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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Statistics for Press Conference

During your press conference Friday you may want to draw on the following information.

U. S. Combat Deaths in Southeast Asia

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Weekly	45 (week ending March 13)	101 (corresponding week)
Six Weeks of Operation	292 (Jan. 31 - March 13)	576 (comparable period)

-- A year ago U. S. combat deaths throughout Southeast Asia were about double what they have been during the Laotian operation.

Enemy KIA in Operations

Laos operation	-	10,012
Cambodian operation	-	3,666

-- More than 10,000 North Vietnamese soldiers have been reported killed in the Laos operation.

-- Six of the enemy regiments opposing the South Vietnamese have suffered significant casualties.

ARMY review completed.

Enemy Materiel Losses

Although the primary objective of this operation has not been to destroy enemy war materiel, the following enemy losses have been reported:

-- More than 4,100 individual and 1,200 crew-served weapons.

-- More than 500,000 rounds of ammunition, including an estimated 3,500 large rocket rounds.

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- More than 3 million pounds of food.
- Nearly 100 tanks (99).
- Nearly 300 trucks/vehicles.

This information will be updated for you on Friday prior to the press conference.

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Henry:

Jon Howe has prepared the attached on a contingency basis for the President's press conference. You might wish to send it to him now (he usually asks for this kind of information late in the game). We will update it by Friday, but sending it now will get him to focus early.

RTK

Attachment