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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

MURREY MARDER WRITES THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ADVISERS IN 1964 CONTENDED THAT THE U.S. COULD END UP IN A NUCLEAR WAR IF IT FAILED TO USE ITS POWER IN VIETNAM, WHILE OTHERS WARNED OF TRIGGERING NUCLEAR WAR IF HE DID INTERVENE MASSIVELY. (A-1)

CHALMERS ROBERTS WRITES THAT PRESIDENT TRUMAN MADE THE FIRST CRUCIAL DECISION REGARDING U.S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN INDO-CHINA BY APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF \$10 MILLION TO COVER THE EARLY SHIPMENT OF URGENTLY NEEDED MILITARY ASSISTANCE. (A-1)

DEAN RUSK SAID LAST NIGHT THAT MEMBERS OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION UNDERESTIMATED THE RESISTANCE AND DETERMINATION OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. RUSK ALSO SAID THERE WAS NO DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE ANYBODY. (A-1)

ALSO FEATURED ON THE FRONT PAGE IS A REPORT THAT SECRETARY LAIRD ORDERED THE REMOVAL OF ALL CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS USED BY THE RAND CORPORATION. (A-1)

THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT BERGUS AND STERNER WILL FLY TO CAIRO TO GIVE U.S. VIEWS ON WAYS OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON THE SUEZ CANAL. UPI REPORTS THAT SISCO MAY ALSO VISIT CAIRO SOON. THE PRESS SPECULATES THAT THE MISSION APPEARED TO BE A NEW AND DETERMINED INITIATIVE TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK. (A-2)

MARILYN BERGER WRITES THAT THE L.A. TIMES REPORTED THAT THE PENTAGON, "IN AN ABRUPT POLICY CHANGE," HAD ADVISED THE PRESIDENT TO SPEED UP THE WITHDRAWAL. THE REPORT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO INFORMAL SOURCES. ACCORDING TO UPI, SECRETARY LAIRD HAS DENIED THE REPORT FOR A FASTER WITHDRAWAL AND SAID THE JCS FAVORS A SLIGHTLY SLOWER RATE. (A-4)

MARILYN BERGER ALSO WRITES THAT CLARK CLIFFORD BELIEVES THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE READY FOR SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS -- ONE WITH THE U.S. AND THE OTHER AMONG THE VIETNAMESE. "THE TWO

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TRACK FORMAT WAS PROPOSED BY HENRY A. KISSINGER IN AN ARTICLE HE WROTE BEFORE JOINING THE ADMINISTRATION." THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARTICLE IS QUOTED. (A-4)

GEORGE MCARTHUR WRITES FROM SAIGON THAT HENRY KISSINGER WILL HAVE TO OCCUPY HIMSELF WITH HAMMERING OUT SOME UNIFIED U.S.-SOUTH VIETNAMESE REACTION TO THE VIETCONG PROPOSALS. "THE PROPOSALS HAVE CERTAINLY COMPLIMENTED HIS ALREADY JAMMED TWO-DAY SCHEDULE." (A-6)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

JAMES NAUGHTON WRITES THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS THAT IT WAS TOO SOON TO TELL WHETHER THE SEVEN-POINT PROPOSAL MIGHT FORM THE BASIS FOR SUBSTANTIVE TO END THE WAR. (A-1)

ON THE PENTAGON PAPERS, HEDRICK SMITH WRITES THAT ROBERT MCNAMARA BEGAN TRYING TO CUT DOWN ON THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM AS EARLY AS NOVEMBER 1966. AND IT SAYS MCNAMARA BEGAN URGING JOHNSON IN 1967 TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON. (A-1)

HENRY TANNER ALSO WRITES ON THE BERGUS-STERNER TRIP; AN ATTEMPT TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO THE DEADLOCKED CONSULTATIONS. OFFICIALS SAY THE NEXT BIG PUSH IN THE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED BEFORE SEPTEMBER. (5)

TERENCE SMITH WRITES THAT AN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS VERY POSSIBLE THAT A NEW U.S. OFFER MIGHT EMERGE FROM HENRY KISSINGER'S TRIP TO SAIGON. (5)

A TIMES EDITORIAL ON THE SEVEN-POINT PROPOSALS COMMENTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S LUKEWARM REACTION IN THE FACE OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE A DETERIORATING MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAMESE LENDS SOME WEIGHT TO THE FEARS EXPRESSED BY ELLSBERG, THAT THE NATION MAY BE FORCED WITH A REPLAY OF THE YEAR 1964. (24)

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