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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 11, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL HAIG
FROM: RICHARD T. KENNEDY *[Signature]*
JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: Leaks of Classified Information

The State cable at Tab B clearly identifies a disastrous leak of highly classified and tightly held information concerning our psywar operations. It seems clear to us that the "military sources" are up to their old tricks of fighting a program they don't want. Particularly interesting is the fact that up to this point there has been no decision made as to how the radios will be inserted into North Vietnam. Neither air or water delivery has been decided upon and the modalities are still being argued out in the field (which, despite our continued pressure, has done nothing to move this project).

We believe that the time has come to lay it straight on the line and ask Bunker to take positive and affirmative action to identify and take appropriate action against the culprits. This is the third time in as many months that we have been faced with the same kind of total disloyalty.

A draft back-channel at Tab A would express HAK's deep concern and request positive action.

RECOMMENDATION: That you approve the sending of the cable at Tab A.

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TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER, SAIGON
FROM: GENERAL HAIG, WHITE HOUSE

DR. KISSINGER HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP CONCERN OVER THE LEAKS CONCERNING SENSITIVE PSYWAR OPERATIONS WHICH WERE THE SUBJECT OF STATE TELEGRAM 164966 EXDIS SEPTEMBER 9.

THE PRESS REPORTS REFERRED TO IN THE STATE CABLE HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO DR. KISSINGER'S ATTENTION. HE KNOWS THAT YOU SHARE HIS CONCERN OVER THIS MOST SERIOUS BREACH OF SECURITY. THE FACT THAT THE PRESS REPORTS ADDRESS A PLAN NOT YET IMPLEMENTED SUGGESTS THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT FULLY SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL INSISTENCE ON AN "ALL STOPS OUT" INTENSIVE PSYWAR CAMPAIGN MY BE ATTEMPTING TO BUILD BACKFIRES AIMED AT STOPPING MEASURES WHICH THEY DO NOT SUPPORT BEFORE THEY CAN GET UNDERWAY.

IN VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST IN THIS ENTIRE PROGRAM, DR. KISSINGER ASKS THAT YOU UNDERTAKE ONCE AGAIN AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND TO TAKE THE MOST VIGOROUS APPROPRIATE ACTION AGAINST THEM TO PREVENT FURTHER INCIDENTS OF THIS KIND.

WARM REGARDS,

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SUBJ: MEDIA REPORTS THAT RADIO SETS ARE BEING AIRDROPPED OVER NORTH VIETNAM (PPOG MESSAGE)

1. ON SEPTEMBER 7 NY DAILY NEWS CARRIED SAIGON DATED LINED ARTICLE CAPTIONED "DROP RADIOS IN NORTH FOR THE VOICE". FULL TEXT FOLLOWS: "UNITED STATES PLANES ARE DROPPING RADIO SETS OVER NORTH VIETNAM AS PART OF A PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE DRIVE TO REACH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE OVER THE HEADS OF THE HANOI REGIME, RELIABLE SOURCES SAID TODAY. THE TRANSISTOR RADIOS ARE ABLE TO PICK UP MEDIUM-WAVE VIETNAMESE-LANGUAGE PROGRAMS BEAMED BY VOICE OF AMERICA TRANSMITTERS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND HUE, AND A SOUTH VIETNAMESE STATION KNOWN AS "VOICE OF FREEDOM". SOURCES SAID THE SPECIALLY PACKAGED RADIOS ARE BEING PARACHUTED INTO THE NORTH. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER REPORT, SOME ARE ALSO BEING

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FLOATED TO NORTH VIETNAMESE SHORES ON THE TIDES. POCKET-SIZED RADIOS WERE SIMILARLY SLIPPED INTO NORTH VIETNAM PRIOR TO THE 1968 U.S. BOMB HALT. THE RADIO-DROPPING PROJECT AUGMENTS TENS OF MILLIONS OF PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS BEING SHOWERED OVER THE NORTH BY U.S. AIRCRAFT INCLUDING B-25S AND UNMANNED DRONES. A CONCERNED NORTH VIETNAM HAS LAUNCHED A DRIVE TO COUNTER THE CAMPAIGN. COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO STEP UP THEIR OWN PROPAGANDA EFFORTS AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY NEWSPAPER RECENTLY DECLARED, "WHEN THE ENEMY DROPS PSYWAR ITEMS AND LEAFLETS, WE MUST IMMEDIATELY TRY TO COLLECT THEM AND BURN OR DESTROY THEM."

IP. TODAY (SEPTEMBER 9) THERE IS UPI REPORT FROM SAIGON, PROMINENTLY CARRIED ON U.S. NEWSCASTS CLAIMING THAT "THE U.S. HAS ONCE AGAIN BEGUN PARACHUTING PORTABLE RADIOS INTO NORTH VIETNAM SO THAT THE PEOPLE CAN LISTEN TO AMERICAN PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS, MILITARY SOURCES SAID TODAY." ARTICLE CHARACTERIZES PSYCHOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN AS REVIVAL OF "U.S. PSYWAR TRICKS" TRIED AND ABANDONED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. FULL TEXT OF UPI REPORT WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

WE ARE CERTAIN THAT MISSION SHARES CONCERN HERE RE LEAKS, WHICH NOT ONLY INCREASE THE RISK OF "BLOWING" PROJECTS BEFORE THEY GET STARTED, BUT ARE USUALLY MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE THAN STORIES BASED ON RADIO AND TV REACTION TO THAT WE DO IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SPHERE. IN PART THE DIFFICULTY STEMS FROM FACT THAT REPORTS BASED ON LEAKS ARE OFTEN DISTORTED. -GDS ROGERS

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