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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
 THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
 THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
 THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
 FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
 THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
 THE ADMINISTRATOR, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL
 DEVELOPMENT
 THE DIRECTOR, UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY
 THE CHAIRMAN, SPECIAL GROUP (COUNTERINSURGENCY)

I feel that there is a need for accelerating our programs for underdeveloped countries and for effecting a closer tie between the Country Team planning in these areas and the Washington departments which participate in these programs. It would seem to me that the technique of interdepartmental team visits used last fall in South Viet-Nam and early this year in certain Latin American countries could be broadened and applied to this requirement.

To this end, I would like to have organized a program of field visits by senior interdepartmental teams, under State Department chairmanship, to a number of selected countries, with particular attention to Latin America. These teams would consult with the Ambassador, his staff and local officials, would review the Country Team plans, and would form a judgment as to their adequacy, their consistency with United States objectives, and the reliability of the intelligence upon which they are based. Upon return to Washington, the teams would submit appropriate recommendations to me, through the Secretary of State, for strengthening United States activities in the countries visited which, when approved, would receive the same kind of intensive implementation as that being accorded the current South Viet-Nam program.

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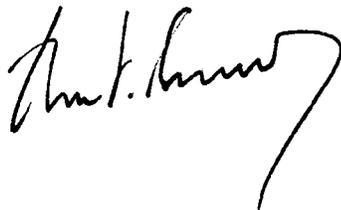
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I would like the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Special Group (Counterinsurgency) to initiate as a matter of urgency a program of visits of the kind outlined above.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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