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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to Secretary of Defense
(Special Operations)**

**SUBJECT: Recommendations for Broadening the Scope
of the SEATO Committee on Counter-Subversion**

1. Reference is made to a reply from the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations), dated 27 December 1955, to a memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence to the Secretary of Defense on this subject, dated 17 October 1955.
2. In the interval since the transmittal of the original memorandum, the Central Intelligence Agency has concurred with other United States agencies in an alternative approach to the solution of the broad problems of subversion in the SEATO area; namely, the establishment of a permanent working group directly under the Council. Notification has been received that this alternative approach has been approved at the meeting of the Council in Karachi in March 1956.
3. In view of the above, it is considered that the proposals of the Director of Central Intelligence contained in the original memorandum should be considered as held in abeyance, pending further developments under the new structural organizations.
4. The representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency to the Interdepartmental Committee on SEATO have requested that the Chairman of that Committee call for a meeting to be held as soon as possible after the return of the delegates from the Karachi meetings.

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It is intended at that time to pursue jointly with the representatives of other interested agencies, additional steps that can be taken for the strengthening of SEATO.

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