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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Chester L. Cooper  
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Alleged Plan for Joint SVN/GRC and SVN/  
RTG Clandestine Operations Against DRV  
and Laos

Attached herewith for your information is information received  
through CAS channels from Colonel Donald D. Blackburn, Chief, MACV/  
SOG.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

signed/Joseph W. Smith  
William E. Colby

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1. At Ambassador Johnson's request, following information received from Col. Blackburn, Chief MACV/SOG, is being transmitted to addressees through CAS channels:

2. Blackburn's information, received from responsible Vietnamese military official who accompanied Ky on recent trip to Taiwan and Bangkok, follows:

a. In Taiwan, Chinats told Vietnamese that they formerly and/or currently associated with SOG maritime and airops in DRV and would like, with assistance SOG boats Vietnamese govt. support, attempt run / Chinat intel operations into former Nung areas along DRV Coast from Haiphong North to Red China border.

b. In Bangkok, Thais said they anxious cooperate with Vietnamese in mounting joint operations from Thailand into Laos panhandle, but recommended strongly against consultation with Americans since Americans would probably cite Geneva Agreement or other political reasons why these joint efforts should not be undertaken.

3. Following additional information from Blackburn, same ultimate source, given CAS Saigon: Lao military and/or govt. urging establishment branch Vietnamese Strategic Technical Service (STS) in Vientiane for purpose of training for and later mounting joint operations into DRV. Informant indicated to Blackburn that these operations would not be cleared with us.

4. All above for passage Ambassadors and Dept..

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