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Chemical Operations Division

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MEMORANDUM FOR: COLONEL TRAN DINH TEO
Chairman, JGS 202 Committee

SUBJECT: Use of Defoliants ORANGE and WHITE (U)

1. (C) On 14 April 1969, the US Embassy suspended its policy requiring the use of WHITE herbicide on certain restricted defoliation targets and will now allow use of ORANGE herbicide on all defoliation targets. For economic reasons the use of ORANGE is preferred. This should also simplify operations as only one herbicide will be used for defoliation and another for crop destruction.

2. (C) Instructions have been issued to all US forces concerned that WHITE must be conserved until further notice. WHITE herbicide on hand in RVN and in GENE should be retained in the event the policy suspension is revoked and we are required to reinstitute the use of WHITE on short notice. We do not expect this to happen but rather expect that in four to six months the requirements for WHITE will be finally cancelled. You will be notified when this occurs so that existing stocks of WHITE can then be used as desired by the Corps commanders. Until such notification, we respectfully request you assure WHITE stocks are kept available for use should the policy be reinstated.

HAROLD C. KERR JR.
Colonel, USA
Chairman, 203 Committee

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