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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director of Central Intelligence  
**THROUGH:** Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
**SUBJECT:** Concept of Pacification

1. Attached you will find a self-explanatory memorandum and a paper concerning rural pacification in South Vietnam. I prepared these for use at the [ ] meeting this coming weekend. This meeting will be attended by the Vietnam Coordinating Committee, chaired by Ambassador Leonard Unger ([ ] and I are members) and the party from the U. S. Mission in Saigon, headed by the Deputy Chief of Mission, Ambassador Porter (our Station chief, Mr. Jorgensen, will be in this group).

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2. The purpose of the attachments is to establish a common understanding of the problem of rural pacification in South Vietnam, and to arrive at a commonly-understood approach to that problem. It is unfortunately true that we on the American side have not in the past shared the same view of this critical subject and the attachments were prepared to help bring about such understanding. Because of the importance of the topic, you may wish to examine the attachments.

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Attachments:

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