

JULY 13, 1967 - 12:40 p.m.

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Sec. McNamara
Gen. Westmoreland
Gen. Wheeler
George Christian

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~LITERALLY EYES ONLY~~

July 13, 1967
5:30 p.m.

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

Tom
FROM: Tom Johnson

Attached is a summary of notes taken during the President's meeting in the Cabinet Room with Secretary McNamara, General Westmoreland, General Wheeler, and George Christian.

The meeting began at 12:40 p.m. The meeting ended at 1:02 p.m.

Attachment.

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NOTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
WITH

SECRETARY McNAMARA
GENERAL WESTMORELAND
GENERAL WHEELER
GEORGE CHRISTIAN

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IN THE CABINET ROOM FOLLOWING THE
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

The President said General Westmoreland was upset last night because of the press reports. The press indicated to General Westmoreland that Secretary McNamara had questioned the General's management of the war when the Secretary briefed the press at the White House on July 12.

The President said he told General Westmoreland Wednesday night:

- We would carefully review everything.
- Secretary McNamara, General Westmoreland, and the President feel that General Westmoreland's team in Vietnam is the best we have ever seen.
- The President said he has never heard anybody who has ever been critical of General Westmoreland in any way.
- The President said that Westmoreland has been assured that he will have the troops he needs. The President referred back to many earlier statements he has made which said that the General's suggestions would be reviewed in light of existing situations and the General would be given whatever he needed. The President said there is an acceptable area on the number of troops and that we will be announcing these numbers in a few weeks. This agreement is shared fully by General Westmoreland, Secretary McNamara, and General Wheeler of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The President said there is a question of what other countries will do in response to our request for additional manpower. They must answer two questions:

- 1) Do they give additional troops, and
- 2) When, where, and how will they be provided.

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General Wheeler asserted that as a matter of military security and prudence the figures should not be disclosed. (He indicated this would be notifying the enemy in advance of our manpower program.)

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