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Provenance:

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Person:

Date:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

KENNEDY, John F.

HELMS (DD/P)

COLBY, William

CARTER

LODGE, Henry Cabot

HARKINS (MAC/V)

whether we could turn back at this point. The PRESIDENT asked that the judgment of LODGE and HARKINS be sought on the prospects for victory or defeat of a coup. A cable was drafted asking if they still agreed with their concurrences to DEPTTEL 243." (9-10)

SOURCE:

I.G. REPORT 1967, Part C, pp. 9-10

DATES:

27 Aug. 1963

STAFF:

Dawson

CATEGORIES:

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DATE:

28.6.75

OCCURRENCE:

On August 27, 1963, there was a Presidential Meeting on Vietnam. The record was taken by HELMS or by COLBY for the CIA, and the other CIA participants were CARTER and HELMS.

FILE:

DEPTTEL 243

DEPTTEL 256

KENNEDY, John F.

"The PRESIDENT stated that a coup should not be attempted unless it would be successful and asked

LODGE, Henry Cabot

HARKINS, John (Commander, MAC/V)

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OCCURRENCE:

In a State telegram to Saigon (DEPTEL 256), on August 27, 1963, the following message appeared:

"Examination of reports to date gives considerable hope but leaves unanswered questions. ... Proceeding from the concept outlined in DEPTEL 243 as modified, now desire your prompt interim appraisal of present prospects. ... Highest authority asks whether you and HARKINS, in light of developing situation, presently favor operation as currently planned by generals. We wish to give you all possible support in best available course but not to insist on any decision that developing evidence makes it wise to modify." (10)

SOURCE:

I.G. REPORT 1967, Part C, p. 10

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