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Attached Memoranda

Rufe Phillips has suggested that you're the man at MACV on whom to try out the attached projects. The papers about General Lansdale are self-explanatory, and I sure hope you can provide a leg-up.

The third paper on emergency planning is a highly tentative statement of the problem of what to do if there is a coup d'etat. It was written in Phillips' shop by Colonel Bohannon and has already been discussed superficially with CAS.

The problem is how to go about promoting a full-fledged inter-agency discussion of the problem while at the same time preserving essential security. Any sort of hint that the U. S. is even considering such plans would, of course, be highly damaging.

Perhaps we can discuss at your convenience?

Attachments:

1. JMecklin memo to Amb. 7/12/63
2. RCPPhillips memo to Mr. Trueheart, 7/5/63
3. Unaddressed memo "Emergency Planning" 7/10

cc: Mr. Bohannon ✓

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