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More information on proposed Pacification Measurement generally along the lines previously reported by Gen Peers. The extension of this reporting to Thailand is a new wrinkle.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
The Secretary of Defense**

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1. On 5 December 1966 we received another cable from Mr. Allen which will be of interest to you. Its text is as follows:

(1) Our debriefing of the three sub-sector advisors who employed slightly modified checklist in pilot tests confirmed need already recognized for streamlining evaluation process. The advisors all felt grid concept was sound and were enthusiastic about its value in giving them real feel for status of RD effort in hamlets and as management tool for directing action to improve tested hamlet's status and achieve RD objectives. They also provided some useful suggestions for reworking checklist.

(2) We then presented same three advisors with second revised checklist, which reduces number of indicators to three for each of the six factors rated, with multiple choice format describing conditions at each of the five grade levels. These advisors will be testing this approach in number of additional hamlets this week. Four other sub-sector advisors will also be testing new checklist. All seven will be debriefed at end of week and results appraised. Hopefully, no further major refinements in system will be necessary.

(3) We have completed detailed guidelines for conducting evaluation and draft implementing directive which now being circulated to Mission components for coordination before Mission Council meeting 12 December. These guidelines may prove useful as handy guide to entire Revolutionary Development program since they wrap up in one document what are, in effect, phased objectives for that program.

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(4) After 12 December Mission Council meeting, all that will remain to be done on this project will be final draft of coordinated guidelines and completion of preparations within MACV RD Support Directorate for mechanical processing. We anticipate no further testing except in unlikely event we revamp checklist again after current tests which being conducted in varying security environments. We expect to complete our work and depart Saigon on or about 17 December. We will keep you informed.

2. Per your request, we have looked into the feasibility of applying this grid concept to the insurgency situation in Thailand. We believe the concept itself is sound although the details of the system applicable to Thailand would have to be tailored specifically to the Thai situation and would differ in many respects from the optimum system for Vietnam. As you suggested, we are

requesting that Mr. Allen and Colonel Clarke go to Thailand upon completion of their duties in order to brief Ambassador Martin and his staff on the grid and the way it is being employed in Vietnam. The US Mission in Thailand can then be tasked with proposing the detailed modifications required to adapt this tool for use as a means of measuring progress in combating insurgency in Thailand.

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