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Wednesday, November 29, 1967
6:05 p.m.

Presfile

Mr. President:

I thought you might wish to take a look at the way Sec. Rusk and Sec. McNamara plan to handle the Locke operation, since it is very much your idea.

W. W. Rostow

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See me _____

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White House Guidelines, Feb. 24, 1983

By rlg, NARA, Date 12-16-91

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By slip, NARA, Date 17692

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1. Highest levels now wish to pursue additional ROK troop contribution with maximum urgency. Since Ambassador Locke is returning to US for consultation on December 7 in any event, our proposal is that he go via Seoul for short visit, possibly bearing Presidential message to Park.

2. Purpose of visit would not repeat not be to nail down all details, but to convey sense of urgency felt at highest levels here and to carry forward from Clifford/Taylor mission. At same time, we wish his message to be as specific as possible in terms of type and scale of additional forces, and we would hope that Seoul can provide ^{us} best judgment on what kind of "package" ROK ^{put him} we can provide with instructions and/ might ask in return, so that Locke ~~might be~~ in position either to

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The Secretary

White House - Mr. Rostow (subs)

DOD - Secretary McNamara

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respond under some headings or at any rate to undertake to get rapid answers on his return here.

3. To minimize visit appearing wholly as solicitation of additional contribution, we would in any event wish to depict it as normal US/ROK consultation on Viet-Nam situation. Depending on Tokyo's judgment, we might also schedule short visit in Japan, recalling that GOJ has expressed interest in reports on Viet-Nam situation. Possible schedule might take Locke to Tokyo on December 4 and 5, with visit to Seoul on December 6 and departure from Seoul during day December 7.

4. Request urgent Seoul and Tokyo comment on this schedule and basic outline. You wx should not repeat not approach host governments until we have final exchanges. Your comment should cover receptivity of host government, date problems, and whether you see additional elements that could be used effectively to further the general picture of routine consultation on a regularly scheduled consultation return to the US. For example, would it be useful or the reverse to depict Tokyo visit as related to non-military areas in which GOJ already helping and in which such additional projects as educational television are pending? Replies should be NODIS with copies to other posts concerned.

5. Seoul already has our EXDIS ~~request~~ request (State 76010, NOTAL)

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