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HARRISON, Saigon Chief of Station

SOURCE:

General (SVN)

I.G. REPORT 1967, p. 7

CIA officer in Saigon

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CIA

CIA cable from Saigon (SAIG 0291), the following message appears on August 25, 1963:

DATES:

"DEPUTY STATION RICHARDSON reports that GENERAL KHIEM requested an immediate meeting with (an officer of the CIA Saigon Station). At the meeting KHIEM requested assurances that the U.S. Government would support the VIETNAMESE ARMY if it should move against the DIEM regime."
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26 August 1963

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On August 26, 1963, in a CIA document entitled "ONE Staff Memorandum, No. 60-63, Internal ONE Working Paper, CIA Distribution Only," the following statement appears:

"On balance, we believe the best hope for the preservation of US interests and attainment of US objectives in South Vietnam lies in the possibility of a coup d'etat by anti-Communist nationalists with sufficient military support to obviate prolonged civil war. Such a group might not prove able to salvage the situation and, indeed, might eventually prove no better than the present regime. Such a development would, however, enable the US and anti-Communist nationalist elements to make a fresh start unencumbered and unhampered by political errors of the last years, months, and weeks. In such a fresh start, we believe, lies the only viable hope for the attainment of US interests and objectives in South Vietnam."

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SOURCE:

I.G. REPORT 1967, Part C, p. 8

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