

APPROVED FOR RELEASE BY THE CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DATE: 2001

Statement of General A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps,
before the Senate Armed Services Committee on S. 758, the
National Security Act of 1947.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

+4

As Commandant of Marines and spokesman for our Corps, I desire
to discuss certain features of the pending measure,

I have never opposed the principle of unification, although
I have expressed strong disapproval of the objectives underlying
the original Collins Plan for outright merger of the armed forces.
I am in accord with the over-all objectives which the bill now
under consideration seeks to attain,