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Provenance:

Person:

Date:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Smith, David R.

IG Report 1967 (CIA) p. 24

CIA Acting Chief after 5 Oct 1963

Richardson, John Lodge

STAFF:

Dawson

Dunn, Mike Saigon Station

DATES:

Sept 17, 1963

FILE:

DATE:

6/27/75

CATEGORIES:

DIEM

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Lansdale, Major General Rusk, Dean

McCone, John

Lodge, Henry Cabot

Richardson, John

OCCURRENCE:

In a memoranda for the record prepared by Helms on September 17, 1963, he reported Smith (discuss with me) reports that Lodge wanted to get rid of Mr. John Richardson (Mike Dunn) had told Conein that Lodge was "to get rid of Richardson". On one occasion Dunn asked Conein, "do you think that Dave Smith can run the stations for a temporary period while a new station chief is being sent out here?"

DATES:

Sept 19, 1963

SOURCE:

CATEGORIES:

DIEM

OCCURRENCE:

In a personal letter from McCone to Lodge it was stated that: "I was told by Dean Rusk that you proposed that Gen. Lansdale(replace Richardson as Chief of Station). I wish to emphasize the agency will reorient the Saigon station any practical way to meet your desires. Personnel, including the station chief can be replaced ... Lansdale would not be acceptable to the organization or to me personally... If the decision is to abandon all hope of working with the regime then Richardson probably should be replaced ... We have no current intelligence nor resulting estimate in hand which could lead us to conclude that the present regime can be disposed of, or that there exists a replacement regime which would be better. This is not however to say that a coup may occur even before you receive this letter....."

SOURCE:

IG Report 1967 (CIA) p. 25

STAFF:

Dawson

DATE:

6/27/75