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Friday, November 17, 1967
4:50 p.m.

Mr. President:

The Congressional demand for the
Vietnam statistics is lively.

This is the draft memorandum I
would propose to distribute with each
copy, if you approve.

1. *and*
2. *Pres file*

W. W. Rostow

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

See me _____

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MEMORANDUM

These statistics were compiled at the headquarters of Military Assistance Command Viet-nam (MACV), in *Saigon*

They represent the best data available to our field commanders on the movement of the war in Viet-nam in the period from the third quarter of 1965, when substantial U.S. forces were committed to Viet-nam, to the third quarter of 1967.

They formed part of the briefing given the President by Ambassador Bunker and General Westmoreland in November, 1967.

They emphasized--and it is important to note--that these working estimates are only part of the data on which their judgments are formed.

The evidence of progress these statistics demonstrate are confirmed by captured documents, prisoner interrogations, estimates of field commanders, and from other sources.

W. W. Rostow