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Authority State 6611/30/76
By rmg, NARS, Date 6/14/77

TO: The Vice-President
FROM: Busby
April 26, 1961

RE: PROPOSED TRIP TO FAR EAST

On Tuesday, Liz Carpenter, Howard Burris and myself met for an exploratory conference with three State officers: Ed Martin, China Affairs specialist designated by the Secretary to help plan and to accompany the mission; Mr. Ericson, deputy of Far East Affairs; and Roy Little of Secretary Crockett's office, present in Crockett's absence from Washington.

All were exceptionally cooperative and understanding.

It was clearly understood that no messages are to go to the field until itinerary is agreed upon and none are to be sent without clearance by the Vice-President. Only one message has gone out: Secretary Rusk, personally, sent word to Saigon that the Vice-President might attend Diem's inauguration April 29. No staff messages have gone out.

I.

Scope of the Trip:

Rusk, Bowles, and Deputy Under-Secretary Johnson met as we were meeting to decide a recommended itinerary. Their decision, we were advised, includes four stops: Manila, Taipei (Formosa), Saigon, and Bangkok.

Purpose of the Trip:

Objectives to be accomplished at the respective stops:

Formosa: Increasingly "urgent" messages from our Ambassador report Chiang is disturbed that no VIP has been sent to see him. This intensifies Chiang's fears of a change in US policy. US intends no change. US does want Chiang's assent to tactical flexibility at UN. State believes only Vice-President, speaking for President, can lay groundwork for such agreement.

Saigon: President has made South Viet-Nam our first concern in Southeast Asia. US means to continue its support of Diem. Feels it is urgent that Diem get closer to his people, more responsive to their needs. Important that, in face-to-face talks, Diem learn what US expects of his Administration at the start now of a new term. Also, it is important to US position in Southeast Asia -- and to SEATO -- that US evidence its interest and support for South Viet-nam.

Bangkok: Important that if a mission goes into area one of the other Southeast Asia countries be visited. Thailand is especially important: deeply affected by Laos and in need of reassurance US interest in Thai is not going to wane.

Manila: No problems exist. This is a strong point for US and should not be by-passed on a visit of this sort.

Exclusions from the Trip:

Korea: A visit to Seoul was first suggested when Bowles found it necessary to cancel a visit he had planned. He was going for a conference on matters in which he is personally interested. However, any visit to Seoul absolutely would require a visit to Tokyo. Intelligence estimates discourage planning a Tokyo visit -- therefore, the trip to Korea seems impossible. (This is State's estimate, based on reports received only yesterday from Japan -- a further consideration of this aspect will be in order.)

India: Bowles had planned to visit Nehru. No visit to India is included in the State-recommended routing, chiefly because of time. It should be noted that, at Bangkok, the return distance to Washington is roughly equal in flying time either way: vis India and Europe or via the Pacific route.

Australia: A visit would be wholesome, State agrees, but would considerably lengthen any trip to the area. (Note: Australia is the only Commonwealth nation to support us on the Red China issue at the UN.)

II.

A Representative Schedule

State has prepared many alternate schedules, but, as an indication of schedule, this is representative:

LEAVE			ARRIVE		
In Local Times					
<u>May</u>					<u>May</u>
5	10:00a	Andrews	Travis AFB	12:45p	5
		Flying Time:	5:45		
5	2:15p	Travis AFB	Hickam AFB	5:45p	5
		Flying Time:	5:30		
6	9:00a	Hickam AFB	Wake	12:15p	7*
		Flying Time:	5:15		
		* Dateline Crossing			
7	1:45p	Wake	Manila	4:15p	7
		Flying Time:	6:30		
9	10:00a	Manila	Saigon	12:20p	9
		Flying Time:	3:20		
11	10:00a	Saigon	Bangkok	10:20a	11
		Flying Time:	1:20		
13	8:00a	Bangkok	Taipei	1:40p	13
		Flying Time:	3:40		
15	8:00a	Taipei	Guam	1:45p	15
		Flying Time:	3:45		
15	2:45p	Guam	Hickam	1:00a	15*
		Flying Time:	7:15		
15	2:00p	Hickam	Travis AFB	10:00p	15
		Flying Time:	5:00		
16	11:30p	Travis AFB	Andrews AFB	7:30a	16
		Flying Time:	5:00		

Note: there is no fixed sequence to the itinerary. Any order of call on these capitals is acceptable. The overnight stops in Hawaii are desired for crew rest but the schedule may be altered freely.

Note: from experience, Saturday departures and Friday returns greatly reduce domestic news impact. Leaving early Friday accomodates news and television coverage. Also, holds week-end news attention. Returns should be timed early in day -- but later than 7:30 am; the preferable time to return: 10-12:30 am, on weekdays.

Possible Activities Abroad

No recommendations have been sought from our Embassies.

State experts in Washington believe, however, that the countries concerned would probably propose activities like:

Formosa: formal calls on President and Vice-President, formal dinner by President and Mrs. Chiang, luncheon with Vice President-Premier Chen, a reception hosted by our Ambassador -- plus visits to installations and factories near Taipei. Chiang might ask Vice-President to his Sun-Moon Lake lodge for overnight discussions. Down-island plane inspection trips or cross-island automobile trips might be proposed. State thinks any such acceptable, except a visit to Quemoy.

Saigon: address National Assembly, courtesy call on Vice-President Nguyen Ngoc Tho, meet American community, dinner at Presidential Palace, auto trip on US-financed highway to inspect air base and US-Vietnamese private venture textile plant, airtrip to a rural "regroupment" area (Agroville), lunch with a Province chief, a dinner hosted by US Ambassador.*

*US Ambassador will be Mr. Nolting who was Finletter's Deputy when we were in Paris, with whom I spent two hours there. Good man. Now being briefed in Washington. Will arrive in Saigon three days before Vice-President.

Manilla: might meet with Senate and House Foreign Relations Committee members, visit University's Asian Studies Department which is training Asia students on East-West concept, visit Asian Labor Center where ICA is training Asian labor leaders, visit rural farming projects, visit American cemetery on Manila outskirts. There is intensive pre-election, pre-convention skirmishing for Presidential nominations which will influence protocol of activities in Manila, although presenting no problem.

Bangkok: visit with King and Queen, and Prime Minister, required. Also call on Secretary-General of SEATO and of ECAFE and attend special SEATO Council Representatives meeting. Visit SEATO projects and selected US aid projects, such as Friendship Highway.

Note: The East is protocol minded. Will want to honor Vice-President with dinner and this should be reciprocated by US. However, under schedule pressure, visits can be made as short as desired -- provided sufficient notice is available.

Security Situations

The only visit where demonstrations, etc., seem possible, though not probable, is Saigon. It is an infiltrated country. Outside Saigon trips should be carefully weighed and planned. Advance security inspections of all sites and arrangements are most definitely to be recommended. Secret Service on the site in advance is, in my judgment, essential -- always.

Planning Details

The assumption of the State Department has been that the Vice-President and Mrs. Johnson would stay at the Ambassador's residence. We advised them not to separate the Vice-President from essential staff in accommodations if possible -- and not to rule out accommodating the party in hotels, instead.

We also advised State to be certain that at all meetings admission of appropriate aides be assured so that Vice-President is not -- as in Africa -- left alone.

There was no discussion of press accompanying trip.

Bureau of Far Eastern affairs had been advised by AFL-CIO that they had been invited to send someone along as observer. It was understood Vice-President had made the invitation. We had no information or comment on that.

There was no discussion on matter of other persons, such as Senator or Congressman, accompanying the trip.

State has made no commitment on sending any "experts" or other personnel. Choices will be left to the Vice-President. Mr. Little did personally recommend that Mr. Crockett accompany the trip again to assure coordination and cooperation with the personnel at all posts. There was discussion but no decision about State providing baggage-aides, other such personnel if desired.

At some early stage, the Secret Service should be invited into discussions about arrangements.

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FE - Mr. Ericson

April 21, 1961

SPA - James D. Bell

Vice President's Schedule for Manila

The Vice President would be expected to call on President Carlos P. Garcia, Vice President Diosdado Macapagal, Senate President Eulogio Rodriguez, and Foreign Minister Felixberto M. Serrano. The Philippine domestic political situation is especially delicate at this time. Vice President Macapagal has already been nominated as Presidential candidate on the Liberal Party ticket. President Garcia and Senate President Rodriguez are both candidates for the nomination of the Nacionalista Party. Thus, you have a certain rivalry among all three and care would have to be taken not to permit the Vice President to be used by any of the contenders for their own narrow political purposes. This, however, is a matter which I am sure the Vice President would be able to handle with consummate skill. It is probably not necessary to add that the U.S. policy is to remain completely aloof from Philippine internal politics.

In addition to the four officials mentioned above, it might be desirable to have the Vice President attend a tea or some similar function given by the combined Senate and House Foreign Relations Committee where there would be an opportunity to get Congressional views on U.S.-American relations.

I understand that Vice President Johnson is interested in East-West exchange and was very interested in the Hawaii Center for this purpose. The University of the Philippines has a special Department of Asian Studies at which they have students from a number of Asian countries which might be worked into the schedule. ICA some years ago established a very successful Asian Labor Center which has been attended by a number of labor leaders from other Asian countries. In addition, the Philippine military have helped train military officers from Southeast Asian countries. More details on this type of activity could be worked out through the Embassy. Also, the Embassy would be able to arrange for the Vice President to visit an agricultural project in the vicinity of Manila.

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Social and Ceremonial Activities. The Vice President would presumably wish to place a wreath on the monument to Philippine hero Jose Rizal. He might also wish to visit the large and, I understand, very beautiful American cemetery on the outskirts of Manila.

It is likely, particularly because of the election in November, that President Garcia would want to give a dinner for the Vice President. In the event the Vice President stayed two evenings, it would be appropriate for Ambassador Hickerson to have a dinner.

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May 5, 1961

The Vice President

Horace Busby

LABOR REPRESENTATIVE ON TRIP TO ASIA

State Department was called this morning from the White House (Mr. Dunagan) with the following message:

Mr. Meany contacted the White House, said that there had been an agreement or understanding that a representative of AFL-CIO would be on the Vice President's trip, that the representative would be Mr. Selfridge (Retail Clerks). The White House then called State and instructed them to include Mr. Selfridge in the party.

This message came to me from Mr. Ericson at State who was simply transmitting the information and had not handled the calls.

It would be my suggestion that State be asked to list Selfridge as someone they have selected or asked to make this mission. Nobody at State knows for sure the origin of this idea, although they had been informally advised two weeks ago by "the AFL-CIO" that an invitation had been extended through the Vice-President.

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**WHITE HOUSE ARMY SIGNAL AGENCY
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.**

SIGWH

27 April 1961

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Burris
Office of the Vice President**


SUBJECT: Airborne Teletype Communications.

Certain aircraft of the Special Air Mission Detachment 1254 are equipped with a teletype capability. The above aircraft include all three 707 jets and the Presidential DC-6.

Traffic for principals aboard these aircraft is normally processed through the White House Army Signal Agency (WHASA) Communications Center for relay to the plane. Both classified and unclassified messages are handled in the same manner.

WHASA Communications Center can be reached from the Security Switchboard.

Request prior notice of the impending utilization of these facilities be given to the Signal Office so that proper arrangements can be made with the Signal Corps and Air Force.


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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

April 24

MEMO FOR Colonel Burris

Attached are four papers tabled by Lt. General McGarr at today's meeting, which may be of interest to you as background material for the Vice President's trip.

General Lansdale will assemble some additional material which he thinks the Vice President might wish to read prior to his trip and will send over to you separately.



E. F. BLACK
Colonel, USA
Military Assistant

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When With Attachments

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Vice President's Proposed Trip to the Far East
and Near East

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It has been decided that the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs should continue to coordinate the entire trip, and should be the principal channel for communication with the Vice President's office regarding all arrangements. FE - Mr. McConaughy has been designated Coordinator. FE - Mr. Ericson will be in charge of all detailed arrangements. Mr. Ericson can be reached on Extension 5662, Room 6317. NEA has designated SOA - Mr. Weil as the point of contact within NEA (Extension 3730). Administrative arrangements for the trip are the responsibility of A - Mr. Crockett.

All outgoing telegraphic traffic involving the Vice President's trip should be cleared with either Mr. McConaughy or Mr. Ericson.

L. D. Battle
for

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Executive Secretary

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DRAFT TELEGRAM

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LIMIT DISTRIBUTION

Vice President Johnson has agreed undertake trip around Southern periphery Asia including visits Manila, Taipei, Saigon, Bangkok, New Delhi and Karachi.

Trip is premised on belief it is in national interest to make ~~gesture~~ gesture of new administration's support and concern for nations this sensitive area, especially at time when we need sympathetic response from Asian neutrals and allies to measures we taking in dangerous situations Laos and Viet-Nam. Vice President would personally convey to leaders and peoples of area assurance of readiness new administration, acting as a partner and friend, to contribute through technical aid and development assistance to their long-term economic, political and defense goals, both as individual nations and on regional basis.

Although Vice President may be asked to make clear US views on some subjects, his trip would be essentially goodwill in nature (~~not to be used as a negotiating tool in specific issues~~)

Vice President's commitments require trip be compressed into period May 9-23. Proposed schedule, based on use MATS 707 aircraft: (See alternatives)

Action posts

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Action posts are requested to inform Department ASAP whether host governments are willing receive Vice Presidential visit and whether dates indicated are acceptable. Vice President requests that information re proposed trip be held in strict confidence until entire schedule has been confirmed, whereupon arrangements for simultaneous releases Washington and posts to be visited will be made. Embassy staff should be informed on need-to-know basis only.

If visit acceptable, Embassy and host government may begin preliminary ~~and~~ planning, bearing in mind following considerations:

1. Visit is conditioned on firm assurance where appropriate that Vice President will not be subject of demonstrations or offensive acts.
2. Vice President ^{has directed} ~~desires~~ formalities be kept to minimum, with no social functions other than those demanded by protocol requirements.
3. Vice President would appreciate opportunity at each post for personal contact with population on informal basis, in conjunction where possible with visit installation to which US aid program or other influence has contributed.

Action posts should cable ASAP: 1) names of control officers; 2) suggested schedule for visit - see individual post suggestions below; 3) suggested points to be emphasized in arrival-departure statements and ^{forum for public address by} ~~other public statements by~~ Vice President; ~~and 4) list of subjects which host government is likely to raise or which post believes Vice President may profitably raise.~~ No rpt no plans should be confirmed to host government until approved by Vice President.

Mrs. Johnson

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Mrs. Johnson will accompany. Post should cable suggested schedule for her and designate control officer for her activities.

Further details regarding size and composition of party and administrative details will be cabled soonest.

For Saigon: If trip materializes as planned, Ambassador Nolting will be instructed arrive in time present credentials before Vice President's visit. For Vice President, suggest you consider discussions with President and Vice President, visit Agrovilla, U.S.-Viet-Nam textile plant, U.S. financed highway to Dien Hui base.

For Manila: Suggest discussions with President and Vice President; address to National Assembly (Ambassador Romulo has already inquired re this); visit to University of Philippines, Asian Labor Center, or agricultural project near Manila; placing wreath on Rizal monument.

For Taipei: Suggest discussions Chiang and Chen Cheng; visits to agricultural and industrial project, Academia Sinica or Taiwan University, Tsing Hua Nuclear Research Institute.

For Bangkok: Suggest call on King and Queen; discussion with Prime Minister; attendance meeting SEATO Council Reps; visit US or SEATO project.

call on Vice President and possibly President;
For New Delhi: Suggest discussion with Nehru; visit Gandhi memorial, US aid project and purely Indian project.

For Karachi:

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For Karachi: Suggest discussions with Ayub, visit US aid project, Jinnah's Tomb, Pakistan military unit. *(possibly unit alerted for S.E. Asia)*

For CINCPAC POLAD: Vice President would hope preside at ceremony connected with East-West Cultural Center, for which he sponsored legislation. Arrangements would be made through Vice President's own channels.

For Hong Kong - ~~Nicaragua~~ *has directed Dept. advise this* (?) : Vice President ~~hopes~~ *be purely rest* stops.

For all posts: If deemed feasible without unnecessarily overcrowding schedule and if desirable, brief period may be set aside for V. P. to greet such representatives of American community as Embassy feels appropriate.

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Schedule -- Alternative A

<u>Date</u>	<u>Local Time</u>	
May 9	0800 1445	Depart Washington Arrive Hickam
May 10	0900	Depart Hickam
May 11	1600 1630	Arrive Manila
May 13	0800 1100	Depart Manila Arrive Taipei
May 14	1200 1330	Depart Taipei Arrive Hong Kong
May 15	0900 1115 1030	Depart Hong Kong Arrive Saigon
May 17	0900 0920	Depart Saigon Arrive Bangkok
May 18	0900 1130	Depart Bangkok Arrive New Delhi
May 20	0900 1015	Depart New Delhi Arrive Karachi
May 21	1000 1300 (approx)	Depart Karachi Arrive Athens
May 22	0900 1400 1515	Depart Athens Arrive Puerto Rico or Bermuda
May 23	0900 1100 1000	Depart Puerto Rico or Bermuda Arrive Andrews AFB

Schedule -- Alternative B

<u>Date</u>	<u>Local Time</u>	
May 9	0800 1445	Depart Washington Arrive Hickam
May 10	0800	Depart Hickam
May 11	1730 1840	Arrive Saigon
May 13	0900 1120 1115	Depart Saigon Arrive Manila
May 14 <i>Sun.</i>	0800 1100	Depart Manila Arrive Taipei
May 15	1100 1230 1215	Depart Taipei Arrive Hong Kong
May 16	1300 ✓ 1530 1340	Depart Hong Kong Arrive Bangkok
May 18	1000 1230	Depart Bangkok Arrive New Delhi
May 20	0900 1015	Depart New Delhi Arrive Karachi
May 21 <i>Sun.</i>	1000 1300 (approx)	Depart Karachi Arrive Athens
May 22	0900 1400 1500	Depart Athens Arrive Puerto Rico or Bermuda
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MEMORANDUM

1. One of the outstanding conclusions drawn from the trip through Asia is the tremendous importance of city administration. The Asian governments face many tremendous problems. And one of the most pressing is efficient administration at the local level.

2. Every American entering an Asian country can receive from the Embassy a long list of "dos and don'ts." The "don'ts" are the most important. They include:

- a.) Don't drink the water unless it is boiled or bottled and imported.
- b.) Don't eat certain types of foods except under highly special circumstances.
- c.) Don't walk the streets in certain sections at night.
- d.) Don't brush your teeth with water from the tap.
- e.) Wash your hands at every opportunity.

3. Most of these situations arise out of the fact that the problems of city government have outgrown the capacity of local administrations. One of the most dramatic examples is the influx of people into Karachi following the partition of India. In a matter of weeks Karachi went from a city of about 800,000 to more than 2 1/2 million. This taxed the water purification facilities; the police facilities; the public health services to a point where they have not yet recovered from the strain.

4. One of the greatest services that could be performed by local officials in our country is to find ways and means of sharing with the local officials in Asia the knowledge that America has gained from facing similar problems. Certain types of machinery already exist, such as the "sister cities" which are set up through the People to People Program. For example, Washington, D. C. is now a sister city of Bangkok, Thailand. Sacramento, California is a sister city of Manila in the Philippines. The "sister city" systems cover 36 countries of the free world and many more communities want to come in under the program.

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5. Even more can and should be done, however. It would certainly be helpful if the Conference of Mayors would examine the facilities available and find ways of strengthening the programs through which they can share their knowledge with the local administrators in other nations who so badly need their help and advice.

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Papers for Vice President's Trip

VIETNAM

Talking paper (based on Kennedy letter)

Position papers:

- U.S. Economic Aid
- Political Support for Diem
- SEATO and Laos
- Laos and 14-Nation Conference
- Cambodia-Vietnam Relations
- Current Situation in Vietnam
- General Background

PHILIPPINES

No talking paper (Only 1 point for V.P. to raise)

Position papers:

- U.S. Military Assistance Program
- Military Bases Negotiations
- Garcia Visit to the U.S.
- Omnibus claims or damage legislation
- Civil Air Negotiations
- Sugar Quota
- Philippine Views on Laos and SEATO
- Country data background paper

TAIPEI (Republic of China)

Talking paper

Position papers:

- Chinese Representation in the U.N.
- Delivery of C-130B to Republic of China
- U.S. Support of Chinese Economic Development
- Off-Shore Islands
- Continued U.S. Support for the Republic of China
- GRC Current Military Operations Against Mainland
- U.S. Policy Toward Mongolia

TAIPEI (CONT'D)

Background papers:

Present status of Soviet Communist Chinese Relations
Thai-Mainlander Relations
General

BANGKOK

Talking Paper

Position papers:

Impact of the Lao Crisis on Thailand
U.S. Assistance in Thai Economic Development
Irrigation Projects in Thailand
Thai-Cambodia Relations
KMT Irregulars
Defense Agreement

Background Papers

Background papers on Recent U.S. Security
Assurance to Thailand
P.L. 480 Rice Sales
General paper

INDIA

Talking Paper

Position papers:

Indo-Pakistan Relations
Kashmir Issue
India Request for Sugar Quota
Economic Situation and Prospects
U.S.-Indian Civil Aviation Relations

Background papers:

Outlook for Stability
Indian Attitude Toward World Problems
U.S.-Indian Relations
Indian Relations with Free World and Communist Bloc

PAKISTAN

Talking Paper

Position papers:

- Pakistan-Communist Bloc Relations
- Afghanistan-Pakistan Relations
- U.S. Economic Assistance to Pakistan
- U.S.-Pakistan Cooperation in Defense
- U.S.-Pakistan Relations

General Regional Papers

- 1 Regional Organizations - S.E. Asia
- 1 S.E. Asia Treaty Organization
- 1 SEATO and Laos

1 Vietnam paper given the V.P. by Gen. Lansdale

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 1, 1961

TO: The Vice-President

FROM: Horace Busby *HB*

RE: ITINERARY FOR PROPOSED TRIP

The itinerary of the trip should carefully fit both the purpose and the "image" of the mission: i.e., it should be a personal inspection for the President and should be a purposeful, fast-moving, protocol-aside type mission.

The trip, of necessity, must include Hawaii, Manila, Saigon (South Vietnam), and Bangkok (Thailand). Additional points involve these considerations:

Formosa: Chiang is, for many in the US, the "Adenauer of Asia." Omission of a visit would be infuriating to him and, in turn, his admirers -- notably in Congress. Unnecessary injury and suspicion would be invited for the Administration by such omission. The necessity of the visit is domestic politics in US, especially now.

Cambodia: Involvement of US prestige here is dubious in wisdom and necessity. This is not a strong point. Cambodia has some of the makings of another Laos. If possible, exclude this visit.

New Delhi-Pakistan: One visit necessitates two visits. In both instances, however, there is some willingness to fight -- this should be honored by such a visit. Also, Indian assent is desirable before commitment of US arms against Asiatics. This visit is desirable.

Australia-New Zealand: Again, two visits would be required. Might be useful to remind US of similarity of Communist aggression and Japanese pattern in 1942. Not absolutely necessary.

Return by Europe: Undesirable, regardless of stops. Could go to Rome, Bonn, maybe London, not Paris. Or to Geneva, to bring Dean home. But proper order would suggest the Vice-President reporting to President on Southeast Asia and President only contacting Europeans.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

25 April 1961

MEMO FOR Colonel Howard Burris, USAF
Office of the Vice President
Executive Office Building

Attached are three papers which I believe the Vice-President will find useful as background for his visit to Vietnam.

They are:

(1). The report of my visit to Vietnam in early January, which the President has read.

(2). A paper prepared at Deputy Secretary Gilpatric's request, which he used in his recent discussion with the President.

(3). An intimate character sketch on President Diem who is a very close friend of mine.

E G Lansdale

EDWARD G. LANSDALE
Brigadier General, USAF
Assistant to the
Secretary of Defense

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Col Burris:

Mildred Zayac in Mr. McGeorge Bundy's ofc called. Last night Mr. Bundy talked to the Vice President. VP wants to be cued in thoroughly on Viet Nam planning before he goes out. Mr. Bundy said that after talking to Mr. Gilpatric and the President, at their suggestion he is turning this over to Mr. Rostow in Mr. Bundy's office. Mr. Rostow will keep in touch with the VP and is available at any time. That includes the question of who should go. Mr. Bundy also mentioned that probably Mr. Gilpatric will not go but they will discuss the party later.

Mr. Rostow mentioned that perhaps the VP would like to sit in at a very important meeting Monday, 10 AM in Mr. Gilpatric's office. If so, contact Mr. Rostow.

Mr. Rostow's ext: 235 WH Line.
Mr. Bundy ext: 333, 334 WH

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ACTING SECRETARY

As gesture of encouragement and reassurance to those US allies in Asia most directly threatened by communist encroachment Vice President Johnson has agreed to make brief trip to Far East Saigon with stops Manila Bangkok and Taipei. Concept of trip is to dramatize US support for governments concerned and give political leaders this sensitive area opportunity exchange views with top-level representative of new US administration. Vice President would not repeat not desire conduct negotiations on specific issues or give other than general indications of US support.

Essential that VP return Washington prior to President Kennedy's departure for Ottawa May 16. Trip must be compressed into period May 8 to 16. Suggested itinerary based on use MATS 707 aircraft as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Local Time</u>	<u>Local Time</u>
May 8	0800	Depart Washington
	1545	Arrive Hickam
May 9	0800	Depart Hickam

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>Local Time</u>	
May 10	1515	Arrive Manila
May 11	1400	Depart Manila
	1630	Arrive Bangkok
May 12	1230	Depart Bangkok
	1430	Arrive Saigon
May 14	0900	Depart Saigon
	1200	Arrive Taipei
May 15	0900	Depart Taipei
	0200	Be Arrive Hickam
	1500	Depart Hickam
May 16	0830	Arrive Washington

Ambassadors are requested to inform Department ~~SSAP~~ whether host governments are willing receive Vice Presidential visit and whether dates indicated are acceptable, Approach should indicate that tight schedule regrettably permits little or no variation in timing.

Vice President requests that information re proposed trip be held in strict confidence until entire schedule has been confirmed, whereupon arrangements for simultaneous releases Washington and posts to be visited will be made. Embassy staff should be informed on need-to-know basis only.

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If visit acceptable, Embassy and host government may begin preliminary planning, bearing in mind following considerations:

1. Visit is conditioned on firm assurance that Vice President will not be subject of demonstrations or offensive acts.
2. Vice President desires formalities be confined to absolute minimum.
3. Vice President desires opportunity at each post for personal contact with population on informal basis, in conjunction where possible with visit installation to which US aid program or other influence has contributed.
4. ~~Maximizing~~ In making housing arrangements, ensure that minimum of six members VP's entourage will be billeted in immediate vicinity under same roof.

Action Posts should cable suggested schedules for visit as soon as feasible. Posts should also cable ASAP suggested arrival and departure remarks and any other statements by VP as may be required during visit. No repeat no plans should be confirmed to host government until approved by Vice President.

Mrs. Johnson will accompany. Edwin W. Martin, Director Office Chinese Affairs, will be senior representative Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs. Further instructions and details regarding size and composition

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composition of party will be cabled when available.

FOR SAIGONL If trip materializes Ambassador Nolting would proceed Saigon to present credentials several days in advance VP's arrival.

FOR CINCPAC POLAD: Vice President would hope preside at ~~xxxx~~ ceremony connected with East-West Center, for which he sponsored legislation. Arrangements would be made through Vice President's own channels.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Visit of the Vice President to Bangkok

First Day

- 9:00 Briefing at the Embassy, including all U.S. Mission Chiefs.
- 11:00 Call on Prime Minister
- 12:00 Call on King and Queen
- 4:30 Call on Secretary-General of SEATO
- 5:30 Call on Secretary-General of ECAFE
- 7:00 Reception offered by Thai Government

Second Day

- 9:30 Attendance at special meeting of SEATO Council Representatives.
- 10:30 Visit to selected SEATO projects
- 2:30 Visit to selected U.S. aid projects, e.g., Friendship Highway
- 6:00 Press Conference
- 7:00 Reception (or dinner) at U.S. Embassy

Thailand's importance to the U.S. position in Southeast Asia has been increased immeasurably by the crisis in Laos. Without close Thai cooperation, any U.S. diplomatic or military efforts in Laos would be much more difficult, if not virtually impossible. Conversely, Thailand sees its national security immediately threatened by a crisis the course of which is being determined by the U. S., rather than Laos, or Thailand. U.S. actions in this situation will have a direct and vital bearing on Thailand's security. Consequently, the Thai are closely scrutinizing all U.S. actions and all indications of U.S.

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INTENTIONS. In particular, they are seeking assurances of continued, firm U. S. support for Thailand; should their confidence in the U.S. be shaken, they undoubtedly will consider accommodation to the power of Communist China.

In recognition of these factors, both President Eisenhower and President Kennedy have taken steps to reassure Thai Prime Minister Sarit privately. A major public gesture of U.S. interest in Thailand would thus be a highly useful, if not essential, contribution to Thai confidence in the United States and, thereby, to the U.S. position in Southeast Asia.

If the Vice President were to visit nearby Viet-Nam without also visiting Thailand, The Thai might well interpret it as an indication of waning U.S. interest in Thailand with the serious consequences mentioned above.

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