

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1962

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 204

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Attorney General
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Administrator, Agency for International Development
The Director, United States Information Agency

SUBJECT: Special Group (Counter-Insurgency)

Since General Taylor has taken up his duties as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the following changes are made in the Special Group (C. I.). The following Departments and Agencies shall be members of the Special Group (C. I.):

Department of State (Chairman)
Department of Defense
Department of Justice
Joint Chiefs of Staff
Agency for International Development
Central Intelligence Agency
United States Information Agency
White House

I will expect that the various Departments and Agencies will be represented on the Special Group by the same officials who are listed in NSAM No. 124, as amended by NSAM No. 180. A White House representative will be provided through the Special Assistant for National Security Affairs, and Mr. Michael V. Forrestal is designated for this purpose. The White House representative will be available to assist the Chairman and any member of the Special Group in any matter where White House coordination is needed, and it will be his responsibility to keep me fully informed.

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| By <u>MAH</u> | NARS, Date <u>9/18/81</u> |

s/John F. Kennedy

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