

Vietnamese counterpart," et cetera, et cetera, and it is Mr. Heavner's belief that this ought to be checked, that it may well read "advisers" and not "reporters."

Mr. Moss. My view would change considerably if it is "advisers" and not "reporters."

Mr. HILSMAN. Well, it should be, let me say that.

(The following material was provided by the Department of State:)

These summaries were phoned in to the committee during the course of the hearing. On the basis of direct examination of the documents concerned, the summaries should read as follows:

Guideline 1 of May 4, 1963

"Generally the people dealing with correspondents should give them all possible unclassified information. However, the fact that newsmen go to the field with the military does not mean that they are entitled to the classified information and, therefore, they will not get any classified information."

Guideline 2 of May 11, 1963

"When advisers are reporting down aircraft and/or helicopters, they often report them as 'shot down.' Unless they actually know that such airplanes are in fact shot down, advisers should not use that terminology."

Guideline 3 dated January 4, 1963

"In commenting on the actions of the South Vietnamese military forces, advisers should not criticize them publicly. We are in Vietnam in an advisory capacity and our responsibility is to help, not alienate."

In particular, it should be noted that the words "correspondents" and "reporters" are, as phoned in, in error. The word actually used in the instructions referred to was "advisers."

PREPARATION OF CABLE

Mr. MEADER. I would just like to ask whether it is clear that we are going to get some additional information on the preparation of this cablegram.

Mr. HILSMAN. I will endeavor to find that out for you, sir.

(The following answer was provided by the Department of State:)

The telegram in question was prepared in accordance with general policy lines laid out by Secretary of State Rusk and the then Assistant Secretary of State for the Far East, W. Averell Harriman. It was drafted by Carl T. Rowan, then Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, and now Ambassador to Finland. The Director of the Vietnam task force at the time this cable was prepared was Sterling J. Cottrell, now Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs. The message was cleared in the Department of Defense and in USIA, and was reviewed in draft at one of the periodic Honolulu conferences held by Secretary of Defense McNamara to review the Vietnam situation. Preparation of the message was coordinated, within the Department of State, with the Bureau of Public Affairs, for which Robert J. Manning is the Assistant Secretary.

Mr. GRIFFIN. I just want to footnote one thing that Congressman Reuss said, and then subsequently you alluded to it again.

That is, I hope that we are not encouraging the advance to the newsmen of military plans or anything. * * * I don't want my interest here to encourage that necessarily. That is not what we are talking about.

We are talking about facts and the events after they happen and the reporting of them. I don't know whether that needs any further discussion.