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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Honorable Robert W. Komer Special Assistant to the President

SUBJECT:

Rapid Action Against the VC Infrastructure

1. Per our conversation, may I suggest the following:

A Mission Directive to MACV and OSA instructing these agencies that their officers collaborate actively at regional, provincial and where appropriate, district levels to ensure the collection, collation and rapid dissemination of intelligence on the VC political infrastructure and district level and below guerrilla units, as a separate matter from military OB on larger units. Such material should be consolidated at the district level, with necessary protection of sources. The agencies should be encouraged to work out local arrangements which may vary from district to district to accomplish the objective in the best manner likely to secure local Vietnamese official collaboration. A consolidated report should be required by the OSA provincial advisor and the MACV sector advisor on a monthly basis, describing the status of their collated knowledge of the local VC infrastructure, steps taken to improve Vietnamese intelligence efforts against it, problem areas remaining and special accomplishments.

2. In order to improve exploitation of available intelligence on the local VC infrastructure, the OSA provincial representative and the MACV sector advisor should also be directed to report monthly, in narrative form, the forces utilized offensively against the VC infrastructure, as distinct from offensive or defensive military operations against larger units, problem areas and recommendations for further action, and accomplishments during the period. The MACV sector advisor should specifically comment on the contribution of the

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Regional Forces, Popular Forces and the CIDG, plus any considerations which made it impossible to utilize these forces against the infrastructure. The OSA prov rep should be directed to work with the OCO prov rep and the PSD rep to report on the Police, the Police Field Force, the RDT's and the PRU's, and include any special considerations which affect the degree of their contribution to the exploitation of intelligence against the infrastructure and local units.

3. The Deputy Ambassador should review the above reports and conduct inspections and correct problem areas, utilizing the Saigon staffs of the various agencies as needed.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

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