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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HAIG

From: Admiral Robinson

Subj: Additional U.S. Military Representation in Cambodia

Fred Ladd has informed you that the JCS-CINCPAC-MACV channel appears to be drafting a plan for increasing the size of the MAP-oriented staff in Cambodia.

Ladd's inquiry apparently was based on a message sent to CINCPAC two weeks ago, in which the Chairman requested a review of the manning level in light of the possible increase in Cambodian MAP to \$165 million.

Inasmuch as CINCPAC apparently requested the recommendations of MACV and possibly Ladd, I thought it important to clear the air. Accordingly, Admiral Moorer today sent a message to Ambassador Swank, informing him that we are studying the problem but will not propose any change to the current organizational arrangement without first seeking his views. A copy of this outgoing message is attached at Tab A.

Incidentally, I talked to Admiral McCain last week and he informed me that a fine working arrangement has developed between Ladd and his staff.

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cc: Colonel Kennedy ←

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TO: AMBASSADOR SWANK, PHNOM PENH

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SUBJ: Additional US Military Representation in Cambodia(S)

1. With the recent increase in funds for Cambodian MAP, there may be a greater need for additional US military personnel to insure proper distribution and use of equipment in Cambodia, even though the present Embassy - MACV-CINCPAC channel is working quite well.
2. While I am cognizant of the desire to maintain a low US profile in Cambodia, it seems prudent to study our potential requirements before they are thrust upon us, particularly since the Cambodian MAP will be subjected to increasing Congressional scrutiny.
3. I have no good measure of what might be involved in providing the manpower necessary to assist in the management of this growing program, but it would seem to involve at least sufficient personnel to assist the recipient

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country in the conventional planning and evaluation of requirements, and distribution of supplies.

4. With these thoughts in mind, I have asked Admiral McCain to examine this matter and to provide me with his recommendations. I want to assure you, however, that I will not propose any changes to the current organizational arrangements without first seeking your views. I would likewise welcome any interim comments that you may have. Warm regards.

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