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Provenance:

Person:

Date:

Oct. 10, '63

MINH, GENERAL

TOP SECRET

DON, GENERAL

DIEM

COLBY, WILLIAM

AMBASSADOR LODGE

DATES:

GEN. MINH

Oct. 10, 1963

GEN. DON

Oct. 9, 1963

OCCURRENCE:

CATEGORIES:

Ambassador Lodge instructed the CIA not to initiate contact with General Minh or Don, but if the generals initiate contact, such contact was authorized. In the course of meetings with Minh or Don, assurances were to be given that the U.S. would not thwart a change of government or deny economic and military assistance to a new regime if it appeared capable of increasing effectiveness of the military effort.

DIEM

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 24328 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: Hearings, S.S.C.I., 6/20/75, Corein, Exhibit One, page 5.

SOURCE: IG Report 1967 (CIA) p. 32 - 33

STAFF: Dawson

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DATE: 6/30/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

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DATE: 6/27/75