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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Friday Morning Breakfast

General Allen reported that he was present at the Friday morning intelligence breakfast today, which was attended by Secretary Laird, Mr. Packard, Admiral Bowen, Admiral Gayler and General Philpott. Among the items of interest were:

1. Admiral Bowen complained to Mr. Packard that he had been given a job to do, but when Mr. Packard held a budget cutting exercise of the GDIP and CCP on Friday, December 6, he was not invited. Mr. Packard responded that he had asked for and had been unable to get a rationale for reduction in the GDIP and CCP and therefore called the Saturday meeting and arbitrarily reduced their budgets by 5%. As a side comment, General Allen believed that while the NRP was not mentioned, Mr. Packard feels that he does have an adequate handle on this program.

2. It was apparent to General Allen that Mr. Packard has the total responsibility in the intelligence area. He feels that we may be incorrectly surmising that there is a relationship between Mr. Froehlke and Mr. Laird in opposition to the relationship between Mr. Packard and Dr. McLucas. From his comments at the meeting, it appears that Mr. Packard is exercising virtually complete control over Mr. Froehlke's organization. Mr. Laird's comments had much more to do with Vietnamese infiltration rates and wives of POWs than anything approaching intelligence programs.

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