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SUBJECT GOVERNEMENT OF VIETNAM ANALYSIS OF WAR SITUATION
AND DRAFT FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY PLATFORM

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1. SOMETIME BEFORE 10 MAY 1967 PRIME MINISTER NGUYEN CAO KY
CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET TWO TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS, BOTH
UNNUMBERED AND UNDATED AND OF UNKNOWN AUTHORSHIP. THE DOCUMENTS
WERE TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN KY AND HIS
COLLEAGUES ON 11 MAY 1967. HOWEVER, THE SUBJECT WAS NOT DISCUSSED.

2. THE FIRST DOCUMENT, ENTITLED "SITUATIONAL REVIEW," EXAMINES
THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION OF "BOTH THE GOVERNMENT OF

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VIETNAM (GVN) AND THE VIET CONG (VC)/NORTH VIETNAM (NVN), THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM(SVN), AND THE WORLD SITUATION AS IT AFFECTS THE WAR. IT THEN EXAMINES "ESTIMATE OF CHANGES IN THE SITUATION" AND CONCLUDES WITH A SERIES OF "CONCLUSIONS." THE DOCUMENT INDICATES THAT THE GVN EXPECTS THE WAR TO CONTINUE LARGELY AT ITS PRESENT LEVEL FOR SOME TIME TO COME, SINCE THE VC AND NVN ARE ESTIMATED TO BE CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING THEIR PRESENT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY, EVEN THOUGH THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE ANY SIGNAL VICTORIES. THE GVN ALSO EXPECTS SOVIET AND CHINESE AID TO NVN TO CONTINUE UNCHANGED AND THAT THE VC WILL CONTINUE TO USE LAOS AND CAMBODIA AS REFUGES AND SUPPLY ROUTES. ON THE DOMESTIC SCENE, THE GVN EXPECTS INFLATION TO INCREASE AND THE RURAL PACIFICATION AND RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM TO MAKE LITTLE PROGRESS BECAUSE OF VC RESISTANCE AND SABOTAGE. IN THAT CONNECTION, THE DOCUMENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE VC CONTROL 64 PERCENT OF SVN'S HAMLETS AND 62 PERCENT OF ITS VILLAGES. FINALLY, THE DOCUMENT NOTES THAT NVN WILL NOT BE HURT SERIOUSLY UNTIL THE BOMBINGS ^{HIT} ITS FOOD SUPPLY, THAT STEPPED UP GUERRILLA WARFARE IN THAILAND WILL WEAKEN U.S. EFFORTS IN SVN, THAT THERE IS A LACK OF A COMRADES-IN ARMS SPIRIT AMONG THE MANILA NATIONS AND THAT THE PRESENT PACIFIST AND ANTI-WAR

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MOVEMENT IN THE U.S. IS AIDING THE VC.

3. THE SECOND DOCUMENT, ENTITLED "FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES," IS A PRELIMINARY OUTLINE FOR A PLATFORM FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, PRESUMABLY KY. THE STATEMENTS IN IT COVER THE KIND OF TOPICS ABOUT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS USUALLY FOUND IN SUCH A DOCUMENT. SOME OF THE MORE NOTEWORTHY POINTS COVER:

A. THE QUICKEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE POLICY TO ACHIEVE PEACE WILL REQUIRE RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT:

1) NVN IS THE PRINCIPAL SECOND PARTY AND THE VC WILL HAVE TO BE PART OF THE NVN DELEGATION AT ANY PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

2) ALLIED NATIONS HAVE A RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BUT ULTIMATE DECISIONS AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE MUST REST WITH THE GVN.

3) THE BASIS FOR PEACE IS A TOTAL CEASE-FIRE, WITH SVN AND NVN RETURNING TO THE STATUS QUO OF THE GENEVA ACCORDS AND WITH A RE-DEFINITION OF CONTROL PROCEDURES THAT WILL ASSURE BOTH COUNTRIES FREEDOM TO DEVELOP THEIR SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT PEACEFULLY

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WHILE AWAITING AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE TOWARD RE-UNIFICATION.

B. DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL EQUALITY MUST BE ADVANCED BY (1) REDISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL INCOME THROUGH TAX REFORM WHICH WILL TAP THE MASSIVE INCOMES OF THE WEALTHY; (2) LAND REFORM TO GIVE LAND TO THE TILLER; (3) REESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM FOR ALL THE PEOPLE; AND (4) COMPLETE REFORM OF THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY TO ELIMINATE CORRUPTION, RED-TAPE AND BUREAUCRACY AND TO ASSURE EFFICIENCY.

C. LONG-RANGE PLANS MUST PROVIDE FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDLY FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES. PARTICULARLY NEIGHBORING STATES HAVING CLOSE RELATIONS WITH SVN, AND OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH ALL FRIENDLY NATIONS SO AS TO ELEVATE THE STANDING OF SVN IN ALL AREAS.

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