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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations

FROM:

Chief, Counterterrorism, Paramilitary
and Narcotics Staff

SUBJECT: Meeting with Generals Kingston and Wilson
on 19 February

1. This is to advise that General (ret.) Robert Kingston and General (ret.) Samuel Wilson will meet with you on 19 February from 1630 to 1730 hours for a discussion on low intensity conflict. This meeting is an outgrowth of your interest in meeting with some top military minds to review the progress and problems in such crisis areas as El Salvador and the Philippines.

2. I believe this meeting with Generals Kingston and Wilson offers an excellent opening to explore their ideas on how the Agency might improve its efforts. There will be no formal agenda as the session is intended to be an open forum for general discussion purposes.

3. Attached are biographic profiles on both generals.

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Bio profiles

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT C. KINGSTON

UNITED STATES ARMY

Robert Charles Kingston was born in Brookline, Massachusetts on 16 July 1928. He entered the US Army as an enlisted man in November 1948. The following year he attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Riley, Kansas, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant of infantry on 20 December 1949.

Between 1950 and 1954, General Kingston served as platoon leader, company executive officer, and company commander in the 3d Battalion, 32d Infantry in Korea. During his second tour in Korea, he was the Commanding Officer, Far East Command Special Mission Group.

In 1954 and 1955, General Kingston served as Executive Officer, Ranger Mountain Camp, Dahlonega, Georgia. From 1956 to 1959, he served as an Airborne Infantry Company Commander and as the Assistant Division G2 in the 82d Airborne Division. In 1960, General Kingston completed the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1960 and 1961, he served as the Exchange Airborne Officer with the 16th Independent Parachute Group, United Kingdom. During that tour, he commanded C Company, 3d Parachute (Battalion) for nine months.

In August 1961, General Kingston was assigned to the Operations Division, Headquarters, US Army, Europe. In June 1963, he was reassigned to the United States to the Test and Evaluation Group, United States Army Airmobile Test Unit, Fort Benning, Georgia. He attended the University of Omaha in 1965 where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in General Education; the same year he entered the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia, graduating in January 1966. He was next assigned as the senior advisor to the Vietnamese Ranger Command. Later, on the same tour, for nine months he commanded the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. Following this command assignment he served in the Studies and Observation Group, Headquarters, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, from March 1967 to September 1967.

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In 1967, General Kingston was assigned as Chief of General Planning Branch, Plans and Programs Directorate, Office of the Assistant Chief for Force Development, Headquarters, Department of the Army. During 1968-1969, he attended the National War College, Washington, DC. In 1969, he received his Master of Science Degree in foreign relations from George Washington University. Upon completion of National War College studies, he assumed command of the 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

General Kingston returned to Vietnam in late 1969 as Commanding Officer, 3d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). He commanded this brigade for six months and subsequently commanded that division's 1st Brigade for an additional three months.

In 1970, General Kingston was assigned as the Deputy Secretary of the General Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff, United States Army. In 1972, he attended the Advanced Management Program for Executives, University of Pittsburgh. In June of 1972, General Kingston returned to Vietnam where he was promoted to brigadier general on 29 December 1972, and served as Deputy Commanding General, Second Regional Assistance Command and as Deputy Senior Advisor, II Corps and Military Region 2. On 23 January 1973, General Kingston assumed command of the Joint Casualty Resolution Center, Nakhon Phanom, Thailand.

Upon his return to the United States, General Kingston assumed duties as Assistant Division Commander, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas on 4 February 1974. He was promoted to Major General on 1 September 1975, backdated to 1 June 1973. He assumed command of the US Army John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance and the US Army Institute for Military Assistance, Fort Bragg, North Carolina on 1 October 1975. On 20 June 1977, General Kingston assumed duties as the Assistant Chief of Staff, J3, United Nations Command, United States Forces Korea, Eighth US Army, Seoul, Korea. General Kingston became the Chief of Staff of the Tri-headquarters on 28 July 1977. On 1 June 1979, General Kingston assumed command of the 2d Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea. He was promoted to Lieutenant General on 16 July 1981 and assumed command of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida on 17 July 1981.

On 1 January 1983, General Kingston assumed command of the United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SAMUEL V. WILSON, USA

Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson was commissioned a Second Lieutenant - AUS in August 1942 at the age of 18, having previously served in every enlisted rank from Private to Rifle Company First Sergeant. Upon graduation from Infantry OCS, he was assigned to the Infantry School as an instructor in Small Unit Tactics, working on such subjects as Scouting and Patrolling, Infiltration Techniques, Raids and Ambushes. He joined the Office of Strategic Services in August 1943 and subsequently volunteered from that organization for duty in the China-Burma-India Theatre as a member of the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), popularly known as Merrill's Marauders, where he served as an Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon Leader and Rifle Company Commander, attaining the rank of Captain.

LTG Wilson, then Captain, was returned to the United States in the fall of 1944 to take advantage of his fifth consecutive appointment to the US Military Academy and was sent to Amherst College, Massachusetts, for studies in anticipation of entering the Academy the following spring. Unable to pass the physical examination for West Point because of temporary physical disabilities incurred as a result of his combat service, he returned to the Infantry School, where his major duties for the next two years included developing and conducting a course in military leadership. During this period he applied for and was given an appointment as a Second Lieutenant in the Regular Army.

In August 1947, LTG Wilson was accepted in the Army's Foreign Area Specialist Training Program (Russian) and enrolled as a post-graduate student in Columbia University's Russian Institute of the School of International Affairs. In subsequent continuation of his studies, he was sent as a student to Europe in October 1948, where he remained until he graduated from the Russian Program in August 1951. Study included being assigned to the State Department's Diplomatic Pouch and Courier Service, which involved travel throughout the Iron Curtain countries and the Soviet Union, as well as in countries peripheral to the USSR; functioning as an official interpreter at conferences in Berlin, Potsdam and Vienna; and, serving in a liaison capacity with elements of the Soviet Armed Forces in East Germany and Eastern Austria.

Utilization tours following LTG Wilson's completion of the Russian Program embraced a variety of assignments: a two-year tour as an Intelligence Officer with the Army General Staff; separate tours in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and in the Executive Office with the Operations Coordinating Board, as a consultant on Soviet Affairs; and a three-year tour with the Central Intelligence Agency.

From July 1959 to June 1961, LTG Wilson was assigned as the Director of Instruction of the United States Army Special Warfare School, where he achieved special recognition for developing and writing the US Army's pioneer course of instruction in Counterinsurgent Warfare. Largely as a result of this undertaking, he was assigned in June 1961 to the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the Secretary's Deputy Assistant for Special Operations. In June 1964, he was placed on detail with the Agency for International Development and posted to USAID/Vietnam as Associate Director for Field Operations, a position he held for 20 months. Early in 1966, he was elevated to the position of US Mission Coordinator/Vietnam and Minister-Counselor of the American Embassy, receiving in connection with this assignment a Presidential Appointment to the personal rank of Minister.

From July 1967 until July 1970, LTG Wilson was associated with the US Army John F. Kennedy Center and Institute for Military Assistance at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in a variety of capacities, including CO of the 6th Special Forces Group (Abn); Special Assistant to the Commanding General, USAJFKCENMA; Director, Military Advisor School; Assistant Commandant, USAIMA.

Upon promotion to general officer rank in the summer of 1970, he was assigned as Assistant Division Commander, 82d Airborne Division. The following summer, in June 1971, he was named US Defense Attache to the Soviet Union and was posted to the American Embassy in Moscow. After completing this two-year tour, LTG Wilson was returned to the United States and assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency as the Deputy Director for Estimates, and subsequently as Deputy Director for Attache Affairs. In the fall of 1974 he was appointed as Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence for the Intelligence Community, where he served until March 1976 when he returned to DoD as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), Resources and Management. On May 17, 1976 he assumed his present position as Deputy Director of Defense Intelligence and Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

LTG Wilson is a graduate of the Infantry Officers Advanced Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Air War College (where he was recognized as Distinguished Graduate of the Class of 1964), and a number of more specialized training courses. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, CIA's Distinguished Intelligence Medal, Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star for Valor with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Vietnamese National Administration Medal for Exemplary Service. In private life, he is a professional musician and a former dues-paying member of the Screen Actors Guild. He also writes as an avocation, contributing occasional articles to contemporary periodicals, primarily magazines dealing with outdoor sports.

LTG Wilson is married to the former Frances Brenda Downing of Columbus, Georgia, and has four children: Samuel V., Jr. a Captain in U.S. Army Intelligence; Jackson B., a graduate student at the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill; Susan V. and David J.M., presently living at the Wilson farm, "Windy Hill," near Farmville, Virginia.

- Wilson is featured in best-selling novel, The Marauders, by Charlton Ogburn, Jr. (Harper Brothers, April 1959.)
- Served as one of the screenplay writers, was technical advisor and assistant director, and played a key acting role in the Warner Brothers movie production, "Herrill's Marauders" (1961). (This movie was rated No. 7 on the worldwide list of movies showing a profit in 1962.)
- Active as a Sunday School teacher wherever stationed throughout his military career.
- Awarded the George Washington Honor Medal Award by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge for Bicentennial Address of 1976 (speech given at Farmville, Virginia, on July 4, 1976).

- Sister - Virginia Wilson Druen is secretary to the President of Hampden-Sydney College.
- Older brother - Dr. William Lockett Wilson, D.D., is Pastor of Royster Memorial Church in Norfolk, Virginia.
- Younger brother - John Dennis Wilson, prominent Farmville businessman, is owner/manager of Radio Station WFLO in Farmville, Virginia.
- Youngest brother - Dr. James Blanton Wilson, DVM, is owner/operator of Alexandria Animal Hospital and Annandale Animal Hospital in Washington, D.C. area.