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The Honorable J. W. Fulbright  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 4 January 1972 concerning the need of your Committee and its staff for intelligence contributions to U. S. policymaking in connection with your study of U. S. - Vietnam Relations, 1945-1967. As you may know, on 7 December Mr. Biles, Mr. Blum, and Miss Hollick of your Committee staff visited our Headquarters and reviewed the matter with members of my staff. Also, Jack Maury has had several discussions on the subject with Carl Marcy, most recently on 17 January.

On the basis of these discussions, it appears that your requirements for intelligence can be refined to a series of specific and detailed questions regarding intelligence assessments of particular situations in Indochina at given points in time. The Agency would review these questions with your staff in order to respond where appropriate on the basis of intelligence estimates made during the periods in question.

In view of the progress already made in the discussions between our staffs, I am hopeful that further meetings of this nature will produce a mutually satisfactory solution. I will be happy, however, to discuss the matter with you personally at any time if you wish.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms

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Director

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