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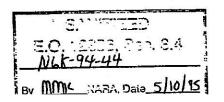
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October 24, 1963

- 1. AT 0615 HOURS ON THE MORNING OF 24 OCT, LT COL CONEIN RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL AT HIS HOME FROM THE AIDE OF MAJ GEN TRAN VAN DON. THE AIDE INFORMED CONEIN THAT GEN DON WOULD BE TAKING AN AIPPLANE TRIP ON 24 OCT AND PROUESTED CONEIN TO MEET WITH DON AT THE VIP TERMINAL JUST PRIOR TO TAKE-OFF AT 0640.
- 2. AT TAN SON NHUT, GEN DON TOOK CONEIN ASIDE AND STATED
 THAT HE HAD MET WITH GEN HAPKINS ON THE EVENING OF 23 OCT.
 GEN HAPKINS QUESTIONED GEN DON WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER'S
 PEMAPKS TO CONEIN ON 23 OCT. GEN DON CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD
 MADE THESE REMAPKS. GEN MARKINS THEN STATED THAT HIS PREVIOUS
 COMMENTS TO GEN DON ON 22 OCT CONCERNING THE NON-DESIRABILITY
 OF A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT WEPE ACTUALLY CONTRARY TO A PRESIDENTIAL
 DIRECTIVE. GEN HAPKINS ADDED THAT HIS STATEMENTS HAD BEEN
 INADVERTENT AND THAT HE WISHED GEN DON TO BE AWARE OF THIS.
- 3. GEN DON FURTHER STATED THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR HENRY CABOT LODGE AT 1700 HOURS

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WIT YOUR OUTSTICKING OF PROMPTING ON THE PART OF CONEIN, THAT
WE WOULD CONFIRM TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE AND THE OTHER GENERALS
CESIPED TO DEAL WITH CONEIN AND CONEIN ONLY IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
ON THIS MATTER.

- 4. DON STATED THAT ALL PLANS HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED,
 WE BIEN CHECKED AND RECHECKED, AND IT IS CONFIRMED THAT
 THE NECESSARY UNITS ARE AVAILABLE AND WILLING TO JOIN IN THE
 CCUP. THE COUP WILL OCCUP WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. IN ANY CASE,
 NOT LATER THAN 2 NOV.
 - 5. DIN PEQUESTED CONEIN TO MEET WITH HIM

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-OFF S 24 OCT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF DETAILS OF THE PLAN.

S. THERE APPARENTLY IS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING, AS AMPLES DO THERE NOT RPT NOT HAVE ANY MEETING SCHEDULED WITH DON 24 OCT CO 1977 OTHER DAY. MOREOVER, THE AMBASSADOR FEELS IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO MEET DON TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT AT THIS TIME.

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