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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

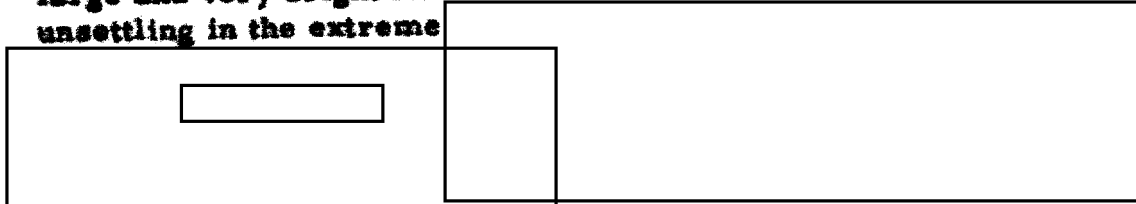
SUBJECT: Vietnamese Affairs Staff Activity Report

1. Project Activities.

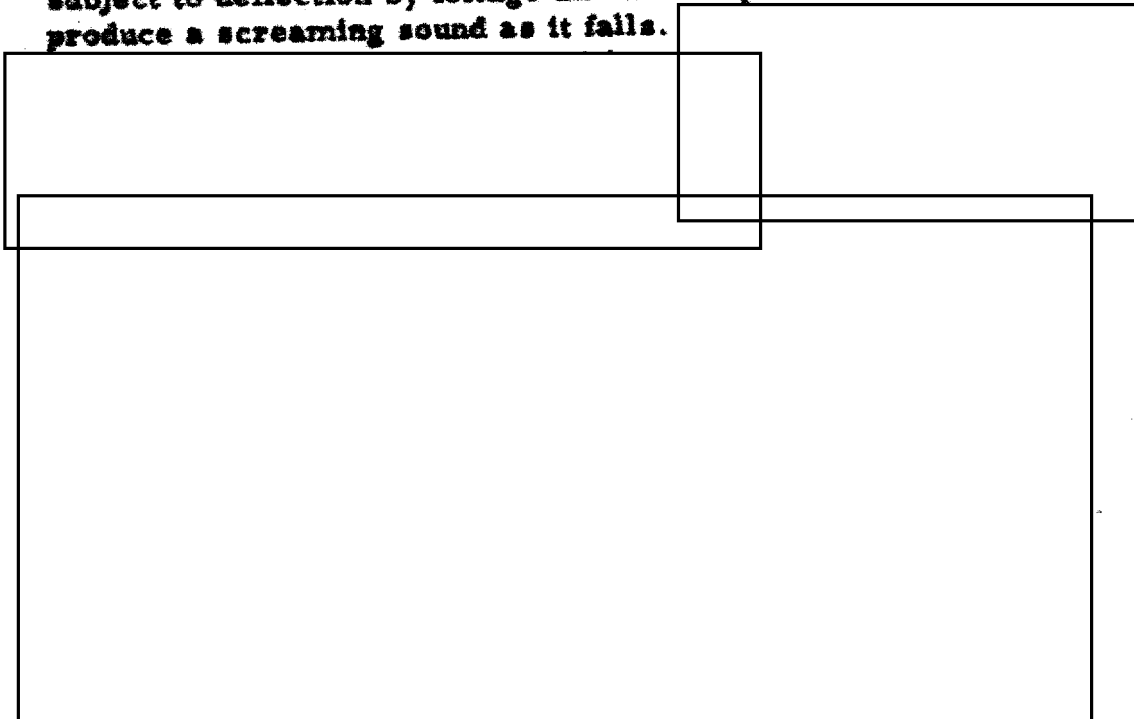
a. When the B-52 (Arc Light) bombing missions were first initiated, we felt that the purposes of harassment and security would be served by our seeking GVN approval for a number of target areas at one time, thus causing VC penetrations of the GVN to react in order to protect themselves.

c. Harassment Project. Our object here is to exploit reported weaknesses in VC morale resulting from lack of sleep or disturbance in their rest areas. Both the Saigon Station and the J-3, MACV have endorsed the project of selecting a known VC base area and subjecting it to constant and systematic night-time harassment over a period of weeks, using a mix of lethal and non-lethal devices including bombs, both instantaneous and delayed action, fire fight simulators, aerial broadcasts of noise in general, and anything else that will keep people awake and jumpy. An inventory of these devices has been accumulated and will shortly be shipped to Saigon for use.

**d. Headlight Tracers.** These are specially prepared 50 caliber tracer rounds which, to the target, approach as a very large and very bright fire ball. The effect is startling and unsettling in the extreme



**e. Super Dog.** This is a larger edition of the Lazy Dog free falling missile. It will be considerably heavier, less subject to deflection by foliage and will be pierced so as to produce a screaming sound as it falls.



**g. Other Projects.** We are in close touch with Admiral Connelly, Market Time Task Force Commander, in trying to devise ways of detecting and dealing with infiltration by sea of materiel and personnel from the DRV. On a different subject, we have asked the appropriate office of DD/I to bring up-to-date their study of the DRV dike and levee system, against the possibility that attacks on this system may again come up for reconsideration. This examination has been completed and is available for review.

2. In addition to the projects given above, the Vietnamese Affairs Staff carries on regular liaison with a number of other components of the Government. On a regular basis these are: Ambassador Unger's Interagency Vietnam Coordinating Committee, the USIA Psychological Operations Committee, the AID Economic Warfare Committee, and various military task forces concerned with South Vietnam or SEA. We have taken the lead in improving our exploitation of POW interrogation intelligence, and in improving our own machinery for both guidance and exploitation in this area. In addition, we are initiating improvements in handling intelligence concerning VC morale. Our object here is to assist in denying new recruits to the VC, and to induce defection from the VC. At the same time, this particular endeavor should be of value in detecting significant changes in VC morale, the reasons for such changes, and the ways in which these changes can be exploited. Further, detectable changes may make it possible for you to identify trends in VC morale which should be of significance to our policy makers.

25X1 3. As the original promoter of the PAT program, I am lending my own assistance in giving briefings on this activity as well as other political action activities under way in Vietnam.

#### 4. General Comments.

a. The Vietnamese Affairs Staff number 11 including four secretaries. I expect to reach our present goal of 15 in about a month's time, but have been deliberately slow in staffing this group, wanting to emphasize quality rather than simply loading up with people.

b. We have discovered that to carry out the various activities described in this memo, it is necessary for us to have certain developmental funds. Our proposal to BPAM for such funds has been approved.

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