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Further digging indicates Teddy White also saw at State
Chet Cooper and Tom Hughes. Discussions centered on
organization and morale of the Viet Cong.

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FOLLOWING IS DEFENSE REPORT ON WHO SAW TEDDY WHITE.

HARRIMAN IS THE ONLY ONE AT STATE HE SAW ACCORDING TO STATES RECORDS. HE REPORTS THEY DISCUSSED NEGOTIATING PROSPECTS.

TEDDY WHITE HAS INDICATED TO OUR PEOPLE THAT WHAT HE IS INTERESTED IN ESSENTIALLY IS A PIECE ON THE ENEMY-- WHO HE IS, WHAT KIND OF A GUY IS HE, WHAT HE THINKS, WHAT MOTIVATES HIM, ETC. HE SAID HE PLANS TO SPEND FROM THREE TO FOUR WEEKS IN SVN, WAS NOT YET SURE EXACTLY WHEN HE WOULD DEPART.

HE SAW SECRETARY McNAMARA FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES THE AFTERNOON BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE. PHIL SAT IN ON THIS SESSION.

SUBSEQUENTLY, TEDDY SPENT MORE THAN AN HOUR GETTING A GENERAL FILL-IN ON SVN FROM MARINE COLONEL TOM FIELDS, WHO HEADS OUR SEA OFFICE AND WHO WAS FORMERLY INFORMATION CHIEF IN I CORPS. ALSO SITTING IN WAS ARMY LT. COLONEL DAN BIONDI, FORMERLY OF THE MACV INFORMATION OFFICE. TEDDY ALSO MET WITH COLONEL HAL MOORE, WHO HAD A BRIGADE WITH THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIR MOBILE) AND IS NOW WITH ISA, AND ALSO WITH COLONEL FRANK C. SCHOFIELD, JR., FORMERLY DEPUTY J-2 AT MACV AND NOW WITH DIA.

HE ALSO SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH ARMY BRIG. GENERAL WINANT SIDLE WHO HAS BEEN PHIL'S MILITARY ASSISTANT AND WHO NEXT MONTH BECOMES GENERAL WESTMORELAND'S TOP MILITARY INFORMATION OFFICER IN SAIGON.

TEDDY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING GOVERNOR HARRIMAN AFTER LEAVING HERE.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, HE SAW NO ONE ELSE DURING HIS VISITS TO THE PENTAGON.

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