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Dear Guy:

Please give this immediate attention. Mr. Sollenberger told me yesterday afternoon that he would "like to hold up the trips of Zimmerman and Gardner until we found out whether CORDS/Viet-Nam will pick up the travel item in the budget." I was rushing off to a meeting with General Haig, so I did not debate the merits of the issue at all. Thus, if CORDS/Viet-Nam agreed to pick up our trip expenses and would so indicate immediately, no problem. If they decline to do so, I will still fight for continuation of this program and cut back in other areas. This is one area in which we and FSI may not be on the same wavelength. Could you check out the question of CORDS picking up travel expenses in general, and specifically whether they will fund forthcoming trips of Zimmerman and Gardner and let me know soonest. If they do accept to pay for the trips, they could so indicate in the cable of concurrence for the Zimmerman and Gardner trips setting a funding symbol, etc.

The visit to General Haig was most rewarding. He said that they had been working on an NSDM for us but were hung up on the question of funding since the future of AID is so dubious. He said that the security-related programs of AID would probably be picked up by State, not Defense. With respect to our immediate budget problem, I suggested he might telephone Dwinell's office. He made a note to do so and said "not to worry about funds." We shall see what this means in practical terms, but it may mean we will be left untouched.

I will close here in order to get this letter in the mail.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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