

After Honoring Kennedy**Johnson Confers on Viet Nam****President Hears Report by Lodge on War Situation**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson sadly paid tribute to his slain predecessor Sunday and then turned immediately to business by holding a high-level conference on Viet Nam.

Mr. Johnson, who started his day with services at an Episcopal Church near the Capitol, accompanied Mrs. John F. Kennedy in the stately procession that followed the late President's body from the White House to the Capitol Rotunda.

After the eulogies, Mr. Johnson ceremonially placed a wreath of flowers at the end of the coffin. He slowly followed as a member of the honor guard carried the flowers and then, his head bowed, fingered a few of the flowers before turning away.

Takes Detailed Look

Immediately after the ceremony in the Rotunda, Mr. Johnson was whisked under motorcycle escort to the Executive Office building next to the White House. There he began taking a detailed look at the international situation.

Henry Cabot Lodge, United States Ambassador to South Viet Nam, waited for him at the office building. A few moments later, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, and John A. McCone, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director, also arrived to meet with the President.

Also at the meeting was McGeorge Bundy, White House national security aide.

'First-Hand Report'

After the meeting, Lodge told newsmen he gave Mr. Johnson a "first-hand report" on the situation in South Viet Nam and said the President "told me what his thoughts were" on the situation

there.

Lodge said he was hopeful the new government in South Viet Nam would "step up the pace of the war" against the Communists.

Sources said later that Mr. Johnson told the meeting he wanted complete unity of purpose among U.S. agencies in helping the government of South Viet Nam defeat the Communist guerrillas. A source said Mr. Johnson feels that President Kennedy's expectation still holds that all but a few of the 16,500 U.S. fighting men in Viet Nam could be withdrawn.

To Meet De Gaulle

The White House also said Mr. Johnson would receive visiting foreign leaders, including French President Charles de Gaulle, after the funeral today. The visiting dignitaries also will pay their respects to Mrs. Kennedy at the White House.

Everywhere Mr. Johnson went the security arrangements for him were as tight as modern police methods could make. On his trips to the Capitol and back, his car was flanked on either side by limousines bearing marksmen from the secret service.