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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

**Subject: Preparation of Officers of the Armed Forces
for participation in "Wars of Liberation"**

On the occasion of the recent visit of the Army
Commander to his office, the President expressed to them
his sense of the importance that our Armed Forces under-
stand and be prepared to combat Communist tactics employed
in so-called "Wars of Liberation." Following up on this
thought, he would like the Secretary of Defense to survey
what is being done in the Armed Forces to cope with this
unconventional military/political problem to include the
preparation of an adequate number of competent officers
specialized in the techniques of counter-guerrilla action.

He would like to receive your findings and recommen-
dations by February 1, 1962.

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