FOR CARVER FROM KOMER

1. Understand from MACV that one insisting on inclusions of 120,000 SDF and SSDF in new NIE figures, thus giving total of 439,389 for enemy O/B.

2. You are familiar with new MACV figures which represent major step forward toward sounder analysis. I cannot see case for including vague estimates of low grade part-time Hamlet self-defense groups, mostly weaponless, in new O/B. Do we include RDPGS, Hamlet militia, or combat Yout on GIV side.
4. ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT NIE PROJECTS 13,000 MAN ENCL.
INCREASE BY END OF YEAR. ON WHAT IS THIS BASED? IT IS CONTRARY TO
WHOLE TREND OF ANALYSIS OUT HERE, INCLUDING HIGHER ENEMY LOSS RATES,

NEW OFFICIAL MACV ESTIMATE THAT IN-COUNTRY RECRUITING JANUARY-MAY
1967 PROBABLY DOWN TO 3500 PER MONTH, AND LACK OF ANY EVIDENCE THAT
INFILTRATION RATE UP IF INDEED IT IS AVERAGING AS HIGH AS LAST YEAR.
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