


OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

24 March 1966  
1500 Hours

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

NSC REVIEW  
COMPLETED.

1. Called Joe Califano and thanked him for sending over the attached draft NSAM to the DCI for review and comment.
2. Told him that the NSAM was acceptable to CIA as written.
3. He apologized for the "short fuse" deadline but said he was delighted with the very prompt response.

  
GEORGE McMANUS  
Executive Assistant

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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM TO:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE  
THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE  
THE ADMINISTRATOR, AID  
THE DIRECTOR, USIA  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

In the Declaration of Honolulu I renewed our pledge of common commitment with the Government of the Republic of Vietnam to defense against aggression, to the work of social revolution, to the goal of free self-government, to the attack on hunger, ignorance and disease, and to the unending quest for peace. Before the Honolulu Conference and since, I have stressed repeatedly that the war on human misery and want is as fundamental to the successful resolution of the Vietnam conflict as are our military operations to ward off aggression. In recent weeks I have asked those Departments of the Government with special competence in our continuing attack on hunger, ignorance and disease to bring their resources to bear in Vietnam. I have expressed my special interest in the progress of these new initiatives and the effective marshalling of all governmental resources

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and programs being brought to bear in the civil sector of our commitments in Vietnam.

In my view it is essential to designate a specific focal point for the direction, coordination and supervision in Washington of U.S. programs carried out within Vietnam, other than with respect to the conduct of military operations. I have accordingly designated Mr. Robert W. Komer as Special Assistant to me for carrying out this responsibility.

I have charged him to assure that prompt and effective action is taken by all U.S. agencies to devise and carry out Vietnam civil programs, covering all aspects of non-military activities in Vietnam, including the mobilization of U.S. military resources in support of such programs. He will also assure that the Rural Construction/Pacification Program and the programs for combat force employment and military operations are properly coordinated.

~~Another of~~ his functions will be to ensure full and timely support of the U.S. Mission in Saigon on matters within his purview. The U.S. Ambassador and Deputy Ambassador to Vietnam may communicate directly with the Special Assistant as required.

In carrying out these duties, I want him to act in close and constant liaison with the heads of appropriate departments and agencies, and

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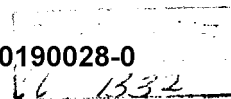
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to draw on them for such administrative and other support as he may need. In addition to working closely with the appropriate departments he will have direct access to me at all times, and I have asked him to bring to me any problems that cannot be resolved directly with the departments concerned.

Those CIA activities related solely to intelligence collection are not affected by this NSAM.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR

DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Would you please give me your comments on the attached draft by the close of business today? We are still reviewing it over here to make certain that Komer has all the authority he needs.

We would be particularly interested in whatever suggestions you would have to strengthen Komer's authority.

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.  
Special Assistant to the President

Attach.


CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

24 March 1966

TO: The Director

Messrs. FitzGerald, Colby, and  
Carver agree with me that this NSAM  
is acceptable to the Agency as written.

  
Richard Helms

Attachment

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TO: <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 50px; height: 15px;"></span> Mr. Knoche		
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REMARKS:  For your information. I received this from Mr. McManus for appropriate distribution. <i>File only in ER and await the final NSAM which we will circulate.</i> <i>W</i>		
FROM: Lori/ER		
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FORM NO. 241  
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REPLACES FORM 36-8  
WHICH MAY BE USED.

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