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SUBJECT : U. S. Overseas Internal Defense Policy - South Africa

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FILE

In compliance with the Department's instruction under reference, all key U. S. officials attached to the Country Team of this Mission have read a copy of the document "U. S. Overseas Internal Defense Policy", with the exception of the TOP SECRET Annex A which was seen only by the Ambassador, the Deputy Chief of Mission [redacted]

As called for in the basic document, a Country Internal Defense Plan for South Africa has been prepared, following the format contained in Annex C of the basic document. In preparing the Plan, the Embassy has "made a study on how the document applies to this country and what measures should be taken to implement the policy" as required by the Action paragraph of the Department's instruction under reference. The Embassy's conclusions are incorporated in the Plan, which is attached as an Enclosure to this airgram.

Bearing in mind the unique status of the Republic of South Africa, in contrast with Counter-Insurgency Requirements of "less developed countries" care must be taken in this instance to distinguish the types of "insurgency" which the U. S. would wish to discourage in South Africa. Basic to this Embassy's mission is a policy which would deny to the South African Government materiel, facilities or any form of support for programs which suppress legitimate claims of non-White groups. Particular care must be taken in this instance, therefore, to consider the South African Plan only in relation to (1) communist inspired, supported or directed subversion or insurgency or (2) those other types of subversion and insurgency which are inimical to

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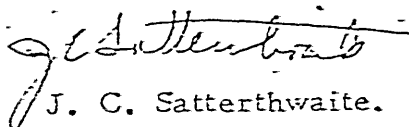
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U. S. national security interests vis-a-vis South Africa. In this context, the Embassy agrees fully with Section V. A of the basic document: "The U. S. does not wish to assume a stance against revolution, per se, as an historical means of change."

In compliance with Section VI A. 4, page 24 of the basic document, I have designated G. Edward Clark, the Deputy Chief of Mission, as the officer responsible for assisting me in meeting the Embassy's responsibilities for internal defense.

Original contributions to the Internal Defense Plan for South Africa were made by the following members of the Country Team: Mr. Herman HORTON, Miss Ruth TORRANCE, Mr. Theodore NELSON, Lt. Col. Don DAVIS, and Dr. Argus TRESIDDER.


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