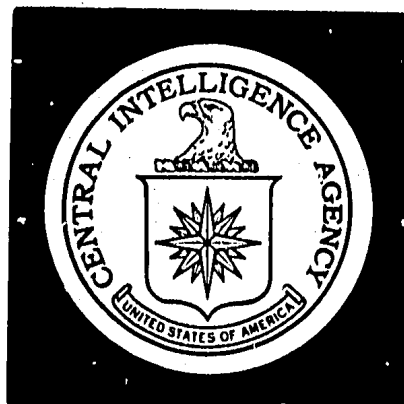


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Foreword

All data in this memorandum are preliminary and subject to minor changes as additional information becomes available. Data for the preceding month and monthly averages presented in the tables have been adjusted to reflect corrections and additions. Weights of cargoes are expressed in metric tons. Because of rounding, components may not add to the totals shown.

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North Vietnamese seaborne imports in June dropped sharply to 172,000 tons but remained above the monthly average for the first five months in 1970 (see Tables 1 and 2). Foodstuff deliveries fell to 53,500 tons, and for the first time in over three years, there were no imports of any kind from Eastern Europe. Petroleum imports climbed to 49,500 tons, their highest level in seven months. Four small consignments of probable military-related cargo were delivered during the month by Soviet ships.

North Vietnamese seaborne exports declined to 26,000 tons (see Tables 3 and 4), their lowest level since September 1968, as coal exports fell 78%. Forty ships arrived in North Vietnam from foreign ports in June, nine less than in May. The government of Cyprus, reacting to a voyage to North Vietnam by the Cypriot-flag freighter *Buonavia*, still under way as of 30 June, has taken firmer measures to prevent ships flying its flag from sailing to North or South Vietnam.

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Seaborne Imports Decline

1. North Vietnamese seaborne imports declined 19% because of a decrease in foodstuff deliveries from their high level in May and the absence of imports from Eastern Europe. Deliveries of foodstuffs were at their lowest level in five months. Soviet foodstuff deliveries, mostly wheat flour from Vladivostok, fell to 34,700 tons, while those from Communist China dropped to 18,500 tons. This resulted from a sharp decrease in wheat and corn deliveries from North China on Free World ships, which was only partly offset by an increase in rice deliveries from South China on Chinese Communist ships.

2. Fertilizer imports fell by 41% with 13,300 tons from the USSR, 2,000 tons from North Korea, and none from traditional suppliers in Eastern Europe and Japan. Imports of general and miscellaneous cargo dropped to 53,400 tons largely as a result of the absence of imports from Eastern Europe. Imports from the Free World fell to only 600 tons, their lowest level since December 1968. About 80 tons of probable military-related cargoes were delivered in June by four Soviet ships, the *Bryanskiy Rabochiy*, the *Aleksandr Tsyurupa*, the *Nikolay Nekrasov*, and the *Mytishchi*, which also delivered a small number of helicopter engines.

3. The expansion of petroleum deliveries by 33% stemmed from increased deliveries from the Black Sea; deliveries from Pacific ports, the usual origin of these shipments, were down. One of the three tankers from the Black Sea, the *Leninskoye Znamya*, was being delivered to the Far East Steamship Company. After discharging in North Vietnam, the others will probably load cargo at Soviet Pacific ports for delivery along the Northern Sea Route, a normal procedure during the summer months.

Seaborne Exports

4. North Vietnamese seaborne exports fell more than 20% as the result of a plunge in coal shipments from 28,600 tons to 6,400 tons, their lowest level in over five years. All of the coal was shipped from Cam Pha to Japan on the Soviet ships

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Bikin and *Pereslavl Zaleskiy*, and none was shipped from Hon Gai. Shipments of apatite rose to 11,700 tons. More than half of it went to Communist China and the remainder to North Korea and Malaysia. Rice exports, which reached 4,100 tons, their highest monthly level in 1970, went to Singapore and Malaysia. Cement exports were resumed in June (there were none in May) with the dispatch of three small consignments to Hong Kong on North Vietnamese ships. Most of the 2,600 tons of general and miscellaneous cargo exports -- a motley assortment of duck feathers, bamboo, fish, eggs, and lime powder -- went to Hong Kong.

5. The first blast furnace of the bomb-damaged Thai Nguyen Iron and Steel Works to be rebuilt became operational in June. This raises the possibility that exports of pig iron will resume in the near future. The last pig iron shipment was in May 1967.

Haiphong Port Activity

6. There were 40 ship arrivals in North Vietnam from foreign ports during June (see Table 5), nine less than in May. Soviet arrivals declined from 30 to 25 and Free World arrivals from nine to five (three British and two Somalian). Congestion at Haiphong port was moderate during June. The average number of foreign dry cargo ships in port per day remained at 18. The average layover time for departing dry cargo ships, affected by the high number of arrivals in May, rose from 13 to 17 days (see Tables 6 and 7).

Stronger Legislation to Keep Cypriot Ships Out of North Vietnam Trade

7. During November 1969 - June 1970, no Cypriot-flag ships called in North Vietnam, primarily because the government of Cyprus was successful in persuading owners of ships under its flag not to participate in the North Vietnam trade. In April 1970 [redacted] the *Buonavia*, a Cypriot-flag ship, had passed the Bosphorus en route from the Black Sea to North Vietnam with cargo from Romania. Having learned of this, the Cypriot Ministerial Council, exercising powers under 1966 legislation that authorizes the prohibition of Cypriot-flag

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ships from trade with countries such as North Vietnam and Cuba, passed an order on 25 June prohibiting Cypriot-flag ships from calling at either North or South Vietnamese ports. If the *Buonavia*, which was still en route on 30 June, does call at Haiphong, it will be an illegal act subjecting the owners to prosecution. Prosecution may prove difficult as the ship, built in 1942, is reportedly scheduled for scrapping upon completion of the voyage, and its nominal owner is a small corporation with only one ship in its fleet.

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Table 1
Seaborne Imports, by Origin and Commodity
1970

Thousand Metric Tons

Origin	Foodstuffs		Fertilizer		Petroleum		General and Miscellaneous		Total	
	June	Monthly Average Jan-May	June	Monthly Average Jan-May	June	Monthly Average Jan-May	June	Monthly Average Jan-May	June	Monthly Average Jan-May
<i>Total</i>	53.5	66.0	15.3	16.9	49.5	32.0	53.4	55.8	171.7	170.7
Communist	53.3	66.0	15.3	14.9	49.5	32.0	53.1	51.9	171.2	164.9
USSR	34.7	44.7	13.3	11.4	49.5	31.4	28.8	24.7	126.4	112.3
Eastern Europe	-	0.1	-	2.0	-	-	-	9.4	-	11.4
China	18.5	17.3	-	-	-	0.6	22.0	17.1	40.5	35.0
North Korea	-	-	2.0	1.5	-	-	2.4	0.6	4.4	2.1
Cuba	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	4.0
Free World	0.2	0	0	2.0	0	0	0.4	3.8	0.6	5.8
Japan	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	Negl.	0.3	Negl.	2.3
Cambodia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8	-	2.8
Other	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.7

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Table 2
Seaborne Imports, by Flag and Commodity a/
1970

Thousand Metric Tons

Flag	June				Total	May	Monthly Average Jan-May
	Food- stuffs	Ferti- lizer	Petro- leum	General and Miscel- laneous ^{b/}			
<i>Total</i>	<i>53.5</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>49.5</i>	<i>53.4</i>	<i>171.7</i>	<i>211.3</i>	<i>170.7</i>
Communist	<u>45.4</u>	<u>15.3</u>	<u>49.5</u>	<u>38.5</u>	<u>148.8</u>	<u>173.7</u>	<u>144.4</u>
Soviet	34.9	13.3	49.5	29.1	126.9	133.1	115.5
East European	-	2.0	-	2.4	4.4	19.7	11.6
Chinese	10.5	-	-	7.0	17.5	8.7	12.6
Cuban	-	-	-	-	-	12.1	4.0
North Vietnamese	-	-	-	Negl.	Negl.	Negl.	6.6
Free World	<u>8.0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15.0</u>	<u>23.0</u>	<u>37.7</u>	<u>26.3</u>

a. Identified imports include some estimates of bulk cargoes, using methods which have proved to be highly reliable.

b. Including 25,100 metric tons of unidentified cargo, 13,400 tons of metal products, 2,200 tons of machinery, and 1,300 tons of vehicles.

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Table 3
Seaborne Exports, by Destination and Commodity
1970

Thousand Metric Tons

Destination	Coal		Cement		Apatite		Rice		General and Miscellaneous		Total	
	June	Monthly Average Jan-May	June	Monthly Average Jan-May	June	Monthly Average Jan-May	June	Monthly Average Jan-May	June	Monthly Average Jan-May	June	Monthly Average Jan-May
<i>Total</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>31.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>25.6</i>	<i>45.2</i>
Communist	0	13.5	0	0	10.7	8.1	0	0	Negl.	1.1	10.7	22.7
USSR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Negl.	0.1	Negl.	0.1
Eastern Europe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.8	-	0.8
China	-	12.5	-	-	6.7	1.5	-	-	-	0.1	6.7	14.1
North Korea	-	-	-	-	4.0	6.6	-	-	-	0.1	4.0	6.7
Cuba	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	1.1
Free World	6.4	17.5	0.7	1.1	1.0	Negl.	4.1	1.3	2.6	2.5	14.9	22.4
Japan	6.4	15.5	-	-	-	Negl.	-	-	0.4	0.4	6.8	15.9
Cambodia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	-	0.4
Other	-	2.0	0.7	1.1	1.0	-	4.1	1.3	2.2	1.7	8.0	6.1

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Table 4
Seaborne Exports, by Flag and Commodity a/
1970

Flag	Thousand Metric Tons							
	June					Total	May	Monthly Average Jan-May
	Coal	Cement	Apatite	Rice	General and Miscel- laneous			
<i>Total</i>	6.4	0.7	11.7	4.1	2.6	25.6	32.4	45.2
Communist	6.4	0.7	11.7	4.1	2.6	25.6	32.4	44.4
Soviet	6.4	-	5.0	2.6	1.9	15.8	16.4	23.1
East European	-	-	-	1.6	-	1.6	-	2.0
Chinese	-	-	6.7	-	-	6.7	13.9	14.1
Cuban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
North Vietnamese	-	0.7	-	-	0.7	1.4	2.0	3.0
Free World	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8

a. Identified exports include some estimates of bulk cargoes, using methods which have proved to be highly reliable.

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Table 5
Ship Arrivals, by Type, Flag, and Origin
1970

Type/Flag	June						May Total	Monthly Average Jan-May
	Origin							
	USSR							
	Black Sea	Far East	Communist China	Other Communist	Free World	Total		
<i>Total</i>	8	14	10	1	7	40	49	44.4
Dry cargo	5	12	10	1	7	35	40	38.4
Tanker	3	2	-	-	-	5	9	6.0
Communist	8	14	5	1	7	35	40	38.0
Soviet	8	14	-	-	3	25	30	25.4
East European	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	2.6
Bulgarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.6
Polish	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2.0
Chinese	-	-	5	-	-	5	4	5.6
Cuban	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.8
North Vietnamese	-	-	-	-	4	4	2	3.6
Free World	0	0	5	0	0	5	9	6.4
British	-	-	3	-	-	3	6	4.6
Somalian	-	-	2	-	-	2	3	1.6
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.2 a/

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Table 6
Average Number of Dry Cargo Ships in Haiphong per Day

Month	Number of Ships			
	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	7	21	24	14
February	10	23	21	17
March	16	23	21	15
April	16	19	21	15
May	18	16	20	18
June	25	23	18	18
July	22	30	21	
August	17	28	17	
September	13	34	17	
October	13	33	15	
November	12	29	11	
December	13	27	13	
<i>Average for year</i>	15	25	18	

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Table 7
Average Layover Times
for Foreign Dry Cargo Ships Departing Haiphong a/

Month	Number of Days			
	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	12	15	25	13
February	10	27	21	14
March	13	28	17	17
April	12	19	19	14
May	17	14	20	13
June	22	17	21	17
July	24	25	21	
August	33	31	22	
September	19	41	21	
October	19	35	19	
November	18	30	16	
December	15	29	14	
<i>Average for year</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>20</i>	

a. The average layover time for departing dry cargo ships is compiled by averaging layover times (including both the day of arrival and the day of departure) of all foreign dry cargo ships leaving Haiphong in the month. Tankers are excluded from the average because they do not compete with dry cargo ships for the limited berthing space in Haiphong.

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