

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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URGENT ACTION

May 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: W. R. SMYER *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: Lessons of Vietnam

At your request, some papers have been prepared for the President and yourself on the "lessons of Vietnam".

At Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President offering some thoughts on the lessons of Vietnam and suggestions regarding public positions we might take.

At Tab II is a paper from Mr. Stearman and myself commenting on a State Department paper (Tab A) and also offering some of our own ideas regarding the lessons of Vietnam. You may wish to read these.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That you sign the memorandum to the President (Tab I) on the Lessons of Vietnam.

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[Handwritten signature]

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E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5

NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines

By *KBH*, NARA, Date *2/10/00*~~SECRET~~/SENSITIVE/EYES ONLY - XGDS