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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HAIG

From: Admiral Robinson

Subj: Intelligence Collection and
Reporting in Cambodia

The attached message reflects CINCPAC's willingness to assist Ambassador Swank in the improvement of intelligence activities in Cambodia.

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INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION AND REPORTING CAPABILITIES CAMBODIA (S)

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1. (TS) CINCPAC FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENT TO

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KEEP THE HIGHEST LEVELS INFORMED OF THE DEVELOPMENTS
IN CAMBODIA AND THE CONCOMITANT NECESSITY FOR
STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE MILITARY RELATED
INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES. WHILE WITHOUT QUESTION
AMBASSADOR SWANK IS
IN THE BEST POSITION TO DETERMINE THE NATURE AND EX-
TENT OF THIS STRENGTHENING AND EXPANSION PROCESS, I
SHOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON CERTAIN
SPECIFIC ITEMS RAISED IN REF A:

A. THERE IS AN URGENT REQUIREMENT TO DEVELOP
INFORMATION ON THE STATUS AND CAPABILITIES OF THE FANK
AS WELL AS THE ENEMY FORCES, AND IN THIS REGARD IT
WOULD BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL TO HAVE THE SERVICES OF
PERSONNEL WHO ARE TRAINED IN THE TACTICAL/OPERATIONAL
AREAS AS WELL AS PURE INTELLIGENCE TRAINING AND
EXPERIENCE. IN MY VIEW, THE ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL
PERSONNEL SO QUALIFIED WOULD MATERIALLY ENHANCE THE
CURRENT COLLECTION AND REPORTING CAPABILITY OF THE DAO.

B. IF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
PERMIT, IT WOULD APPEAR APPROPRIATE TO ASSIGN ADDITIONAL
FULLY QUALIFIED INTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS TO THE DAO

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IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ON-STATION ANALYSIS AND FREE ADDI-
TIONAL ATTACHE PERSONNEL FOR TRAVEL AND ON-THE-SPOT
INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION.

C. CINCPAC REPRESENTATIVES STAND READY TO ASSIST
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH. IN ANY WAY THE
AMBASSADOR DESIRES AND IT IS FELT THAT THE ALREADY
ESTABLISHED ON-CALL SYSTEM IS FULLY RESPONSIVE TO THE
NEEDS OF DAO PHNOM PENH. D. ASSUMING THE NECESSARY LOGISTICS AND ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAN BE PROVIDED IT WOULD APPEAR THAT
THE ASSIGNMENT OF A HELICOPTER OR APPROPRIATE FIXED
WING AIRCRAFT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE INTELLI-
GENCE CAPABILITY AT THE POST.

2. (C) PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY CONTINUED INTEREST IN
MAINTAINING THE MILITARY REPRESENTATION IN CAMBODIA AT
THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EXPERTISE AND OF MY WILLINGNESS TO
GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO ANY FURTHER RECOM-
MENDATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE TO PHNOM PENH.

3. (U) VERY RESPECTFULLY. WARMEST REGARDS, GP-1

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