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FOR AMBASSADOR VAUGHN

Following is excerpt of National Security Action Memorandum  
No. 296 of April 25, 1964 issued at the White House:

QUOTE Panama Review Committee

A Committee composed of the Ambassador to Panama, CINCSO, and the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, and chaired by the Ambassador, will be established and will meet periodically at the call of any member to discuss conditions in Panama and the Zone and exchange reports and proposals on actions to be undertaken in the interests of the United States and better U.S./Panamanian relations. The President expects that the members of this Committee will share their concern fully and frankly with each other, and will work together closely in discharging their respective responsibilities. Any differences which may arise will be referred to the Panama Review Group located in Washington. Any action agreed upon by the Panama Review Committee will be reported to Washington

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by the Ambassador before this action is taken, whenever such action could affect the work of the Special Representative. The Special Representative will be notified through Washington of such proposed action. UNQUOTE

COMMENT: Full text NSAM 296 being sent in airgram as well as copies earlier NSAM's 152 dated April 30, 1962 and 164 dated June 15, 1962.

The Ambassador in reporting as Chairman of the Panama Review Committee should direct such reports to the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs who is Chairman of the Panama Review Group in Washington.

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Mr. Jessup has a request for  
a CIA working group member for cy  
of NSAM 246 — they "need to  
respond"

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Sent #74  
Per O/C BIC

Frank Chapin

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and to Exec.  
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April 25, 1964

## NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 296

TO: Secretary of State  
Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Interdepartmental organization for Panamanian affairs

The President has approved the following organizational arrangements relating to the formulation and execution of U. S. policy in Panama.

1. Panama Review Group

a. The Panama Review Group, composed of the Secretary of the Army, the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, the Special Representative, a White House representative, and chaired by the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, will be the principal point of focus below the President for the formulation and execution of policy with regard to Panama. The Executive Secretary of the Panama Review Group will be designated by the Department of State.

b. The Panama Review Group will work closely with the officers supporting the Special Representative in exercising control over actions which might affect the treaty discussions, publicity, and security.

2. Panama Review Committee

A Committee composed of the Ambassador to Panama, CINCSO, and the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, and chaired by the Ambassador, will be established and will meet periodically at the call of any member to discuss conditions in Panama and the Zone and exchange reports and proposals on actions to be undertaken in the interests of the United States and better U. S. /Panamanian relations. The President expects that the members of this Committee will share their concern fully and frankly with each other, and will work together

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*McGeorge Bundy*

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cc:

Mr. Bundy

Mr. Dungan

Mr. Chase (*sent by to Collins 4/27*)

Mr. Johnson

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*Any* Actions agreed upon in the Panamas  
Review Committee will be reported to ~~the~~ Washington  
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The President expects that the members of this Committee will ~~not~~ share their common fully and frankly with each other, and will work together in close cooperation in discharging their respective responsibilities.

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April 22, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

SUBJECT: Panama Organizational Arrangements--NSAM

1. Ralph Dungan wants you to know that he heard from the President (through Moyers) that the President wants the organizational arrangements set up Ralph's way (e.g. WH chairmanship of Review Group). Ralph put the proposal in a memo, which went to the President and which you have seen (copy attached).

2. While Ralph did not seem happy, he did not seem disposed to fight about the matter. However, he suggested that, in view of the above history, you may want to check the NSAM out with the President.

3. I, for one, strongly agree with your judgment on this one.

*GC*  
Gordon Chase

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