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SMITH, DAVID

IG Report 1967 (CIA), p.28

CONEIN

LODGE

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OCCURRENCE:

Nhu, Ngo Dinh Conein

In a CIA cable from Saigon (SAIGI447) of 5 October 1963, DAVE SMITH, the Acting Chief of Station cabled that he had discussed this latest CONEIN/MINH meeting with Ambassador LODGE and CIA/TRUDEAU. SMITH reported that he had recommended to Ambassador LODGE that: "We do not set ourselves irrevocably against the assassination plot, since the other two alternatives mean either a blood bath in Saigon or protracted struggle which can rip the Army and the country asunder."

CIA, Ngo Dinh Lodge

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Minh, General

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On October 5, 1963 in a CIA Cable from Saigon (SAIGI445) it was stated that the meeting with Conein (approved by Ambassador in October) General Minh requested a statement of the U.S. position with respect to a change in the GVN in the near future. He said he did not expect U.S.G. support of a coup effort but did need USG assurances that USG would not try to thwart his plans. He outlined three possible plans for the accomplishment of the change of government: (a) assassination of Ngo Dinh Nhu and Ngo Dinh Diem; (b) keeping President Diem in office; (c) encirclement of Saigon by various military units; and (d) direct confrontation between military units involved in the coup and loyalist military units.

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