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DIRECTOR

November 21, 1966

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
Under Secretary of State

More than six months ago a study was authorized of the current program of Counter Insurgency training in order that a determination might be made as to the value of continuing the present program or making substantial changes.

It has been my experience that the program has very limited value under present conditions and that it might well be incorporated into the curriculum of the Foreign Service Institute.

I have discussed this matter with George Allen who, I believe, shares my view as to the need for fundamental reappraisal.

In view of the lapse of time since the matter was referred for study, it will be desirable to obtain a report and take appropriate action before the end of the year. I do hope that you will be able to list this question at some future meeting of the SIG.

Edward H. Marks
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- cc: The Deputy Secretary of Defense
- The Administrator of the Agency for International Development
- The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency
- The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Mr. Harry Schwartz, Staff Director, SIG

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