REPORT OF VIET CONG PROPAGANDA PLAN TO REPRESENT PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION AS REPUDIATION OF U.S. ROLE IN VIET NAM

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I have the honor to report the situation.

A. (C val The attacks) of the Viet Cong according to President KENNEDY for the following reasons: [they will propagandize against] President KENNEDY because he decided to send more than 4000 American troops to Viet Nam, bringing the [total] number to more than 16,000. This number of troops in combat could not be borne further because the struggle in Viet Nam was unjustified, and it was for that reason that President KENNEDY was (B val assassinated).

Relying on this explanation, they maintain that they are certain to be victorious in the struggle in Viet Nam because it is the American troops who have been fighting the war. At present my office is studying...

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B. The activity of the counter-revolutionary gang is nil.

C. The general situation is unimpeded.

((A)) Not available.