1. LATEST DRAFT NIE 14.3-67 has, in separate paragraphs, strengths of enemy elements as shown below:

- Regular forces (VC/INVA) 121,000
- Admin services 40,000-60,000
- Guerrillas 60,000-100,000
- Political "on the order of 90,000"
- Self defense forces 100,000
- Secret self defense forces 20,000
- Assault youth "at least several thousand"

There are no totals or tables showing all of these figures in the estimate. Final agreement will probably not be reached before USIS meeting on 31 August.

2. DIA supporting MACV, but service positions shifting. Consensus appears that some upward adjustments required to cover omissions in MACV studies such as district staffs in admin services and hamlet guerrillas.

3. As MACV position well known at all echelons and no agreement can be reached at the working level consider that my usefulness has ceased.
4. In view of the above I am departing Washington 26 August for Hawaii with a 1 or 2 day delay before proceeding to Saigon. GP-1

Delivery Instructions: During duty hours