

to Sit Room
9-19, 10:45

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

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September 18, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GENERAL HAIG

FROM:

NSS, DOS Review
Completed.

RICHARD T. KENNEDY *[Signature]*

SUBJECT:

Message to Charles Cooper -
Cambodia Economic Situation

Per our conversation, attached is a draft backchannel to Cooper, which would elicit his thoughts on the outline of a study to address problems over the next year which ^{he} may identify and also his views on Embassy staffing in the economic area.

We have asked State to include the outlines of the study question in instructions to Cooper. State understands that we will hold up on the NSSM study until we hear what Cooper has to say. Green is sending a message to Cooper with instructions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve for dispatch the attached cable to Cooper. John Negroponte and Phil Odeen concur.

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FM GENERAL HAIG WHITE HOUSE
TO MR CHARLES COOPER ECONOMIC MINISTER AMEMBASSY SAIGON
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S E C R E T EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY VIA CAS CHANNELS WH29465
1. DELIGHTED TO SEE THAT YOU ARE GOING OVER TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH. THOUGH THE IMMEDIATE RICE SUPPLY AND PRICE SITUATION IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE, THE FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC PICTURE OVER THE NEXT YEAR IS ALSO OF CONCERN TO US. MANIFESTLY A DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION WILL HAVE IMPORTANT EFFECTS BOTH ON THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. THUS WE WOULD HOPE THAT, TO THE EXTENT YOUR VISIT WOULD PERMIT, YOU COULD GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE EMERGING PICTURE, PROBLEMS WHICH MAY BE COMING, AND OUTLINES OF A STUDY WHICH COULD BE DONE ON A CRASH BASIS TO ADDRESS THOSE PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS. ALSO WOULD LIKE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE ADEQUACY OF EMBASSY STAFFING IN THE ECONOMIC AREA.
2. WOULD HOPE THAT YOU COULD COMMUNICATE GENERAL OUTLINES OF FOREGOING IN REGULAR CHANNELS BUT WOULD WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS YOU MIGHT WISH TO CONVEY IN THIS CHANNEL.
3. WARM REGARDS.

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