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6 December 1966

The Honorable Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
Under Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nick:

I am in receipt of a copy of Cy Vance's letter of 3 December to you. We would be pleased to participate in such a joint study group and would like to nominate two officers to take part. The nominations will be forwarded to you as soon as you decide to undertake this study.

I will await advice from you.

Cordially,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms

cc: Mr. Cyrus Vance

P.S. - We expect to have a special National Intelligence Estimate on Cambodia available in approximately six weeks.

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

3 DEC 1966

Honorable Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
Under Secretary of State
Washington, D. C. 20310

Dear Nick:

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have expressed a deep concern about the increased use of Cambodia as a sanctuary and supply source for Communist forces operating in the Republic of Vietnam. I believe it would be useful if we established a joint State-Defense-CIA Study Group, under the Chairmanship of your designee, to explore this entire problem and to make specific recommendations to us.

If you and Dick Helms are agreeable to the establishment of such a Study Group, I would nominate two DoD representatives, one from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and one from the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (OJCS). The OSD representative would be John McNaughton. Bus Wheeler will nominate the OJCS representative.

Sincerely,

Copy to:

Mr. Richard Helms

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