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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Release of SNIE 63.1-4-55, "Consequences of Possible US Courses of Action with Respect to Vietnam," to USIA

1. In the Secretary's note in the minutes of the IAC meeting of 13 September, it was proposed to release to USIA SNIE 63.1-4-55, "Consequences of Possible US Courses of Action with Respect to Vietnam," unless objection was raised at the next IAC meeting.

2. State has indicated that it will raise objection. Its reasons for this action are unstipulated except that it sees no reason for such release. We believe State will concur in the release if no other IAC member objects.

3. The Board of National Estimates believes that the estimate should be released because:

a. USIA would have important policy implementation responsibilities under the courses of US action postulated in the estimate;

b. The estimate was prepared for a special NSC Planning Board exercise and the USIA Planning Board member should and does have access to the estimate.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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