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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR****SUBJECT: 19 April Memo on South Vietnamese Politics ("Nation in Ferment")**

1. The attached memorandum was prepared at my request and its production was brokered by the Vietnamese Affairs Staff, but it reflects the work of many hands. [redacted] of ONE/FE did the basic drafting. OCI and FE/VNO assisted in its preparation and contributed ideas to it. The final editing was done by the VAS. It is, thus, a joint effort in which all Headquarters elements concerned with South Vietnamese politics have participated.

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2. The memo was prepared primarily as an operational aid and guide for the Political Action Division of the Saigon Station. It is, however, a compendium that many U.S. Government elements concerned with Vietnam might find useful. I intend to recommend at the 20 April Executive Committee meeting that in addition to distributing it within the building and pouching it to Saigon, we send copies to Messrs. Rostow, Komer, Cooper, Bundy, Unger, McNaughton and, possibly, McNamara; attempt to get copies to Ambassadors Bunker and Locke; and send several copies to the Vietnam Working Group, INR, and the working level components of DIA.

3. I deliberately had this opus printed as a blind memorandum with a SECRET classification to enhance its utility and avoid drawing attention to its DIA origin.

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