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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 340

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of Agriculture
The Secretary of Commerce
The Administrator, Agency for International Development
The Administrator, General Services Administration

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By del/ky, NARA, Date 4-11-90

SUBJECT: U. S. Government Shipments by Foreign Flag Vessels
in the North Vietnam Trade

The President has directed that United States Government-financed cargoes shall not be shipped from the United States on a foreign flag vessel if such vessel has called at a North Vietnam port on or after the effective date of this memorandum.

Exceptions may be made as to any such vessel if:

- (1) the persons who control the vessel or vessels give satisfactory assurance that no ships under their control will, thenceforth, be employed in trade with North Vietnam so long as it remains the policy of the United States Government to discourage such trade; or
- (2) the persons who control the vessel or vessels give satisfactory assurance--
 - (a) that no ships under their control will thenceforth be employed in trade with North Vietnam so long as it remains the policy of the United States Government to discourage such trade, except as provided in paragraph (b), and

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(b) that vessels under their control which are covered by contractual obligations, including charters, entered into prior to the date of the present action memorandum under which their employment in trade with North Vietnam may be required shall be withdrawn from such trade at the earliest opportunity consistent with such contractual obligations.

The form and content of any such assurances shall be essentially the same as are required for ships in the Cuban trade under NSAM 220, as amended, with any changes required by the circumstances. The Secretary of State is to be consulted on the form and content of the assurances. No vessel described in paragraph (2) (b) will be eligible to carry any cargo sponsored or financed by any of the agencies listed herein until such vessel has actually ceased to engage in trade with North Vietnam and has ceased to be under obligation to engage in such trade. If any assurance given in accordance with this directive is determined to be untrue or has not been complied with, all ships owned or controlled by persons making such assurance may be declared ineligible for the carriage of cargo sponsored or financed by any of the agencies listed herein.

The Secretaries of State, Defense, and Agriculture, the

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Administrator of General Services Administration, and the Administrator of the Agency for International Development are directed to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out this policy.

The Secretary of Commerce is to make available to the appropriate Departments current pertinent information which he may have on ships engaged in trade with North Vietnam.

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