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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, IDEALIST Division, OSA

SUBJECT: Requirements in Southeast Asia

1. I have personally reviewed all the papers associated with this subject through the Special Group minutes of 17 March 1964. Listed below are the requirements for CIA U-2 aircraft in Southeast Asia (Lazy Daisy missions):

a. The road networks in Laos, North Vietnam, and Cambodia which are located outside of that area assigned to SAC will be covered on a basis of "a near as possible daily coverage of roads and logical routes from North Vietnam to South Vietnam through Laos and Cambodia, the results to be the subject of continuing analysis by MACV and the Washington intelligence community to determine whether the data acquired are of sufficient value to warrant continuation or modification of the program."

b. All other targets in North Vietnam and Laos previously designated as COMOR requirements are now considered by COMOR to be CINCUSMACV requirements.

c. Specific targets selected in support of Ops Plan 34-A will be covered regardless of weather when specifically designated by CINCUSMACV.

d. Any other target in the CIA area of responsibility when designated by CINCUSMACV will be covered regardless of weather.

2. The confusion surrounding our responsibility and authority to conduct operations beyond the SAC area of responsibility in Cambodia has been caused by the deletion of the word Cambodia in certain papers dealing with the conflict of areas in Southeast Asia. For the purpose of our operational consideration, I consider the memo prepared by DCI, Subject:

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as approval in fact for CIA participation on the same
basis as paragraph 1a above.

3. Unless otherwise specifically directed by AD/OSA,
the contents of this memorandum will be used by mission
planners in D/FA in fulfilling Agency responsibilities for
photographic Lazy Daisy reconnaissance in Southeast Asia.

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Lt. Colonel USAF
Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

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