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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INTELLIGENCE)

SUBJECT: CIA U-2R Operations in the Gulf of Tonkin

REFERENCE: Attached Proposed Memo fm Hall to DepSecDef,
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This office does not concur with the reference. The penultimate paragraph of the advisory memorandum from Lt. General Davidson as well as the third paragraph of the reference presume the necessity for continual operations and such is not the basis for the proposed CIA flights. At this time it has not been established that the [redacted] can produce imagery which contributes significant particular intelligence problem. As considerable political arrangements with [redacted] would be required and needless logistics efforts [redacted] such a transfer, it would seem most appropriate for CIA to accomplish at least one good flight before further consideration of the JCS proposal.

I am not sure if CIA really needs all of the support now required of the field commander but as it has been routinely supplied for fifteen years without a problem, I do not see why it has now become unbearable. If it has now become difficult, I suggest you review the support requirements with CIA.

[redacted]
John L. McClucas

Attachment

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