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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Walt W. Rostow
Special Assistant to the President

SUBJECT : Field Assessment of the Attack on the Infrastructure

1. Early this month General Maxwell Taylor (Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board) asked for a detailed briefing on the current state of the anti-infrastructure (Phoenix) effort. In light of General Taylor's request, we asked our colleagues in Saigon for a detailed current report and analysis of progress to date, problems the Phoenix effort faced, and prospects for the immediate and near term future. The Saigon Station's reply was received on 13 December and constituted the basis of the briefing given General Taylor on that date.

2. In light of general interest in the subject of the attack on the infra-structure among senior officials in Washington, I am sending a copy of this field appraisal to you and (via this memorandum) to the addressees listed below. The report has been left unedited in its field version to convey the on-the-ground flavor of the original cable. It reflects the views of the CIA Station and is not a coordinated Mission document.

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Acting Director

Attachment

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General Taylor

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