

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

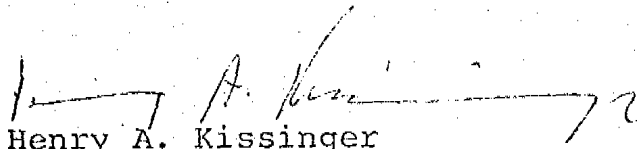
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Communist Deliveries through Cambodia for
VC/NVA Forces in South Vietnam

The President has requested that your recent analysis of past Communist deliveries of war supporting material through the port of Sihanoukville be prepared in a format suitable for wide public dissemination on an unclassified basis.

The precise manner and timing in which this material would be used is not firm, but presumably would be in the near future to highlight the logistic problems facing the North Vietnamese as a result of the closure of Sihanoukville and their relevance to the current operations in Laos.

It would be helpful if appropriate briefing charts, statistical tables and maps could accompany your suggested text. I would appreciate it if you could provide this material by February 22.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Secretary of State
Secretary of Defense
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

NSS/NSC Review Completed

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ACTION

February 8, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HAIG

FROM: ADMIRAL ROBINSON

SUBJECT: Sihanoukville and the War in South Vietnam

Dr. Kissinger's comments on Sihanoukville during the morning staff meeting seemed most effective.

As you know, the intelligence community has more than 12,000 pages of detailed and highly reliable data on the scope and nature of the Communist's logistics activities carried out through Cambodia to support VC/NVA forces in South Vietnam. The recent CIA reports on this matter provide a startlingly new and long-overdue insight into the importance of Sihanoukville.

The documented large-scale Communist use of Sihanoukville adds even greater brilliance to the President's decision to enter the Cambodian sanctuaries last Spring. It has significant relevance to current operations in Laos, and in my view could add a new dimension of public confidence in the current Laotian operation.

I recommend that CIA be tasked with providing the White House with backup charts and data necessary to give this key strategic issue the full public illumination which it deserves. If you concur, I will be pleased to draft a memo to CIA.

Concur. Draft memo _____

I will draft own memo _____

I will handle by telephone _____

See me _____

Do not concur _____

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