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MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General John J. Davis *card*
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army

THROUGH : Lieutenant General Joseph Carroll
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : VC/NVA Logistics

REFERENCE : Your memorandum dtd 25 Jul 66, same
subject

1. I agree that the question of VC/NVA logistical requirements needs continuing review. Thus, we are establishing a task force to exploit the available documentary evidence, some six thousand interrogation reports and captured documents. We would welcome the participation of DIA and ACSI officers in this study.

2. The Agency action officer for the task force is

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

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THROUGH : Lt. General Joseph Carroll
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REFERENCE : Your Memorandum of 25 July, Same Subject

1. I agree with you that the question of VC/NVA logistics needs continuing review.

2. In order to get on with the job with greater speed, we are establishing a task force to exploit the documentary evidence which is now available, consisting of some six thousand interrogation reports and captured documents. I would welcome participation by DIA and ACSI officers in the preparation of this study. If you want further information, [redacted] is the Agency action officer.

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Richard Helms
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: VC/NVA Logistics (U)

1. (S) During the working sessions on NIE 14.3-66, "North Vietnamese Military Potential for Fighting in South Vietnam," it became apparent that among the representatives there were considerable differences in judgment concerning VC/NVA logistics requirements, particularly for Class V supplies. The actual focus of these differing judgments was the size of VC and NVA infantry battalion's basic load of Class V and the methodology used to derive requirement factors from these basic loads.

2. (S) Preliminary studies of our own, indicated that the factors eventually used in NIE 14.3-66 to derive VC/NVA Class V requirements were too high. Though we had, at the time, insufficient evidence to substantiate our view, we informed the Board of National Estimates, the Office of Research and Reports and the DIA representatives that we would complete our study of VC/NVA Class V requirements and provide them with the finished product.

3. (C) The findings of our analysis of over 160 separate intelligence reports and studies, which were culled from several hundred such documents, clearly support the position we maintained during formulation of NIE 14.3-66. The findings are attached for your information.

4. (S) NIE 14.3-66 calculates that the daily VC/NVA requirement for Class V supplies from sources external to South Vietnam is from 12 to 20 short tons. Using the same methodology as NIE 14.3-66 for extrapolating VC/NVA requirements from basic load data and rates of consumption, but substituting the figures developed in our analysis for those used in the NIE, we determine the VC/NVA daily requirement for Class V supplies from external sources to be 3 short tons.

5. (S) The OACSI analysis is by no means definitive. It does, however, demonstrate that VC/NVA daily requirements for Class V

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supplies are probably significantly lower than even the most conservative current estimates, and that the whole range of estimates dealing with enemy logistic requirements needs serious review.

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JOHN J. DAVIS
Major General, GS
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