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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
SUBJECT: Statistical Information

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The following is the statistical information which you requested:

-- NVA Strength. Estimated number of North Vietnamese Army forces in:

Laos	85 - 105,000
Cambodia	38 - 42,000
South Vietnam	82 - 98,000
North Vietnam	290 - 310,000

-- South Vietnamese Civilians Killed. During the last seven years an estimated 47,000 South Vietnamese civilians have been killed by the enemy. Some 26,000 of these deaths were due to deliberate assassination.

-- Laos Refugees. The Prime Minister of Laos has estimated that 700,000 people have been refugees in Laos at one time or another. There are currently an estimated 300,000 refugees in Laos.

-- Refugees from North Vietnam. The number of Vietnamese who fled to the South from North Vietnam after the Communist takeover is estimated to be over 800,000. Many others were prevented from leaving.

-- Vietnamese Killed in North Vietnam. The number of Vietnamese who were killed in North Vietnam during the 1954-1956 period after the Communist takeover has been estimated to be between 50,000 and 100,000. Estimates of those who died during this period vary from 20,000 to half a million.

Referring to this period in your November 3, 1969 speech on Vietnam, you said, "They then murdered more than 50,000 people

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and hundreds of thousands more died in slave labor camps." Bishop Pham Ngoc Chi, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Da Nang, who coordinated the movement of Catholic refugees south during this period, said that the number killed immediately was 100,000, and 200,000 to 300,000 died under the circumstances that you described in this speech.

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