, is that the substitution of a monthly report for one of the weekly reports results in a disruption of continuity in our reporting and analysis which is not compensated for by the meager benefits of a monthly review of the situation. I believe that longer-term trends can be adequately covered as necessary in retrospective analyses included in the body of the Weekly Report narratives, and that statistical trends can be charted as before by including monthly charts in every fourth Weekly. The intelligence memoranda independently and jointly produced by the three major contributors likewise fill the need for longer-term analysis.

3. I want to take this opportunity to announce my retirement from active participation in the preparation of the subcommittee's reports; [redacted] Chief, [redacted] Division, Office of Current Intelligence, will be taking over editorial and coordinating responsibility for the Weekly Report and should be consulted on any matters concerning its production. [redacted]

CIA Headquarters.

4. I will nevertheless continue to serve as a contact point in CIA's Directorate of Intelligence on Vietnam-related matters of a more general nature. For convenience's sake, delivery of Weekly contributions will continue to be addressed to me as stipulated in my memorandum of 27 August 1965.

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