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March 27, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: Al Haig

SUBJECT: Papers Returned from the President

Attached are four papers returned from the President with Presidential comments or directed action:

1. Reference "Military Cooperation with France" (Tab A), the President approved all of your recommendations and confirmed that he favored moving more openly on military cooperation with France as Vietnam winds down.
2. On the paper summarizing the report on the Pan American Highway system (Tab B), the President inquired about the South American part of it and expressed disappointment in the appearance of too little action. MORI/CDF per C03322812
3. On the paper containing General Abrams' assessment of Lamson, the President directed that we stress with the press ARVN's willingness to take up the initiative in this operation as a reflection of modified South Vietnamese attitudes. (Tab C).

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With your approval, I will insure that appropriate staff members and agencies are advised of the President's thinking. In the case of the Pan American Highway system, Arnie should provide an additional memorandum on the status of the South American portion of

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Attachments

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3-Memo dtd 3/22/71 to Pres fr HAK,

- subj: Assessment by Gen. Abrams

4-Memo dtd 3/23/71 to Pres fr HAK.

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