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MEMORANDUM FOR:

- The Deputy Secretary of Defense
- The Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs
- The Special Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
- The Military Advisor to the President
- Mr. Roger Hilsman
- Mr. Desmond FitzGerald
- Mr. Ray Cline

For record purposes only, attached is a memorandum of the President's instructions given at the meeting yesterday, May 2, 1962, on Laos and Vietnam.

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Michael V. Forrestal

White House

Attachment

NSC review(s) completed.

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Memorandum of the President's Instructions

at the Laos/Vietnam Briefing

1. The President wishes to see the cables being drafted to Ambassadors Young and Brown on the current Laos negotiations.
2. The President asked Mr. Hilsman to prepare a paper on Laos describing events in that country over the past few years.
3. The President asked that an effort be made to screen visitors to South Vietnam in order to limit any unnecessary trips there, especially by high ranking officers.
4. The President directed that the recent authorization for an operational experiment with defoliation on 7 kilometers of road in Vietnam be rescinded. Such an experiment would better be conducted in Thailand.
5. The President agreed that we should await the report of the ICC in Vietnam before considering indirect approaches to Hanoi on the Vietnam conflict.

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