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5 September 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Secretary McNamara and Secretary
Gilpatric on 4 September 1963

1. Read and approved the Bross letter. Gilpatric spoke most enthusiastically of Bross.

2. McNamara formally requested that we arrange for U-2 aerial surveillance of the India-ChiCom border utilizing Takhli.

3. Commented that the NRO budget had not been settled and that demand for increase in the '64 budget was in their hands. I asked that no action be taken on this budget until I had reviewed it.

4. Suggested that membership in USIB be reduced a little later this year.

5. Reviewed their position on South Viet Nam which was to the effect that the President had been poorly advised, that the actions taken last week were incorrect, that we must win the war and that they saw no alternative to winning it ~~without~~ with the Diem Government.
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6. Expressed great concern over the Dunlop case and ordered a review of the military personnel security procedures.

ADD: Both McNamara and Gilpatric said they felt that throughout last week the content and tone of the cables sent from State to the Embassy in South Viet Nam did not reflect the intention and desire of the President as expressed in the meetings from day to day. Furthermore it was obvious to them that State were deliberately leaking the Government's position to the newspapers, particularly the New York Times.

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cc. Mr. *Kirkpatrick*