

# "No. 115 Defoliant Operations in Vietnam" NSA Memorandum, November 30, 1961

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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 115

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Defoliant Operations in Viet Nam

The President approved the recommendation of the Secretary of State and the Deputy Secretary of Defense to participate in the selective and carefully controlled joint program of defoliant operations in Viet Nam starting with the clearance of key route and proceeding thereafter to food denial only if the most careful basis of resettlement and alternative food supply has been created. Operations in Zone D and the border areas shall not be undertaken until there are realistic possibilities of the immediate military exploitation.

The President further agreed that there should be careful prior consideration and authorization by Washington of any plans developed by CINCPAC and the country team under this authority before such plans are executed.

McGeorge Bundy

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