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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE ADMINISTRATOR, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
THE DIRECTOR, UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

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Subject: Establishment of the Special Group (Counter-Insurgency)

1. To assure the use of U.S. resources with maximum effectiveness in resisting subversive insurgency in friendly countries, a Special Group (Counter-Insurgency) is established consisting of the following members:

Military Representative of the President, Chairman
Deputy Under Secretary of State
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director of Central Intelligence
Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

On invitation:

Administrator, Agency for International Development
Director, United States Information Agency; etc.

2. This Special Group (C.I.) will perform the following duties:

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4. Ensure recognition throughout the U.S. Government that subversive insurgency ("wars of liberation") is a new and important form of politico-military conflict to be accorded equal importance comparable to conventional warfare. This importance should be reflected in the organization, training, equipment and doctrine of the Armed Forces and in the U.S. political, economic and military aid programs conducted abroad.

5. Develop interdepartmental programs to cope with subversive insurgency in countries and areas specifically assigned to the jurisdiction of the Special Group (C.I.) by the President. After Presidential approval of such programs, the Special Group (C.I.) will monitor and report progress on their execution.

6. Keep under review the adequacy of U.S. resources to deal with actual or potential insurgency situations, making timely recommendation of measures to increase these resources to meet anticipated requirements.

3. The President assigns to the Special Group (C.I.) responsibility at the Washington level for dealing with the insurgency situation in the following countries:

South Viet-Nam
Thailand
Colombia

The Special Group (C.I.) is authorized direct communication with the present South Viet-Nam Task Force and any subsequent task forces established for countries or areas assigned to the responsibility of the Special Group (C.I.).