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GENERAL TAYLOR

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Here is a list of the demands in the field of guerrilla warfare which the President has made in one way or another to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of Defense, and the Department of the Army, as far as I can recall. Some of these were made by directive, but most were made informally or in JCS meetings.

1. He asked that the Special Warfare School at Fort Bragg be enlarged, not only for training American "trainers," but to accept more foreign students.
2. He directed the JCS to get more foreign students in the school at Fort Bragg, especially those from Latin America. He received reports on their progress, including the opening of the school in Panama, and directed in a JCS meeting that this effort be "doubled, at least," for Latin American countries.
3. He told them to put a distinctive headgear, namely, green berets, on all special forces troops.
4. He directed that we make sure that all of the guerrilla warfare training be enlarged to include the political implications of guerrilla warfare, counter-guerrilla warfare, counter-insurgency, and "wars of liberation" training in the Special Warfare School.
5. Just recently, he directed General Eddleman at a JCS meeting to use South Viet-Nam as a training ground for officers to whom we look to be our leaders in the future. Specifically, he wanted colonels who are apt to be selected for brigadier generals and some brigadier generals to be sent to Viet-Nam for appropriate training and orientation, lasting two or three months on each tour, if that is an appropriate amount of time. He is still waiting for a response from them as to how many they are going to send and when.
6. He indicated to General Lemnitzer and General Decker that he thought all senior officers who are going to be our representatives around the world be educated in guerrilla warfare, etc., and especially with some view to selecting and promoting those officers who understand

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"political matters" in connection with the support of governments who are being pressured by Communism.

He asked me to get him a report on how much Communism is taught in the Defense Department school system and how much guerrilla warfare is taught. A preliminary response has been received from General Lansdale.

7. He directed that the Chief of Staff of the Army and, by inference, the other Chiefs who were there, look into the possibility of having all the officers who go to the MAAGs and to Military Attache posts be trained in guerrilla warfare, etc.; Communism, anti-Communism, and Communist methods; and "wars of liberation," as appropriate. The "as appropriate" was interpreted to mean that Military Attaches and MAAG personnel who are going to posts in countries that are apt to become involved in this sort of stuff should be trained in this. For example, of course, is the U.K. where we would not require guerrilla training or anti-Communist training beyond the norm given in Strategic Intelligence School. This requirement included an examination by the Army as to whether or not the Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg could put on a special course of two or three weeks, or even two or three months -- whatever was necessary -- in this guerrilla warfare for the officer personnel going to these MAAG and Attache posts for all services.

8. Informally, he indicated to the Department of the Army that they should have a senior officer in charge of "this sort of department and have him right up there where he concentrated on this business and his word carried some weight." In this discussion, as I recall, General Lemnitzer replied that General Lansdale is not the only general officer in the U.S. who knew about this business, but that we had General Heintges, we would soon have General Kyle back, and that "there are several others just as good."

9. During this year, he insisted that the rank of the commander of the Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg be increased to brigadier general. This resulted in General Yarborough staying there rather than being reassigned when he was promoted from Colonel to brigadier general.

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