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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSTOW

SUBJECT: [redacted] Destroyers Patrolling Offshore North Vietnam

The attached report [redacted] aboard the [redacted] which was caused by offshore mortar fire from North Vietnam raises sharply the question of why U. S. destroyers on these patrols [redacted]

Although in this case no serious problem resulted from the North Vietnam attack, I can foresee the possibility of a misleading news report in the event the circumstances of this attack leak to the press.

[redacted]

I called this report to the attention of Ben Read who spoke to Mr. Katzenbach. Katzenbach expects to discuss this question with Mr. Vance today.

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