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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

SUBJECT: South Vietnam

I attach two reports which the President ought to see. The first is a summary by the CIA in Saigon of the current political situation (TDCS-3/552,770). It strikes me as being a fair and accurate appraisal.

The second is a report by Maj. General Victor (Brute) Krulak, USMC, on his recent visit to Vietnam. It gives, I think, a fair and soundly optimistic picture of the part of the iceberg which is under water, i. e. the war against the Viet Cong.

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