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Provenance:

Person:

Date:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

KENNEDY, JOHN F.

RICHARDSON, JOHN

STAFF:

Dawson

DATES:

Oct. 9, 1963

FILE:

DATE:

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CATEGORIES:

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

LODGE, HENRY CABOT

KENNEDY, JOHN F.

MINH, GENERAL

DON, GENERAL

COLBY, WILLIAM

OCCURRENCE:

On October 9, 1963 Presidential newsconference the President stated that "I know that the transfer of JOHN RICHARDSON, who is a very dedicated public servant, has led to surmises but I can assure you flatly that the CIA has not carried out independent activities, but has operated under closecontrol of the Director of Central Intelligence operating under -- with the cooperation of the National Security Council and under my instructions."

DATES:

Oct 10, 1963

Oct. 9, 1963

SOURCE:

IG Report 1967 (CIA) p. 32

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OCCURRENCE:

In a 10 October 1963 entry in the Saigon station's "history of the Vietnamese generals coup" it is noted that the Ambassador instructed the CIA not to initiate contact with General MINH or DON, but the generals initiate contact, such contact were authorized. In the course of meetings with MINH or DON, assurances were to be given as specified in DIR#428 of 9 October wherein COLBY had stated that the matter of MINH's plans be detailed clearly indicating that MINH's plans offer a high prospect of success. " While we do not wish to stimulate a coup we also do not wish to leave the impression that the U.S. would thwart a change of government or deny economic and military assistance to a new regime, if it appeared capable of increasing effectiveness in military effort...."

SOURCE:

IG Report 1967 (CIA) p. 32 - 33

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