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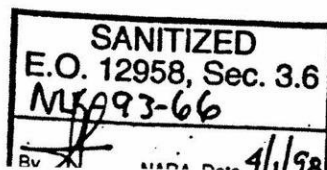
N.S. Action No. 29

March 9, 1961

At a meeting in the Cabinet Room on March 9, 1961, on the general subject of Southeast Asia, the President authorized the following actions:

1. An increase in MEOs from 3000 to 4000 by April 1. [REDACTED]
2. Defense Department to supply 16 H-34 helicopters to [REDACTED]
3. Defense Department to select [REDACTED] 16 helicopter pilots.
4. More maintenance and base support personnel for helicopters (300) (with consent of Thai government).
5. Defense Department to make available [REDACTED] appropriately marked, 4 C-130s. (On Okinawa or Taiwan)
6. [REDACTED] supply 4 C-130 crews. (U.S. civilian plus ChiNat.)
7. [REDACTED] make available 1 C-47 and 3 DC-4s, with crews.
8. In case of urgent supply requirements, USAF aircraft may resume delivery direct to Vientiane (C-130).
9. Negotiate with Sarit for immediate availability of up to 4 105mm batteries (Thai soldiers, equipment, and supplies).
10. PEO personnel will be augmented by approximately 100 officers and men, and the JUSMAAG personnel in Thailand by approximately 100.
11. Defense to make available 8 B-26s, plus necessary spares (at Okinawa).
12. Defense Department to supply 16 sanitized B-26 crews [REDACTED]

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13. [REDACTED] recruit non-U.S., non-ChiNat crews for B-26 and transport aircraft.

14. The Department of State will draft for the President's approval a message to Ambassador Brown giving the sense and meaning of the present steps.

15. General Boyle will go to work on Phoumi to lift the quality of FAL military leadership.

16. [REDACTED] commit additional helicopters as obtained.

17. [REDACTED] commit additional transport aircraft as obtained.

W. A. Brown

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