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PERSONS/ENTITIES: KENNEDY, JOHN F. LODGE,
HENRY CABOT

DATES: October 5, 1963

CATEGORIES: DIEM

OCCURRENCE:

In a White House cable to Saigon (CAP63560) of 5 Oct 1963, the following message appears: "...President today approved recommendation that no initiative should be taken to give any active, covert encouragement to a coup. It should be urgent covert effort with closest security under broad guidance of Ambassador to identify and build contacts with possible alternative leadership as it appears..."

SOURCE: IG Report 1967 (CIA) p. 30

STAFF: Dawson

said it was the opinion of CIA with the exception of Colby, Chief Far East Division, that fiddling with the commodity import program as a political lever would be much more likely to create an economic crisis undermining the war effort than to scare Diem and Nhu into a more cooperative attitude, because it would seriously affect the confidence and planning of the Vietnamese business community and quickly engender inflationary measures at large of a more serious nature. It was the consensus of the meeting that some meaningful political movements had to be made but exactly what they should be was not determined.

SOURCE: IG Report 1967 (CIA) p. 27

STAFF: Dawson

PERSONS/ENTITIES: Kennedy, John F. Colby,
William Commodity Import Program McCone

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On 5 October there was a Presidential meeting on Vietnam. The only CIA participant was McCone. He provided the following record. The meeting was held to discuss matters that became the subject of DIEMTEL 5/34 (See later entry of 5 October.) DCI