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30 January 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Report on French Indo-China Intelligence

It is suggested that you take note of the attached cables before the IAC meeting. These relate to the IAC discussion on the serious deficiencies in intelligence in Indo-China and the action which the State Department was asked to take.

The papers are:

- (1) The outgoing cable to Saigon, which was repeated to Paris Embassy; and
- (2) The reply from Paris.

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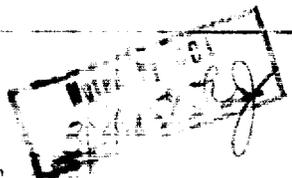
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INCOMING TELEGRAM

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**TELEGRAPH BRANCH
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**Action
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**Control: 14404
Rec'd: January 31,
2:27 a.m.**

FROM: Paris
TO: Secretary of State
NO: 4571, January 29, 9 p.m.

**Info
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DEPT PASS SAIGON; SENT DEPT 4571, RPTD INFO SAIGON 28.
DEPTEL 4353, Jan 26 (sent Saigon 1045).

Emb believes problem obtaining complete French operational info is one which shld, at least in first instance, be worked out on spot in Saigon by Leg, MAAG and attache. Dept and Leg consider that there is French policy aspect of matter which prevents US Govt reps IC from obtaining complete picture, Emb cld be of assistance in taking matter up at high level in FONOFF here.

In this connection, it will be recalled that Emb took first step in late Nov 1950 not (rpt not) long before Leg's arrival in IC. In event it is considered desirable have Emb approach FONOFF here, it wld be helpful if Leg cld furnish Emb specific instances of French failure keep US Govt reps IC adequately informed.

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SMD:AFH

Note: Relayed to Saigon 1/30/52 3 a.m. WCC.

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TO: General Walter B. Smith,
 TRANSMITTED FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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| SUBMISSION OF A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT. REFER TO | INFORMATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOLLOWING U. S. AGENCY (AGENCY) |

Notes
W. B. Smith
1/28/52

ADDITIONAL REMARKS:
 For your information, the attached telegram was sent in accordance with discussion at IAC January 24th.

WHEN A REPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT IS INDICATED PLEASE REFER TO THE FILE NUMBER AND THE DRAFTING OFFICE.

FILE NO. **SECRET** SIGNATURE *W. B. Smith*

SECURITY INFORMATION DIVISION W. Park Armstrong, Jr.
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