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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Group Assistants

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision, NSAM 124, dated 18 January 1962

1. Attached hereto is a proposed revision of subject memo resulting from the efforts of a working group consisting of Mr. Abe Moses, Colonel Jack Hawkins, USMC, and Lewis Stevens. It is forwarded to addressees in accordance with the decision reached at the meeting of the Special Group Assistants and others on 1 November 1963.

2. The proposed redraft differs from NSAM 124 in the following major respects:

a. The Special Group (CI) is vested with authority and responsibility to review the adequacy not only of existing resources, but also existing U.S. programs to deal with actual or potential insurgency or indirect aggression.

b. The Group is further empowered to take action to modify such programs and reallocate such resources as may be necessary to meet changing requirements.

c. The Group is also empowered to bring within its purview those countries which it deems essential to consider in the light of its mission and responsibilities. Heretofore action by the President was required in order to place countries under the purview of the Group.

d. With respect to countries under its purview the Group will consider two categories of countries, namely: (1) Those countries about which it will take some positive action e.g. modification of existing programs or reallocation of resources; or, development of new programs. Such countries will be placed on the Special Group (CI) Action List; and (2) those which it will keep under intelligence surveillance until such time as it decides to drop the country from the list or move it up into the "Action List" category.

e. Provision for intelligence support to the Group has been made by tasking the Director of Central Intelligence with this responsibility.

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3. The net effect of these additional authorities and responsibilities is intended to:

a. Relieve the President of the necessity to focus the attention of the Group on those countries for which some U.S. action must be taken in light of the U.S. Overseas Internal Defense Policy.

b. Insure that the U.S. Overseas Internal Defense effort is appropriately adjusted to changing situations in friendly foreign countries on a "fast reaction basis."



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