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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,
            Same Subject

    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
can produce imagery which contributes significant
particular intelligence problem. As considerable political
arrangements with ▇▇▇▇▇▇ would be required and needless
logistics efforts ▇▇▇▇▇▇ 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.

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Attachment

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