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November 14, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: COLIN L. POWELL 

SUBJECT: National Security Decision Directive on United States Policy Towards Indochina



Issue

Review and approval of NSDD, United States Policy Towards Indochina.

Facts

The pace of diplomatic activity surrounding Cambodia has quickened in the past year. Vietnam has announced that it would withdraw 50,000 troops by year's end. Dialogue between the ASEAN countries, Vietnam, and the Cambodian factions has increased. In addition, the Soviets have been more forthcoming in putting pressure on Vietnam and PRC public positions show movement on the question of the Khmer Rouge.

Discussion

In light of these developments, you previously directed that a national security study be conducted. Interagency consensus has been reached on how we should respond and specific policy recommendations were developed. Given the quickening pace of events, it was concluded that we need to be more actively, but cautiously, involved in a search for an acceptable settlement that includes the withdrawal of Vietnamese forces and prevents the return of the Khmer Rouge to power. The study also addressed the POW/MIA issue, our highest priority bilateral concern and how to accelerate current progress on this and other humanitarian issues in the context of current opportunities.

In accordance with NSDD 266, Nicholas Rostow, Legal Adviser to the National Security Council, has coordinated the attached NSDD with A. B. Culvahouse in advance of its submission to you.

Recommendation

OK No
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That you sign the NSDD, United States Policy Towards Indochina at Tab A.

cc Vice President
Chief of Staff (2)

Attachment

Tab A NSDD

Prepared by:
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UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS INDOCHINA (U)

BACKGROUND

Vietnamese public pledges to withdraw from Cambodia; increased recognition by the Peoples Republic of China that measures need to be taken to ensure that the Khmer Rouge do not return to power in Cambodia; the increased dialogue and negotiations in the region and internationally concerning Cambodia; and accelerated progress on United States bilateral humanitarian issues with Vietnam provide increased opportunities for the United States to exercise its influence to achieve an acceptable political settlement in Cambodia and contribute to long-term stability in Southeast Asia. (S)

Due to these conditions, a more active United States posture to influence events is now warranted. Therefore, based on the national security study on policy towards Indochina dated October 27, 1988, which was tasked through NSSD 1-88, I approve of the actions below in order to maintain the pressure on Vietnam to withdraw its forces, increase our support for a democratic alternative in Cambodia, and tailor our positive gestures towards Vietnam based upon progress towards a Cambodian settlement and/or progress on POW/MIAs and other humanitarian issues. (S)

APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS

- Intensify our consultations with ASEAN on the Cambodian conflict and establish a more regular framework for collective discussions. (U)
- Continue our economic isolation of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) while discouraging others from increased trade with Vietnam. Coordinate with ASEAN to carry the same message to countries seeking increased economic contacts with Vietnam, such as Japan, South Korea and France. (S)
- Work with ASEAN to refine our position on Vietnam's participation in negotiations aimed at achieving an acceptable Cambodian settlement and a Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia and to put the burden more clearly on Vietnam for the lack of movement toward a settlement. (S)

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BY DSJ, NARA, Date 6/21/96

- Increase our public support for Prince Sihanouk and his diplomatic efforts. ~~(S)~~
- Seek every opportunity forcefully and publicly to reaffirm our abhorrence of the Khmer Rouge and our opposition to its return to power. ~~(C)~~
- Oppose any return of the Pol Pot leadership group while accepting that elements of the Khmer Rouge forces may have to be a part of a Cambodian settlement. Our focus should be to formulate and implement effective measures to prevent their return to power or their attempts to intimidate the Cambodian people. ~~(S)~~
- Intensify our discussions with ASEAN and the Chinese concerning measures which need to be implemented as part of a settlement to prevent the Khmer Rouge from returning to power. ~~(S)~~
- Continue to emphasize publicly that we are prepared to consider normalization of diplomatic relations with Vietnam in the context of a Cambodian settlement. If warranted by future developments, we should raise with ASEAN the advisability of our discussing directly with the Vietnamese our position on normalization and its positive implications for them. We should remain open to discussions with Hanoi if desired by ASEAN or warranted by progress toward a Cambodian settlement. ~~(S)~~
- At an appropriate time, we should consider a limited broadening of exceptions to the 25-mile travel limit for the SRV Mission to the United Nations. ~~(S)~~
- When warranted by progress in our humanitarian dialogue with Vietnam, we should permit SRV officials directly responsible for humanitarian cooperation with the United States to visit Washington for discussions of clearly-defined humanitarian issues. ~~(C)~~
- In response to sound, concrete Vietnamese cooperation on prisoner of war/missing in action and/or other United States Government humanitarian interests, we should reiterate our proposal to establish a technical office in Vietnam to handle POW/MIA, former reeducation camp detainees and refugee issues. ~~(S)~~
- Publicly and more widely support efforts by the United Nations and nongovernmental organizations (NGO) to assist the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR), especially those which reflect our main concerns -- programs under the auspices of the UN's High Commissioner for Refugees and Fund for Drug Abuse Control, and humanitarian projects tied to crash site excavations. ~~(S)~~

- Encourage increased bilateral assistance by third countries to Laos. ~~(S)~~
- Offer small but visible contributions to UN agencies, such as UNFDAC and UNHCR, as well as NGOs involved in assistance to Laos. ~~(C)~~
- Seek congressional support for a small bilateral assistance program in Laos. ~~(C)~~
- Continue to work through the International Committee of the Red Cross and others as appropriate to effect the return of remains of Americans from Cambodia while avoiding direct negotiations that would allow politicization of the POW/MIA issue in the region. ~~(C)~~
- Discuss with ASEAN the adequacy of the assistance, in type and quality, provided to the Khmer noncommunist resistance in the context of our efforts to strengthen its political viability. ~~(S)~~

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Name of Correspondent: Patrick Dulong

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Subject: Members of the Vietnamese Media Association of Northern California seek our assistance in denouncing the Vietnamese Communist for disregard of human rights and to abolish death penalty for two Vietnamese Buddhist monks and three Vietnamese citizens.

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8835227

Date DEC 7 8 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Patrick Dulong

Date: October 29, 1988

Subject: Execution of two Buddhist monks

WH Referral Dated: November 2, 1988
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Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

 A draft reply is attached.

 A draft reply will be forwarded.

 A translation is attached.

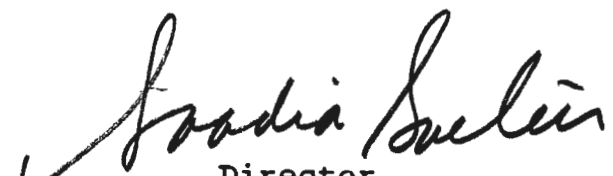
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 We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.

 The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.

 Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

for 
Director
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DATE: DEC 7 8 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Scott Brown
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan
From: Policy Division
Date: October 23, 1988
Subject: Revision of the Subtitle

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REMARKS:

Johnnie Barber
Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 7, 1988

Mr. Patrick Dulong
Vietnamese Media Association
of Northern California
4499 Park Sommers Way
San Jose, California 95136

Dear Mr. Dulong:

Thank you for your October 29, 1988 telegram to President Reagan concerning the Socialist Republic of Vietnam's announced intention to execute several individuals including two Buddhist monks. The President has asked me to respond for him.

We share deeply your concern over these harsh sentences imposed in legal proceedings which failed to meet internationally-accepted standards of trial procedure. We remain convinced that Vietnam's legal system operates as an agency for the enforcement of regime directives. Such arbitrary treatment is contrary to our American values of the rule of law and fairness under law and, as a result, the United States Government presented through its Embassy in Bangkok a sharp and direct appeal to the Vietnamese Government for a cancellation of these death sentences. We also understand that a number of other governments made similar appeals.

The Vietnamese Government has responded to the concern expressed by the international community and announced that the judgments against the two monks have been commuted to 20 years imprisonment. It has not yet been confirmed that any other individual's death sentence has been commuted. Of course, while the two commuted death sentences are an improvement, this decision still leaves these individuals and many others condemned to severe penalties by closed courts and without any regard for internationally-accepted due process or human rights standards.

The United States Government will continue to follow these cases and employ whatever influence it has to improve the overall human rights environment in Vietnam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles H. Twining".

Charles H. Twining
Director
Office of Vietnam, Laos
and Cambodia Affairs

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IN THE PAST 13 YEARS THE COMMUNIST REGIME OF VIETNAM HAS REPEATEDLY PERSECUTED, FALSELY ACCUSED AND IMPRISONED OR EXECUTED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, CLERGYMEN AND MONKS WITHOUT DUE JUDICIAL PROCESS IN CONSISTENT VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, WE, MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAMESE MEDIA ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, HEREBY RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATION TO:

1. DENOUNCE THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST VIOLATION OF, AND DISREGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS;
 2. IMPRESS UPON THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY AGAINST THE TWO VIETNAMESE VENERABLES AND THE THREE VIETNAMESE CITIZENS, AS MENTIONED ABOVE.
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